

The Board of Commissioners of Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska met in an open and public meeting at 4:30 PM, March 31, 2025, in the Commissioners Room, County Administration Building in Gering, Nebraska.

Notice of this meeting was published in the Star-Herald, March 27, 2025, and proof of publication is on record. Copies of the agenda, kept continuously current, were available from the County Clerk's office and were submitted to each of the Commissioners on March 28, 2025.

ROLL CALL: Mark Harris, Charlie Knapper, Ken Meyer, Russ Reisig, Mike Blue.

A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Harris gave announcements.

Chairman Harris began discussion of possibly moving the Public Comment section to the beginning of the meeting to accommodate the attendees. Lisa Betz-Marquez spoke against as other members of the public planned to attend at a later time.

Motion: Blue. Second: Reisig. Approve agenda as presented. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Meyer. Second: Reisig. Approve Scotts Bluff County Detention Center Medical RFP. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Discussion was held between the Board and Lisa Rien, Management Accountant, regarding the Budget process for 2025-2026. Rien provided the Board with a sample of an email that will be sent to Elected and Appointed Officials for the preparation of departmental budgets. Vice-Chairman Knapper introduced Nick Lease from Next Gen Benefits Solutions. Lease addressed the Board with a recommendation to find a consultant to assist in cost savings with insurance. Mitch Wagers, Scotts Bluff County resident, addressed the Board.

Motion: Knapper. Second: Blue. Approve Shared Service Agreement between Scotts Bluff County and Twin Cities Development for the purpose of purchasing Placer AI technology for one (1) year. After discussion including the Board; Robert Simpson, Assessor; Amanda Strong, GIS Manager and public comment from Lanna Hubbard, Mitch Wagers, Kim Johns and Robin Kinney. Commissioner Blue rescinded his second and Vice-Chairman Knapper rescinded his motion.

Motion: Blue. Second: Reisig. Table Shared Service Agreement between Scotts Bluff County and Twin Cities Development for the purpose of the purchase of Placer AI technology for one (1) year. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Blue. NAY: None. Abstain: Reisig.

Recess at 5:59 PM.

Return at 6:07 PM.

Sheriff Mark Overman addressed the Board with updates regarding the Detention Center.

The Board was addressed by the following members of the public regarding concerns with Tourism: Jean Bauer, Lisa Betz-Marquez, Colleen Johnson, Elli Wolf, Mitch Wagers, Bekah Gorsuch, Kerry Olson and Jim Shimek.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

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ATTEST:

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Kelly Sides, County Clerk

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Mike Blue