

April 29, 2026
Gering, Nebraska

With appropriate advertising for gravel bids for Scotts Bluff County, a meeting was held on April 29, 2026, at 9:30 AM, in the office of the Scotts Bluff County Clerk. Present: Steve Baird, Highway Superintendent; Kyna Ballinger, Deputy County Clerk and Christina Ihfe, Clerk staff. Two sealed bids were received and opened: Simon in the amount of \$16.25 per Ton Class A, and REM Screening in the amount of \$9.50 per Ton 1 ½" from the Weitzel and Engelhaupt pits, \$8.50 per Ton from Webb pit, \$14.00 per Ton from the yard. REM Screening also presented a bid for oversized at \$12.00 per Ton from all pits. Awarding will be considered at the regular Scotts Bluff County Commissioners meeting on May 4, 2026, at 4:30 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 AM.

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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, May 4, 2026, in the Commissioners Room, County Administration Building in Gering, Nebraska.

Notice of this meeting was published in the Star-Herald, April 30, 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 May 1, 2026.

A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

ROLL CALL: Mark Harris, Russ Reisig, Ken Meyer, Mike Blue, Matt Parsley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Harris gave announcements.

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

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

Motion: Meyer. Second: Parsley. Approve Courtney & Taylor Severyn Conditional Use Permit. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Blue, Parsley. NAY: Reisig.

Discussion was held with the board, Sheriff Mark Overman, Director of Building and Zoning, Bill Mabin.

Motion: Blue. Second: Meyer. Approve bids received from Simon and REM Screening for 2026 gravel bids. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Parsley. Approve hiring Operator II position. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

Motion: Blue. Second: Reisig. Move into Board of Equalization at 5:52 PM. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

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

Motion: Reisig. Second: Blue. Leave Board of Equalization at 5:53 PM. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Blue, Meyer, Parsley. NAY: None.

Motion: Parsley. Second: Meyer. Approve proclamation recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month in the Nebraska Panhandle. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Parsley. Approve request from the Extension Office to hire a Secretary II position during the temporary hiring freeze. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

Motion: Parsley. Second: Meyer. Approve the proposed Agreement for Emergency Medical Services between Scotts Bluff County and Regional West Medical Center for the provision of emergency medical services. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

Recess at 6:31 PM.

Reconvene at 6:41 PM.

Motion: Parsley. Second: Blue. Approve Chairman's signature on updated correspondence to Scotts Bluff County's congressional delegates requesting additional funding for public transit for the upcoming fiscal year YEA: Harris, Reisig, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

Received update on NDOT's Compliance Review for Nebraska 5311 Subrecipient Onsite Review. No action taken.

Motion: Harris. Second: Blue. Approve authorizing the Public Transit Manager to begin exploring a passenger fare increase to address budget limitations. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

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

Discussion on Month End Loans & Transfers. No action taken.

Motion: Harris. Second: Reisig. Approve the 2026-2027 Budget guidelines from the Board of Commissioners for all County offices. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

Motion: Parsley. Second: Blue. Approve contract for a new alert and warning provider. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

Motion: Parsley. Second: Meyer. Approve ratifying the Chairman's signature on the 2026 WING grant application with the Nebraska Crime Commission. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

Discussion on 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. No action taken.

Motion: Harris. Second: Blue. Approve corrections officers that are included in the Detention Center budget. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Blue. Approve hiring Records Clerk for the Sheriff's Office, a position that is included in the Sheriff's Office. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

Recess at 7:53 PM.

Reconvene at 7:59 PM.

Discussion on the strategic plan for the tourism committee. No action taken.

Motion: Parsley. Second: Meyer. Approve the marketing plan for 2026 and discuss and consider the transfer of funds from capital improvements for marketing purposes. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

Motion: Blue. Second: Reisig. Approve the Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Progress Report from the City of Gering. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

Motion: Harris. Second: Blue. Approve the Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Progress Report from the City of Scottsbluff. YEA: Harris, Reisig, Meyer, Blue, Parsley. NAY: None.

Old Business: None.

Public Comments: None.

The Board received updates from Sheriff Overman, John Erny-IT, Jason Ossain-Attorney at Law, Robert Simpson-Management Accountant.

The Board gave updates on various agencies and committees.

Adjourn at 8:48 PM.

The following claims were audited, allowed, and checks ordered drawn on the various funds, delinquent taxes deducted where owing: **GENERAL:** ACE HARDWARE, MISC, 100.92; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, SUPP, 48.94; AT&T DIST 12 PROBATION, SVC, 62.34; AT&T MOBILITY, SVC, 1586.41; A BROWN, TRVL, 57.16; B SMITH, TRVL, 30; BUDGE IT DRAIN, RPR, 440; BYTES, SVC, 28180.75; CAPWN, SVC, 19101.49; C BENITEZ, SVC, 350; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, RENT, 481.56; CENTURLINK, SVC, 32.58; C BRANDT, SVC, 582.5; CITY OF GERING UTILITY DEPT, SVC, 16713.37; COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC, PUB, 25.09; CONNECTING POINT, SVC, 59; DAWSON CO SHERIFF, FEE, 23.88; D CONKLIN, SVC, 429; DENNIS SUPPLY, SUPP, 37.1; DOUGLAS KELLY OSTDIEK OSSIAN, SVC, 9629; EAKES, SUPP, 497.69; FENDER MENDERS, SVC, 1000; FRANK PARTS, MISC, -69.98; GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SRVCS CORP, SUPP, 294.5; HOLIDAY INN, TRVL, 779.7; HOLYOKE SNYDER LONGORIA REICHERT, SVC, 1370; IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, SUPP, 581.93; IDEAL LINEN, SUPP, 22.71; J SCHWARTZ, TRVL, 221.85; JOHNSON CASHWAY, SUPP, 1150; K CARDONA, TRVL, 658.3; K

EWING, SUPP, 109.13; L HINTERGARDT, SVC, 468; MADELUNG LAW, SVC, 4020; MADISON CO SHERIFF, FEE, 19.5; M MEYERS, TRVL, 509.68; MBKEM OVERHEAD DOORS LLC, RPR, 619.13; MENARDS, MISC, 159.62; MONUMENT TIRE, SVC, 745.5; NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB, SVC, 482.16; NEBRASKA HEALTH & HUMAN SVCS, SVC, 1014; NEBRASKA SECRETARY OF STATE, SUB, 80; NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE INC, SUPP, 459.1; NORTHWEST PIPE, SUPP, 181.56; OREILLY AUTO PARTS, SUPP, 66.76; PANHANDLE HUMANE SOCIETY, SVC, 2348.25; PAUL REED CONSTRUCTION INC, SVC, 154.02; PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL CORP, SVC, 38253.34; PRINT EXPRESS, SUPP, 444.59; QUALITY INN, TRVL, 315; QUALITY INN, TRVL, 110.8; RASMUSSEN MECHANICAL SERVICES, RPR, 2843.07; REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER, SVC, 3625; REICHERT LAW, SVC, 500; R FLOWER, SVC, 1300; R SIMPSON, TRVL, 682; SAFE LIFE DEFENSE, SUPP, 232; SCB CO CLERK OF THE DIST CT FILING, FEE, 580; SCB CO SHERIFF FEE ACCOUNT, FEE, 213.2; SCB CO TREASURER, POST, 3.7; TEAM AUTO CENTER, RPR, 2193.55; THOMSON REUTERS WEST, SVC, 1723.75; TRANE US INC, SVC, 20852; UNIVERSITY OF NE, TRVL, 190.82; UNL AEM BUSINESS CENTER, SVC, 12495.62; US BANCORP, MISC, 4041.84; VALLEY AUTO LOCATORS LLC, SVC, 20; WESTCO, FUEL, 27276.5; WESTERN NEBRASKA NEWSPAPERS, PUB, 568.09; **ROAD & BRIDGE:** AIRGAS USA, SUPP, 121.84; BENZEL PEST CONTROL INC, SVC, 94.6; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, SVC, 889.49; CITY OF GERING UTILITY DEPT, SVC, 988.68; CONTRACTORS MATERIALS INC, SUPP, 351.79; HORSE CREEK TIRE INC, RPR, 60.77; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, SUPP, 1148.84; MID AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL, SUPP, 514; MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, SVC, 119.3; NPPD, SVC, 633.9; REM SCREENING, SUPP, 17640; US BANCORP, MISC, 11915.05; ZM LUMBER, SUPP, 56.16; **TOURISM:** B LEISY, SUPP, 65.73; US BANCORP, MISC, 408.34; **SELF-INSURED MEDICAL FUND:** AMERIFLEX, INS, 300.45; GROUP ADMINISTRATORS, INS, 80281.03; MADISON NATIONAL LIFE, INS, 1060.71; NATIONAL INSURANCE MARKETING BROKERS, INS, 11322.25; **HANDY BUS:** AT&T MOBILITY, SVC, 327.8; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, SVC, 113.66; CITY OF GERING UTILITY DEPT, SVC, 443.92; FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO, RPR, 38; FENDER MENDERS, SVC, 78; FRONTIER OVERHEAD DOOR, RPR, 350; IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, SUPP, 50.72; MENARDS, SUPP, 50.83; OREILLY AUTO PARTS, RPR, 93.62; PODIUM AUTO GROUP DBA TWIN CITY AUT, SVC, 1044; SCB CO GENERAL FUND, INS, 2879.58; **WING-DRUGS FUND:** GERING POLICE DEPT, SVC, 1820.61; NEBRASKA STATE PATROL, SVC, 5561.48; SCB CO SHERIFF, SVC, 436.43; SCOTTSBLUFF POLICE DEPT, SVC, 245.1; **SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND:** PEPPER-BALL, SUPP, 1920.9; HIDTA FUND: AT&T MOBILITY, SVC, 110.22; D CHRISTENSEN, TRVL, 36.03; GERING POLICE DEPT, RENT, 600; K MASSIE, TRVL, 461.68; TEAM AUTO CENTER, RENT, 1200; US BANCORP, MISC, 128; **HOMELAND SECURITY:** IMPROVISED ELECTRONICS LLC, EQUIP, 18595; REGION 23 EMERGENCY MNGT, SVC, 230.19; TACTICAL ELECTRONICS, TRNG, 23283.4; US BANCORP, MISC, 5402.87; **E-911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:** APCO INTERNATIONAL, SVC, 4000; **E-911 FUND:** CENTURYLINK, SVC, 404.56; US BANCORP, MISC, 1668.65; **DETENTION CENTER:** ACE HARDWARE CORP, RPR, 19.57; ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE, SVC, 29774.15; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, SUPP, 108.63; AT&T MOBILITY, SVC, 134.96; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, SVC, 3710.75; CAPWN, SVC, 743; CENTURY LAUNDRY DISTRIBUTING INC, SUPP, 71.21; CITY OF GERING UTILITY DEPT, SVC, 12391.31; CULLIGAN, RENT, 428; EAKES, SUPP, 1481.92; FAIRFIELD INN BY MARRIOTT, TRVL, 339.9; GALLS LLC, SUPP, 34.75; HONEYWAGON EXPRESS LLC, SVC, 200; JEFFREY HARRIS, SVC, 75; PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY, SVC, 6564; SIMPLY CLEAN, SUPP, 1094.22; SNELL SERVICES, , -1833.94; TRINITY SERVICES GROUP, SVC, 18486.81; VERIZON WIRELESS, SVC, 39.92; WESTERN DETENTION, RPR, 1144; **CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS:** ALARM SECURITY TECHNICIANS INC, SVC, 16.95; CENTURYLINK, SVC, 133.39; DAS CENTRAL SERVICES FINANCE, SVC, 1766.39; LIFE FIRST LEARNING LLC, EDU, 225; US BANCORP, MISC, 3074.83.

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