

SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Monday, May 4, 2026  
GENERAL MEETING CONVENES AT 4:30 P.M.  
Comments from the public may be received after each agenda item

Invocation / Opening Prayer with advisement from County Chair

Call to Order

For public information, a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted in the back of this meeting room on the east wall

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements from Chairman

Approval of Agenda/Consider Modification

**The Board reserves the right to enter into closed session if deemed necessary.**

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Consent Agenda: Minutes; Remittances; Correspondence; Claims; Receive County Clerk's April, 2026 Marriage License & Misc Fees collected reports; –

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**BUILDING & ZONING**

Bill Mabin, Director

4:30 Public Hearing – Discuss and consider approval of a request by Courtney & Taylor Severyn for Conditional Use Permit (Event Facility – Class I) located in Section 33, Township 21 N, Range 55 W

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**ROAD & BRIDGE**

Steve Baird, Highway Superintendent

Discuss and consider 2026 gravel bids –

Discuss and consider hiring Operator II position–

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**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION – 4:30 P.M.**

Heather Hauschild, Treasurer

Robert Simpson, Assessor

Receive tax list corrections –

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**GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS**

Discuss and consider proclamation recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month in the Nebraska Panhandle –  
Michelle Fries, Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority

Discuss and consider a request from the Extension Office to hire a Secretary II position during the temporary hiring freeze, and take any necessary action –

Jackie Guzman Early Childhood Extension Educator, Lead Educator via ZOOM, Jana Schwartz, 4-H Extension Educator and Audra Brown, 4-H Assistant

Discuss and consider approval of the proposed Agreement for Emergency Medical Services between Scotts Bluff County and Regional West Medical Center for the provision of emergency medical services, including specified ambulance service subject to the County's execution of separate agreements with the Cities of Scottsbluff and Gering for their agreed-upon shares of the associated fees –

Shawn Baumgartner and Mark Harris

Curt Richter, Transit Manager items:

Discuss and consider the Chairman's signature on updated correspondence to Scotts Bluff County's congressional delegates requesting additional funding for public transit for the upcoming fiscal year –

Receive update on NDOT's Compliance Review for Nebraska 5311 Subrecipient Onsite Review –

Discuss and consider authorizing the Public Transit Manager to begin exploring a passenger fare increase to address budget limitations –

Discuss and consider authorizing the Public Transit Manager to determine requirements and costs associated with an emergency generator for the Transit bus barn and County bulk fueling facility for grant application purposes –

Discuss and consider Month End Loans & Transfers –  
Robert Simpson, Management Accountant and Heather Hauschild, Treasurer

Discuss and consider the 2026-2027 Budget guidelines from the Board of Commissioners for all County offices –  
Robert Simpson, Management Accountant

Discuss and consider approval of a contract for a new alert and warning provider –  
Rob Crowder, Region 22 Emergency Management Director

Ratifying the Chairman’s signature on the 2026 WING grant application with the Nebraska Crime Commission –  
Sheriff Mark Overman

Discuss and consider approval of the Short Form Agreement for Professional Services between Scotts Bluff County and HDR Architecture, Inc. regarding the Regional Youth Detention Center Needs Assessment, including the timing of payment of fees and any suggested changes or additions to the proposed Agreement –  
Sheriff Mark Overman

Request approval to hire Corrections Officers due to openings that are included in the Detention Center budget –  
Sheriff Mark Overman

Request approval to hire Records Clerk for the Sheriff’s Office, position that is included in the Sheriff’s Office budget –  
Sheriff Mark Overman

Present Strategic plan for the tourism committee –  
Brenda Leisy, Tourism Director

Present Marketing plan for 2026 and discuss and consider the transfer of funds from capital improvements for marketing purposes–  
Brenda Leisy, Tourism Director, Jess Wasson and Amanda Le May, Tourism Committee

Receive Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Progress Report from City of Gering –  
The Board

Receive Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Progress Report from City of Scottsbluff –  
The Board

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**OLD BUSINESS**

None

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Public comments: The Board of Commissioners will receive public comments on items discussed at this meeting or suggestions for items of discussion at a future Board meeting. The Board will not take action on comments presented this date

Board & Staff Reports with discussion  
Legislation