

SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY
BUDGET MESSAGE

Scotts Bluff County Commissioners had the following goals when developing the budget for 2026-2027: fiscal responsibility, adding no new debt and lowering the levy.

Fiscal responsibility:

Commissioners met with key department officials to review budget requests. We asked officials to build their budgets responsibly, remove inefficiencies, and prioritize essential needs. A disciplined approach was expected, ensuring every dollar spent delivers measurable value to our residents.

Debt:

Scotts Bluff County has four outstanding bonds. Two are scheduled to be paid off in 2031, one in 2034, and one in 2037. Commissioners are reluctant to assume more debt, and want to focus on paying off the current debts, relieving taxpayers of this burden in future years.

Lowering the Levy:

In fiscal year 2025-2026, the Scotts Bluff County levy was .367412 and the Board of Commissioners are lowering that levy to .360498 in the budget year 2026-2027.

The budget is more than numbers, it is a reflection of our values. We thank our residents for their continued trust and support, and we pledge to uphold the principles, transparency, accountability, and fiscal prudence in every decision we make. See the attached list for petty cash balances held by officials, as required.

Chairperson of County Board