

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, April 6, 2026, in the Commissioners Room, County Administration Building in Gering, Nebraska.

Notice of this meeting was published in the Star-Herald, April 2, 2026, 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 April 3, 2026.

A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

ROLL CALL: Mark Harris, Russ Reisig, Ken Meyer, Mike Blue, Matt Parsley. Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Harris gave announcements.

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

Motion: Blue. Second: Reisig. Approve consent agenda. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Blue. Move into Board of Equalization at 4:35 PM. YEA: Harris, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

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

Motion: Parsley. Second: Blue. Leave Board of Equalization at 4:36 PM. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

Motion: Blue. Second: Parsley. Approve Subcommittee Bylaws for West Nebraska Sports Council – a subsidiary of the Scotts Bluff County Tourism Committee as presented by Brenda Leisy, Tourism Director. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

Discussion was held regarding the County's Emergency Operations Plan, including coordination with local governmental, public safety, and other local partners, and the designation, location, and use of an Emergency Operations Center (EOC), for the purpose of maintaining current and effective emergency management services. Received comments from Rob Crowder and Bob Hessler. No action taken.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Blue. Table authorizing the Communications Center Director and other appropriate county staff to conduct a review of alarm monitoring practices, fee authority and amounts charged. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

Discussion considering direction and action regarding the decision to discontinue county provided security alarm monitoring services, and letters sent to customers advising them of that change without prior approval from the County Board, including questions of authority, notice, and financial impact if the service is discontinued or reinstated. Received comments from Chris Perales, Scottsbluff Fire Prevention, Ashley Shultz, Deputy State Fire Marshall and Lisa Betz-Marquez, Scotts Bluff County resident. No action taken.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Blue. Return to discussion and possible action authorizing the Communications Center Director and other appropriate county staff to conduct a review of alarm monitoring practices, fee authority and amounts charged previously tabled. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Blue. Approve creation of a Alarm Fee Committee consisting of Cindy Howard, Communications Director; Jason Ossain, Attorney-at-Law; Dave Eubanks, County Attorney; Robert Simpson, Management Accountant and Commissioner Mike Blue. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

Recess at 6:08 PM.

Reconvene at 6:17 PM.

Discussion regarding Public Defender position as per Nebraska statute. Received comments from Lisa Betz-Marquez and Mike Meister. No action taken.

Motion: Parsley. Second: Blue. Approve Robert Simpson, Management Accountant, to send a demand letter regarding the encroachment on County property by neighboring landowners. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Blue. Discussion on considering a temporary hiring freeze. Received comments from Robert Simpson, Curt Richter, Lisa Betz-Marquez, Talon Cordle. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Blue, Parsley. NAY: Meyer.

Motion: Blue. Second: Reisig. Discussion on considering an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement among Scotts Bluff County and other Nebraska Panhandle counties to jointly fund a regional juvenile detention needs assessment for a facility to be located in Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska, including approval of Scotts Bluff County's population-based share of the assessment cost. Received comments from Troy Brown, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Talon Cordle. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

Old Business

USDA-Wildlife Services Program. No neighboring counties are planning to participate in program.

Public Comments: None.

The Board received updates from Kelly Sides-County Clerk, Darla Simpson-Clerk of the District Court, Brenda Leisy-Tourism Director, Curt Richter-Transit Manager, John Erny-IT, Robert Simpson-Management Accountant.

The Board gave updates on various agencies and committees.

Adjourn at 8:27 PM.

The following claims were audited, allowed and checks ordered drawn on the various funds, delinquent taxes deducted where owing: **GENERAL:** ACE HARDWARE, SUPP, 35.83; ALLO, SVC, 17.89; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, SUPP, 136.04; AT&T DIST 12 PROBATION, SVC, 62.6; AT&T MOBILITY, SVC, 1628.6; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, SVC, 5142.32; BYTES, SVC, 38759.89; C SINNER, SVC, 100; CENTURYLINK, SVC, 30.91; C BRANDT, SVC, 879.25; CITY OF GERING UTILITY DEPT, SVC, 15732.27; COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC, PUB, 121.97; COZAD SIGNS, PUB, 30; DAS STATE ACCTG CENTRAL FINANCE, SVC, 150; DOCU-SHRED, SVC, 420; DOUGLAS KELLY OSTDIEK OSSIAN, SVC, 4159.5; G STERMENSKY, SVC, 3175; EAKES, SUPP, 5247.01; FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO, SVC, 42; FBG FACILITIES SERVICES, SVC, 4262; GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES, SUPP, 740.53; GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SRVCS, SUPP, 294.5; HENNE FAMILY FUNERAL & CREMATION, SVC, 1620; HI-TECH AUTO, SVC, 214.78; HULLINGER GLASS & LOCKS, SVC, 51; IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, SUPP, 800.87; IDEAL LINEN, SUPP, 177.81; INTAB, SUPP, 984.37; J RHODES, SVC, 1470; J LANDERS, SVC, 12043.74; JUSTICE WORKS, SVC, 125; L HINTERGARDT, SVC, 468; MADELUNG LAW, SVC, 8610; MATTHEW BENDER & CO, SUB, 1113.36; M HUTT, SVC, 750; M PARSLEY, SVC, 100; MEDIATION WEST, SVC, 360; MENARDS, SUPP, 204.2; M MEISTER, TRVL, 577.1; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, RENT, 45; MIDTOWN ANIMAL HOSPITAL, SVC, 87.5; MONUMENT TIRE, RPR, 128; MORRILL CO SHERIFF, FEE, 42.9; MIPS, SUPP, 204; NE DISTRICT COURT CLERKS ASSOC, FEE, 75; NEBRASKA HEALTH & HUMAN SVCS, SVC, 840; NEBRASKALAND TIRE, MISC, 704.63; NIRMA, SVC, 4750.68; NOSSAMAN PETITT LAW, SVC, 1437.85; OREILLY AUTO PARTS, RPR, 12.49; PANHANDLE PUBLIC HEALTH DIST, EDU, 120; PELL REPORTING, SVC, 149.4; PHYSICIANS LABORATORY, SVC, 424; PIP MARKETING SIGNS PRINT, SUPP, 2224.73; PLATTE RIVER GLASS, RPR, 320; POTTAWATTAMIE CO SHERIFFS OFFICE, FEE, 41; POWER TECH, SVC, 1306; PT HOSE AND BEARING, RPR, 166.5; PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY, SVC, 180; RWMC, SVC, 3625; REMEDY COUNSELING & ASSESSMENT, SVC, 350; R FLOWER, SVC, 3691; RIVERSTONE BK, FEE, 10; SCB CO BAR ASSOCIATION, FEE, 600; SCB CO CLERK OF THE DIST CT FILING, FEE, 1801; SCB CO COURT COURT COSTS & FEES, FEE, 5; SCB CO REGISTER OF DEEDS, FEE, 72; SCB CO ROAD & BRIDGE, FUEL, 179.36; SCB CO SHERIFF FEE ACCOUNT, FEE, 20.92; SCB CO TREASURER, POST, 1153.15; S HUFF, SVC, 3023; TEAM AUTO CENTER, RPR, 638; THOMSON REUTERS, SUB, 5867.01; TRANE US INC, RPR, 1912.32; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, SVC, 1427.82; US BANCORP, MISC, 8058.96; VALLEY AUTO LOCATORS, RPR, 1497.41; WESTCO, FUEL, 21921.5; W PETERS, SVC, 1901.5; WITNESS, FEE, 48.7; **ROAD & BRIDGE:** BLACK HILLS ENERGY, SVC, 4600.11; BOWMAN CONSULTING GROUP, FEE, 4315.45; CENTURYLINK, SVC, 110.34; CITY OF GERING UTILITY DEPT, SVC, 939.61; DOOLEY OIL, SUPP, 239.46; GROSKOPF LAND AND CATTLE, SUPP, 510; J&A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS, SUPP, 1875; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, SUPP, 196.89; LAWSON PRODUCTS, SUPP, 101.85; MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS, SUPP, 4603.9; MATHESON TRI-GAS, SUPP, 1150.88; MICHAEL TODD INDUSTRIAL, SUPP, 433.68; MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, SVC, 126.38; NPPD, SVC, 568.74; OREILLY AUTO PARTS, MISC, 129.01; PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY, SUPP, 1254; ROCKY MOUNTAIN AIR SOLUTIONS, FEE, 25; SCB CO TREASURER, FEE, 30; SID DILLON FLEET, VHCL, 137040; SWEET PEA DESIGNS AND MORE, SUPP, 285; US BANCORP, MISC, 2360.59; VERIZON WIRELESS, SVC, 22.6; VISTABEAM, SVC, 131.8; WESTCO, SUPP, 2207.96; ZM LUMBER, SUPP, 30978; **TOURISM:** A LANG, SVC, 198.75; B LEE, SVC, 1200; B LEISY, TRVL, 304; JNW CONSULTING, SVC, 4230; OLD WEST BALLOON FEST OTCF, GRNT, 18000; PRINT BROKER, SUPP, 1998.21; US BANCORP, MISC, 325.04; **SELF-INSURED MEDICAL FUND:** GROUP ADMINISTRATORS, FEE, 82569.96; MADISON NATIONAL LIFE, INS, 1068.78; NATIONAL INSURANCE MARKETING BROKERS, INS, 11540.75; PLATTE VALLEY NTL BK, INS, 354209.51; **HANDY BUS:** AT&T MOBILITY, SVC, 325.5; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, SVC, 285.43; CITY OF GERING UTILITY DEPT, SVC, 433.55; COZAD SIGNS, SUPP, 139.2; FAT BOYS

TIRE & AUTO, SVC, 37; FRANK PARTS COMPANY, RPR, 17.05; MENARDS, SUPP, 31.98; OREILLY AUTO PARTS, RPR, 16.22; PODIUM AUTO GROUP DBA TWIN CITY AUT, RPR, 9670.46; SCB CO GENERAL FUND, INS, 2879.58; US BANCORP, MISC, 166.68; **WING-DRUGS FUND:** CHADRON POLICE DEPT, SVC, 889.05; EAKES, SUPP, 89.16; GERING POLICE DEPT, SVC, 7572.09; KIMBALL POLICE DEPT, SVC, 185.88; NEBRASKA STATE PATROL, SVC, 34687.12; SCB CO SHERIFF, SVC, 5856.44; SCOTTSBLUFF POLICE DEPT, SVC, 694.45; US BANCORP, MISC, 9.82; **SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND:** 911 CUSTOM, SUPP, 1045; MODERN MARKETING, SUPP, 8790.1; **HIDTA FUNDS:** AT&T MOBILITY, SVC, 570; D CHRISTENSEN, MISC, 1570; GERING POLICE DEPT, RENT, 1800; TEAM AUTO CENTER, RENT, 1200; US BANCORP, MISC, 193; **KENO:** CITY OF MITCHELL, RLTY, 2361.17; CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, RLTY, 7192; VILLAGE OF MORRILL, RLTY, 2350.73; **E-911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:** CHIMNEY ROCK PUBLIC POWER, SVC, 336.54; **E-911 FUND:** CENTURYLINK, SVC, 2613.95; **DETENTION CENTER:** ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE, SVC, 26771.62; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, SUPP, 389.45; AT&T MOBILITY, SVC, 134.96; BENZEL PEST CONTROL, SVC, 123.57; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, SVC, 5873.16; CAPWN, SVC, 2044; CENTURY LAUNDRY DISTRIBUTING, RPR, 251.35; CHARM-TEX, SUPP, 1583.3; CITY OF GERING UTILITY DEPT, SVC, 11283.21; CML SECURITY, SVC, 989.3; CNA SURETY DIRECT BILL, FEE, 40; CULLIGAN, RENT, 428; EAKES, SUPP, 419.33; GALLS, SUPP, 611.07; J HARRIS, SVC, 75; MELLETTE COUNTY AUDITOR, SVC, 2294; MENARDS, SUPP, 107.9; NEBRASKALAND TIRE, SUPP, 248.97; PRECISION AIR, RPR, 519.4; PRECISION DYNAMICS, SUPP, 28.6; ROBINSON ELECTRIC, RPR, 365; SCOTTSBLUFF BODY & PAINT, SVC9C6AD7CA, 1213.72; SIMPLY CLEAN, SUPP, 888; SNELL SERVICES, RPR, 1833.94; TRINITY SERVICES GROUP, SVC, 29288.98; VERIZON WIRELESS, SVC, 39.94; **COUNTY BOND:** BOK FINANCIAL, BOND, 10317.5; **CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS:** ALARM SECURITY TECHNICIANS, SVC, 16.95; C HOWARD, TRVL, 429.2; CENTURYLINK, SVC, 549.03; CONNECTING POINT, SVC, 1500; DAS CENTRAL SERVICES FINANCE, SVC, 1766.39; HOLIDAY INN, TRVL, 139.

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