

Cherry County Board Minutes



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

January 11, 2022

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on January 11, 2022 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice in the Valentine Midland News every week, with the agenda being on file in the office of the County Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Storer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Tanya Storer, Martin DeNaeyer, James Ward, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Petersen. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman Storer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioners meeting minutes from December 28, 2021 were read. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from December 28, 2021 were read. Storer moved and Ward seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from December 28, 2021 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Ward seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board conducted their annual reorganization for 2022.

Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to nominate Commissioner Storer as Chairman of the Board for 2022. Roll call vote: Aye - DeNaeyer, Ward. Abstain – Storer. The motion carried.

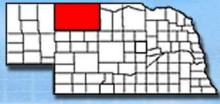
Ward moved and Storer seconded to nominate Commissioner DeNaeyer as Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2022. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer. Abstain – DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Storer moved and Ward seconded to approve Board committee assignments for 2022 as follows:

Keya Paha/Cherry County Housing Authority Board	Commissioner DeNaeyer
Region IV/Northstar Development Board	Commissioner Storer
Region 4/Behavioral Health System Board	Commissioner Storer
County Welfare Chairman	Commissioner Ward
RC&D Board	Commissioner Ward
Road District #1 Supervisor	Commissioner Ward
Road District #2 Supervisor	Commissioner DeNaeyer
Road District #3 Supervisor	Commissioner Storer
Niobrara Council	Commissioner Storer
Northwest Community Action Board	Commissioner DeNaeyer
North Central District Health Department	Commissioner Ward
Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging	Commissioner Storer
CNEDD Board	Commissioner Ward

Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Storer moved to designate the following institutions as depositories for Cherry County funds for 2022: Bank of the West, Security First Bank, Union Bank & Trust, Wells Fargo Bank, NPAIT, and Pinnacle Bank. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.



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Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to designate Valentine Midland News and the Cherry County website (www.co.cherry.ne.us) as the official Cherry County publications for meeting notices and other required notifications for 2022. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

Andy Forney, D.A. Davidson & Co. Vice President Public Finance Banker, met with the Board to discuss interest rates and the timing of selling bonds. Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to authorize Commissioner James Ward to sign off on final bond rates and terms contingent upon a 3% or better present-value savings. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Mike Boden, NACO Benefit Services Manager, provided the Board with information for a potential cash-in-lieu of medical benefits program. Standard premiums and plan designs were discussed. No Board action was taken.

Ward moved and Storer seconded to appoint Cherry County Hospital CEO Kyle Kellum as the North Central District Health Department Citizen Representative for Cherry County. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

Storer moved and Ward seconded to accept the Extension Board District 1 & District 4 candidate lists. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

Storer moved and Ward seconded to enter into a Letter of Engagement with L&B Johnson, P.C. for 2021 tax return purposes and authorize Commissioner DeNaeyer to sign on behalf of KPCC Housing Corp. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

It was a consensus of the Board to commence advertising for the Cherry County Emergency Management Director job opening. Commissioner DeNaeyer will coordinate said advertisement with the Emergency Management Secretary.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:02 PM to 1:00 PM.

No comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

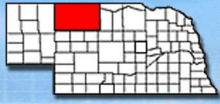
Cherry County Emergency Management Director Gary Weaver spoke with the Board regarding repairs for the charging system on the battery backup for the 911 and Justice Center systems. The Board requested that Director Weaver check with some local electricians to determine if repairs were possible without requiring a technician.

After review, Storer moved and Ward seconded to approve the Cherry County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for the 6-month period ended December 31, 2021 as submitted by Treasurer Kathy Hammond. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

Cherry County Veterans Service Officer Shawn Hamling met with the Board to provide information for a memorandum of understanding which enables Mr. Hamling to assist veterans in accessing all benefits to which they are entitled by law. DeNaeyer moved and Ward seconded to enter into an MOU between Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs and Cherry County on behalf of the Cherry County Veterans Service Officer and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

Cherry County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith gave a brief update regarding the repair of Mogle Bridge and briefly discussed Merritt Dam Road with the Board.

Cherry County Attorney Eric Scott, Central Nebraska Economic Development District Executive Director Judy Petersen, and Niobrara Valley Vineyards owner Greg Nollette met with the Board to discuss limited English proficiency requirements and guidance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. After extensive review and discussion of the LEP requirements, DeNaeyer moved and Ward seconded to approve Cherry County Tourism - Niobrara Valley Vineyards Community Development Block Grant application and exhibits as listed (Certification of Chief Elected Official for Application, County Cost Share Documentation, Resolution Authorizing Chief Elected Official to Sign an Application for CDBG Funds, Applicant's Statement of Assurances and Certifications, Citizen Participation Plan, Residential Anti-Displacement & Relocation Assistance Plan, Waiver of Procurement Process Request,



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Four-Factor Analysis Assessing Limited English Proficiency and Language Assistance Plan) and authorize Chairman Storer to sign said documents as the Chief Elected Official. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 2:19 PM Storer moved and Ward seconded to enter closed session for the purpose of a potential real estate purchase strategy session, with the Board of Commissioners, Visitors Promotion Board, County Attorney, and County Clerk to be present. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

At 3:28 PM the meeting room doors were opened and the public was allowed to reenter the room

At 3:32 PM Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to return to open session. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer.

Director Weaver reported that local electricians he contacted had declined a job to repair the battery backup as discussed earlier in the meeting.

At 3:41 PM, as advertised, the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections. At 4:27 PM the Board returned to regular session.

There was no action taken on the agenda item regarding the Merritt Dam Road Agreement with the Forest Service pending completion of the Cost Analysis Worksheet by the Road Superintendent.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of the District Court fee report for December 2021, the Treasurer’s fund balance listing for December 2021, the operating statement report of budget vs. actual spending for December 2021, and the Sheriff’s quarterly fee report for fourth quarter 2021.

The Board discussed Cherry County employee cost-of-living adjustments as previously budgeted. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve a 2.5% cost-of-living-adjustment, effective January 1, 2022, for Cherry County employees. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Salaries for the next term of office for Cherry County elected officials were discussed with the Board and several elected officials. DeNaeyer moved and Storer seconded to adopt Resolution #2022-1 2023-2026 Elected Officials Salary Resolution. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

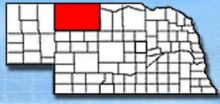
DeNaeyer moved and Ward seconded to approve claims. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

January 11, 2022 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	64,357.14	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of			\$ 64,357.14

GENERAL

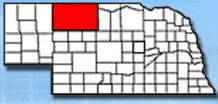
Allen Monument Company	Services	\$95.00
Amazon Capital Services	Supplies	\$37.76
Applied Connective Technologies	Services	\$2,938.08
Atlas Business Solutions	Services	\$600.00
Black Hills Chemical	Supplies	\$272.57
Bob Barker Company	Services	\$486.70
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$35.19
Boyd's Network Solutions	Services	\$4,792.68
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$53.86
Central Valley AG Cooperative	Supplies	\$3,321.50
Centurylink	Telephone Service	\$185.67
Centurylink	Telephone Service	\$1,701.39



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Charm Tex Inc	Supplies	\$258.00
Cherry County Court	Court Fees	\$268.00
Cherry County District Court	Court Fees	\$108.00
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$7,690.20
Cherry County Sheriff	Services	\$37.50
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees	\$5.00
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service	\$295.01
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services	\$448.00
Dish Network	Services	\$132.06
Lorana Eggert	Reimbursement	\$265.01
Encartele Inc	Services	\$600.00
Firstnet/AT&T Mobility	Telephone Service	\$652.32
Michelle Garwood	Reimbursement	\$254.30
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$129.97
GRP & Associates	Services	\$57.00
The Gun Cabinet	Supplies	\$105.40
Shawn Hamling	Reimbursement	\$202.72
Kathy Hammond	Reimbursement	\$276.64
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$418.58
Dee Hoefs	Reimbursement	\$22.46
Holiday Inn Kearney	Lodging	\$1,724.25
Holt County Treasurer	Dues/Fees/Training	\$2,336.29
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,319.67
KBR Rural Public Power	Services	\$85.09
Loup Basin RC&D Council	Services	\$200.00
Marco Technologies	Services	\$31.21
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$136.00
Microtel Inn & Suites of Kearney	Services	\$147.84
MIPS	Services	\$5,428.05
Jackie Moreland	Reimbursement	\$21.08
NACO	Dues/Fees/Training	\$60.00
Nebraska District Court Clerk Assn	Dues/Fees/Training	\$50.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$1,326.31
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Services	\$29.00
Paper Tiger Shredding	Services	\$50.00
Brittney Petersen	Reimbursement	\$248.64
Physicians Laboratory PC	Services	\$2,050.00
Pit Stall	Services	\$778.20
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$514.62
Prema	Services	\$129.91
Presto X	Services	\$85.00
Quadient Finance USA	Supplies	\$1,500.00
Radiology Services	Services	\$48.04
Region IV Inc	Services	\$2,626.00
Sandhill Oil Company	Services	\$229.71
Sandoz Chapel of the Pines	Services	\$3,000.00
Eric Scott	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,068.00
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$128.29
Cardmember Service	Supplies	\$143.37
Samuel Spain	Reimbursement	\$100.00
Tehrani Motor Company	Services	\$7.34
True Value Hardware	Supplies	\$16.47
Tyler Technologies	Services	\$449.00
UNL Its Communication	Services	\$2.76



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US Cellular
 Valentine Midland News
 City of Valentine
 Ward Plumbing & Heating
 Western Oil/Conoco
 Wex Bank

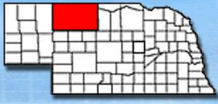
Services	\$86.01
Services	\$655.90
Utilities	\$3,322.42
Services	\$38.50
Fuel	\$6.00
Fuel	\$1,431.60
TOTAL	\$64,357.14

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 149,390.95 .
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$ 149,390.95

ROAD

Andy's Glass Shop	Services	\$80.00
Ashby Lumber Company	Supplies	\$15.07
Bacon Repair	Services	\$234.09
Barco Municipal Products	Services	\$336.33
Big Boy Tools & Service	Services	\$85.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$2,503.27
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$5,747.40
Cherry County Implement	Supplies	\$267.42
Cody Oil Company	Services	\$2,674.96
Consolidated Telephone	Telephone Service	\$194.68
Croell Inc	Services	\$7,240.10
Crossroads Auto Repair Specialists	Services	\$252.88
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$129.99
D/W Machine & Manufacturing	Services	\$144.48
Dale's Tire & Manufacturing	Services	\$3,825.00
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services	\$27.70
Emerson Equipment	Services	\$17.75
Grainger	Services	\$222.40
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$213.90
Handyman Hardware	Supplies	\$1,920.38
Melvin Hartman	Services	\$13,320.00
Hometown Lumber & Construction	Supplies	\$12.21
J&J Trailer Sales	Supplies	\$85.00
Josh Whipple Trucking	Services	\$61,765.00
KBR Rural Public Power District	Utilities	\$903.34
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$1,286.58
Kohler Trailer Sales	Services	\$1,132.40
MARC/Mid American Research Chemical	Supplies	\$116.38
Martin Auto Parts II	Services	\$2.94
Mathis Equipment	Services	\$2,536.40
Menards	Supplies	\$1,189.13
Metropolitan Compounds Inc	Services	\$527.69
Mid America Diesel	Services	\$997.23
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Village of Mullen	Services	\$129.00
Neal Oil & Auto Center	Services	\$960.00
Nebraska Machinery Company	Services	\$120.46
Nebraska Motor Fuels Division	Services	\$2,018.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$96.01
Nebraska Truck Center	Services	\$145.87
Office Products Center	Supplies	\$371.09



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The Parts Company	Supplies	\$666.52
Perrett Construction LTD	Services	\$669.86
Pit Stall	Services	\$5,134.68
Postmaster	Services	\$348.00
Powerplan	Services	\$4,829.48
Prema	Services	\$57.93
Reese Inc	Services	\$2,501.49
Ron's Quik Lube	Services	\$81.20
Sandhill Oil Company Inc	Services	\$13,288.40
Sandhills Ranch Supply	Supplies	\$962.87
Security First Bank	Services	\$3,985.21
Truck Center Companies	Services	\$196.20
US Cellular	Services	\$70.13
City of Valentine	Services	\$1,019.41
Vander Haag's Inc	Services	\$1,105.00
Ward Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$201.04
Western Oil Inc/Conoco	Services	\$6.00
Ronald White	Services	\$240.00
	TOTAL	\$149,390.95

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 16,885.00 .
 and disallowed in the amount of .
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Bridge Fund in the amount of \$ 16,885.00

Emergency Bridge

Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$ 1,650.00
Perrett Construction	Services	\$ 15,235.00
	TOTAL	\$16,885.00

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 14,681.28 .
 and disallowed in the amount of .
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of \$ 14,681.28

VISITOR PROMOTION

Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$185.36
Hand's Lawn Service, LLC	Services	\$355.00
Tony Hanson	Services	\$150.00
NRG Media LLC/Broadcast House Media	Advertising	\$1,169.00
Quad Graphics Inc	Services	\$12,582.53
City of Valentine	Services	\$239.39
	TOTAL	\$14,681.28

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 42,622.58 .
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of \$ 42,622.58

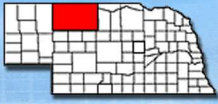
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$ 42,622.58
	TOTAL	\$ 42,622.58

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 8,649.31 .
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of \$ 8,649.31

BOOKMOBILE

Valentine Public Library	Bookmobile	\$8,649.31
	TOTAL	\$ 8,649.31



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Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	238.82	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-		
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of			\$	238.82
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
Century Link		Services		\$238.82
		TOTAL		\$238.82

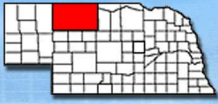
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,512.50	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-		
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of			\$	1,512.50
INHERITANCE TAX				
Houghton Bradford Whitted PC		Services		\$1,512.50
		TOTAL		\$1,512.50

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	427.01	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-		
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of			\$	427.01
911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)				
Boyd's Network Solutions		Services		\$150.00
Century Link		Services		\$84.16
Great Plains Communications Inc		Services		\$28.99
OPTK Networks		Services		\$163.86
		TOTAL		\$427.01

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,454.41	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-		
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of			\$	1,454.41
911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)				
Centurylink		Services		\$441.90
Great Plains Communications Inc		Services		\$152.23
OPTK Networks		Services		\$860.28
		TOTAL		\$1,454.41

At 6:08 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES January 11, 2022

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met as a Board of Corrections on January 11, 2022 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published December 29, 2021 in the Valentine Midland News, with the agenda being on file in the office of the County Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 3:41 PM by Chairman Storer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Tanya Storer, Martin DeNaeyer, James Ward, Cherry County Clerk Brittny Petersen, and Cherry County Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman Storer.

Administrator Hesse and the Board discussed prices and availability of key blanks required for the Justice Center. The Board requested that Administrator Hesse speak directly to a local business to determine if a quote for key blanks can be obtained.

Storer moved and Ward seconded to approve Cherry County Justice Center Policy & Procedure updates to Sections A and B as presented by Administrator Hesse. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 3:54 PM Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to enter closed session for the purpose of a personnel issue discussion and to avoid needless injury to the reputation of an individual, with the Board, Clerk Petersen, and Administrator Hesse to be present. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

At 4:25 PM the Commissioners Meeting Room doors were reopened and the public was allowed to reenter said room.

At 4:26 PM Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to return to open session. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

At 4:27 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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