

The Board of Commissioners, Board of Corrections and Board of Equalization of Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska met in an open and public meeting at 4:30 PM, June 2, 2025, in the Commissioners Room, County Administration Building in Gering, Nebraska.

Notice of this meeting was published in the Star-Herald, May 29, 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 May 30, 2025.

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

A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion: Blue. Second: Reisig. Approve agenda as modified removing capital improvement grant for the Western Nebraska Pioneers. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer.

Chairman Harris gave announcements.

Motion: Blue. Second: Knapper. Approve Consent Agenda. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer.

4:37 PUBLIC HEARING - Discuss and consider recommendation to Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for Off The Water LLC liquor license. Owner, Lynsey Lewis, requested it be tabled for June 16,2025 meeting.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Blue. Approve tabling public hearing and recommendation for June 16th meeting. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer

Motion: Blue. Second: Harris. Move into Board of Equalization at 4:47 PM. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Blue. Receive tax list corrections. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Blue. Leave Board of Equalization at 4:48 PM. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer.

Motion: Knapper. Second: Blue. Approve two (2) gravel bids as presented and requested by Steve Baird, Highway Superintendent. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Blue. Approve bridge bids for project C-79(449) Bridge C007926910 as presented by Steve Baird, Highway Superintendent. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer.

River Bridge update was given by Steve Baird, Highway Superintendent. No action taken.

Motion: Blue. Second: Knapper. Approve request of Proposal for Inmate Communication Services from NCIC as presented by Sheriff Mark Overman. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Blue. Approve Special Designated License for Great Plains Distillery (Phil Mitchell) as presented by Kelly Sides, County Clerk. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer.

Motion: Blue. Second: Knapper. Approve appointment of Bekah Gorsuch to the tourism committee. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer.

The Board received a presentation regarding new Pollinator Garden by Extension Educators Nathan Rice and Emily Stine; Master Gardener Laurie Zitterkopf, and 4-H members: Justine Wilkinson, Jake Wilkinson, Hunter Creech, Brooklyn Creech, Gage Creech, and Paisley Closson addressed the Board.

Motion: Blue. Second: Reisig. Approve amended contract for Tri-City Roadrunner to transition to TripSpark's NovusDR with Friendly Fixed Route software platform rather than upgrading their current Routematch platform as presented by Curt Richter, Transit Manager. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer.

Motion: Harris. Second: Blue. Approve limited special claims run for travel, fund transfers, insurance, health claims and utilities and a special meeting for June 27, 2025 to approve claims. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer

Discussion held regarding NIRMA deductible options. Lisa Rien, Management Accountant, informed the Board of an annual increase to premiums of \$130,000. No action taken.

Motion: Knapper. Second: Blue. Approve resolution for loan of Keno Lottery funds as requested by Lisa Rien, Management Accountant. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Knapper. Approve resolution for loan of Inheritance Tax funds as requested by Lisa Rien, Management Accountant. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer.

Motion: Knapper. Second: Blue. Approve resolution for loan of Capital Improvement funds as requested by Lisa Rien, Management Accountant. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer.

Discussion held regarding planning and formation of Budget Committee. No action taken.

Discussion held regarding budget sessions for 2025-2026. No action taken.

Old Business.

The Board received an update regarding Time clock plus and payroll from Lisa Rien, Management Accountant.

The Board received comments/updates from Curt Richter, Transit Manager, and Lisa Rien, Management Accountant.

The Board gave updates on various agencies and committees.

Updates were received from Charlie Knapper and Mike Blue, County Commissioners, regarding town hall meeting attended for Situla Energy.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.

The following claims were audited, allowed and checks ordered drawn on the various funds, delinquent taxes deducted where owing: **GENERAL:** ACE HARDWARE, RPR, 35.07; AT&T DIST 12 PROBATION, SVC, 60.4; AT&T MOBILITY, SVC, 1448.03; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, SVC, 791.52; C BRANDT, SVC, 1295.3; R BRENNER, SVC, 4580; BROWNELLS, SUPP, 316.56; BYTES, SUPP, 2417.24; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, RENT, 399.44; CENTURYLINK, SVC, 32.25; COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC, PUB, 89.45; CROWNE PLAZA, TRVL, 797.7; W CUTTING, SVC, 40.1; DAS CENTRAL SERVICES FINANCE, SVC, 307.2; DENNIS SUPPLY, RPR, 49.44; DOCU-SHRED, SVC, 58; DOUBLE PLAY APPAREL & ENGRAVING, SUPP, 130; DOUGLAS KELLY OSTDIEK OSSIAN, SVC, 5954; EAKES, SUPP, 670.91; ENGINEERED CONTROLS, SVC, 9995; D EUBANKS, TRVL, 366.88; FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO, RPR, 538.88; FBG FACILITIES, SVC, 7943; FLAT WATER ENERGY, SUPP, 177.51; R FLOWER, SVC, 2070; FRANK PARTS COMPANY, RPR, 69.98; CITY OF GERING UTILITY DEPT, SVC, 16319.21; GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SRVCS CORP, RENT, 210.52; L HINTERGARDT, SVC, 234; HOLYOKE SNYDER LONGORIA REICHERT, SVC, 480; S HUFF, SVC, 450; HULLINGER GLASS & LOCKS, RPR, 40; M HUTT, SVC, 1525; IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, SUPP, 660.94; IDEAL LINEN, SUPP, 57.76; KJ AUTOMOTIVE, RPR, 1091.25; LUCE CONSTRUCTION, SVC, 13850; MADELUNG LAW, SVC, 3420; MATTHEW BENDER & CO, SVC, 142.43; MC SCHAFF & ASSOC INC, SVC, 13697.5; MEDIATION WEST, SVC, 180; MENARDS, SUPP, 75.49; MIDWEST CONNECT, SUPP, 372; MIPS, SVC, 3219.82; NE DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SVC, 7.5; NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CNTR, EDU, 80; NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB, SVC, 105; NORTHWEST PIPE, SUPP, 275; OREILLY AUTO PARTS, SUPP, 17.84; PHYSICIANS LABORATORY, SVC, 300; PIP MARKETING SIGNS PRINT, SUPP, 257.76; PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL, POST, 65.97; PRINT EXPRESS, SUPP, 376.38; SAFE LIFE DEFENSE, SUPP, 238.89; SCB CO CLERK IMPREST FUND, RPR, 14; SCB CO COURT, FEE, 5; SCB CO SHERIFF FEE ACCOUNT, FEE, 147.26; SCB CO TREASURER, FEE, 132.66; SCB CO TREASURER, POST, 14.21; SCB CO TREASURER QUADIENT, POST, 2000; SCB FUELING STATION, FUEL, 152.35; SCHNEIDER CORP, SVC, 15322; SHI INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION, SVC, 5000.45; R SIMPSON, TRVL, 120.34; SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT, SUPP, 446.6; L TABOR, SVC, 2261; THOMSON REUTERS, SVC, 2312.44; TICO CUSTOMS, RPR, 225; TWIN CITIES DEVELOPMENT, FEE, 12500; UNIVERSITY OF NE, SVC, 143.5; UNL AEM BUSINESS CENTER, SVC, 8568.91; US BANCORP, MISC, 5786.87; VERIZON WIRELESS, SVC, 89.56; AFLAC, INS, 337.67; COLONIAL LIFE, INS, 640.61; EMPOWER ANNUITY INS CO OF AMERICA, CONT, 700; FNBO, CONT, 18967; FOP LODGE #41, DUES, 1362.6; LEGALSHIELD, INS, 89.7; NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS, CONT, 200; PLATTE VALLEY NTL BK, CONT, 825; RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 478172.47; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 16036.7; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 37795.1; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 2096.16; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 4180.2; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 110880; VISION SERVICE PLAN IC, INS, 1533.03; YMCA, DUES, 296.5; **ROAD & BRIDGE:** BENZEL PEST CONTROL, SVC, 154.2; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, SVC, 727.6; CENTURYLINK, SVC, 153; CHIMNEY ROCK PUBLIC POWER, SVC, 232.61; COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC, PUB, 70.07; CITY OF GERING UTILITY DEPT, SVC, 1108.72; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, SUPP, 521.53; MATHESON TRI-GAS, SUPP, 360.92; MID AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL, SUPP, 551.05; MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, SVC, 133.24; MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPT, RPR, 165800; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST, SVC, 594.45; OREILLY AUTO PARTS, SUPP, 111.4; RAKA RENTALS, RENT, 7531.3; SPIC AND SPAN CLEANERS, SUPP, 2762.56; US BANCORP, MISC, 5369.23; VISTABEAM, SVC, 131.8; AFLAC, INS, 133.51; COLONIAL LIFE, INS, 408.74; FNBO, CONT, 4675; RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 135752.66; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 4218.42; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 8577.07; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 573.33; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 1320.82; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 34945; SUGAR VALLEY FCU, CONT, 25; VISION SERVICE PLAN IC, INS, 449.94; WASHINGTON STATE SUPPORT REGISTRY, GARN, 179.69; **HIGHWAY/BRIDGE BUY-BACK FUND:** SPEECE LEWIS, FEE, 36929.55; **TOURISM:** EAKES, SUPP, 56.99; B LEISY, TRVL, 325.07; MALY MARKETING, SVC, 1800; PRINT BROKER, SUPP, 1039.3; TRUE WEST PUBLISHING, PUB, 1106; US BANCORP, MISC, 1226.73; FNBO, CONT, 200; RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 5348.82; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 218.5; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 589.54; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 45.53; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 57.5; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 1135; VISION SERVICE PLAN IC, INS, 23.73; **PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION:** MIPS, SVC, 652.44; **SELF-INSURED MEDICAL FUND:** MADISON NATIONAL LIFE, INS, 4263.83; PLATTE VALLEY NTL BK, INS, 55567.88; REGIONAL CARE, INS, 72971.38; **VETERANS AID:** THE COLLINS GROUP, SUPP, 245.31; **HANDY BUS:** AT&T MOBILITY, SVC, 3996; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, SVC, 111.64; COZAD SIGNS, SUPP, 2950; CITY OF GERING UTILITY DEPT, SVC, 438.45; MENARDS, SUPP, 205.29; PLATTE RIVER GLASS, RPR, 554; SCB CO GENERAL FUND, TRNS, 2424.33; TRAPEZE SOFTWARE GROUP, SVC, 24931.98; PODIUM AUTO GROUP DBA TWIN CITY AUT, RPR, 3398.01; US BANCORP, MISC, 271.4; FNBO, CONT, 1050; RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 74144.97; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 2018.86; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 4277.9; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 108.36; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 267.5; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 13550; VISION SERVICE PLAN IC, INS, 77.03; **SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND:** RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 4822.08; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 163.13; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 371.39; **JUVENILE AID FUND:** T FRYE, TRVL, 375.2; PANHANDLE PARTNERSHIP, SVC, 2385.81; J REYNOLDS, TRVL, 417.9; SCB CO TREASURER, POST, 28.53; US

BANCORP SERVICE CENTER, MISC, 4674.29; 3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS, EDU, 675; FNBO, CONT, 200; RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 2808.9; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 75.52; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 223.59; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 13.15; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 35; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 1060; VISION SERVICE PLAN IC, INS, 9.62; **HOMELAND SECURITY FUND:** US BANCORP, MISC, 387.6; **INHERITANCE TAX:** ESTATE OF L ASA, RFND, 555.74; **KENO:** MENARDS, SUPP, 139.96; **E-911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:** US BANCORP, MISC, 685.45; **E-911 FUND:** CENTURYLINK, SVC, 404.56; **DETENTION CENTER:** AC ELECTRIC MOTOR SERVICE, RPR, 41.25; ACE HARDWARE, RPR, 85.74; AT&T MOBILITY, SVC, 160.16; B&C STEEL, RPR, 30; BENZEL PEST CONTROL, SVC, 112.34; R CLAUSE, TRVL, 301.08; CML SECURITY, SVC, 1820; GALLS LLC, SUPP, 1279.24; CITY OF GERING UTILITY DEPT, SVC, 13036.93; LUCE CONSTRUCTION, SVC, 12100; MENARDS, SUPP, 1319.24; NEBRASKALAND TIRE, RPR, 1024.75; NORTHWEST PIPE, SUPP, 1860.44; PRECISION AIR, RPR, 1086.09; PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY, SVC, 2684; SIMPLY CLEAN, SUPP, 102.56; TRINITY SERVICES GROUP, SVC, 17361.9; US BANCORP, MISC, 621.99; 21ST CENTURY EQUIP, RPR, 73.14; ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS, GARN, 1661.34; AFLAC, INS, 342.28; COLONIAL LIFE, INS, 677.44; COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, DUES, 1336.44; CREDIT MANAGEMENT, GARN, 924.29; FNBO, CONT, 10287.5; PLATTE VALLEY NTL BK, CONT, 91; RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 313889.63; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 10356.74; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 21416.55; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 1128.66; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 2380.34; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 75055; SUGAR VALLEY FCU, CONT, 850; VISION SERVICE PLAN IC, INS, 878.09; WYOMING CHILD SUPPORT, GARN, 450; YMCA, DUES, 603.25; **CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS:** AT&T MOBILITY, SVC, 102.29; CENTURYLINK, SVC, 131.39; CHIMNEY ROCK PUBLIC POWER, SVC, 284.76; DAS CENTRAL SERVICES FINANCE, SVC, 4377.57; EAKES, SUPP, 460; US BANCORP, MISC, 952.01; ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS, GARN, 323.62; AFLAC, INS, 113.81; COLONIAL LIFE, INS, 139.07; FNBO, CONT, 2473.32; FOP LODGE #41, DUES, 529.64; RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 94685.19; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 3273.37; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 6432.34; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 261.74; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 697.02; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 19275; VISION SERVICE PLAN IC, INS, 192.04; YMCA, DUES, 41.

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