

# Cherry County Board Minutes



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES January 25, 2022

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on January 25, 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 10:02 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 January 11, 2022 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Ward seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from January 11, 2022 were read. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

Mike Bateman, Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. Territory Sales Manager, met with the Board to introduce Jeff McMurtrey and to provide information for state bid prices on two models of motor graders.

Storer moved and Ward seconded to reappoint Michelle McNare as the 4-H Council representative to the Extension Board for the 2022 term, appoint Jan Smith to the Cherry County Extension Board, District 4 to a 3-year term set to expire on December 31, 2024, and approve the nominee list for District 1. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Cherry County Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle informed the Board of three expiring terms on the Cherry County Planning Commission and that the three members whose terms were expiring were willing to be reappointed. Commission bylaws for unexcused absences were discussed. Ward moved and Storer seconded to reappoint Dave Rogers, Wade Andrews, and Albert Erickson to the Cherry County Planning Commission to three-year terms set to expire on January 11, 2025. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

Cherry County Road Superintendent Kent Lopez met with the Board to discuss the costs associated with mowing Merritt Dam Road. Ward moved and Storer seconded to approve the draft Cooperative Forest Road Agreement and specifically that the cooperative funds are listed and total fund expenditures are spelled out in a further draft for consideration. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

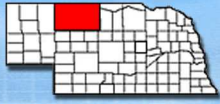
Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the draft Road Project Agreement specified for a one-year term. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Cherry County Noxious Weed Superintendent Barb Small presented the Board with a check from Loup Basin RC&D for a grant to provide weed control supplies to landowners. Superintendent Small reviewed the infestation, activity, and budget reports for 2021. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the 2021 year-end Noxious Weed reports (Noxious Weed Control Plan, Budget Report, Activity Report, Weed Control Authority Board Roster, and Noxious Weed Infestation Report) and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:00 PM to 1:07 PM.

There were no comments from the public received during the allotted time.

Cherry County Tourism Director Regina Osburn met with the Board to discuss the list of candidates for vacant and expiring terms on the Visitors Promotion Board. The Board expressed appreciation for the years of service Jon Davenport provided on the Cherry County Visitors Promotion Board and acknowledged his letter of retirement from said board.



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Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to appoint Sara Ferguson to the Cherry County Visitors Promotion Board to fulfill the remainder of Jon Davenport's term set to expire on January 28, 2024. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

Storer moved and Ward seconded to reappoint Anne Clark and Greg Nollette and to appoint Kim Epke to the Cherry County Visitors Promotion Board to four-year terms set to expire on January 28, 2026. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

James Almond, State 9-1-1 Field Coordinator, and Cherry County Emergency Management Director Gary Weaver met with the Board to discuss PSAP funding, state radio dispatch capabilities, and dispatch radio console pricing and production lead times.

At 2:00 PM, as advertised, the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization. At 2:04 PM the Board returned to regular session.

The Board discussed current road department wages, typical workweek hours, and CDL requirements. Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to increase the starting wage for road department employees by \$1 per hour and an additional \$1 per hour for those individuals holding a Commercial Driver's License effective for February 28, 2022 payroll. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

Cherry County Road Secretary Kay Reese met with the Board to discuss road reporting software and the purchasing of devices to be utilized by full-time employees for reporting.

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

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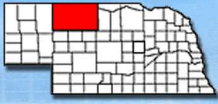
## CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	202,728.46	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of			\$
			202,728.46

### GENERAL

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,401.64
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$14,808.02
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,497.16
Brown County Court	Garnishment	\$451.97
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$37,531.80
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$4,107.16
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$25,949.97
Legal Shield	Services	\$27.90
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$100.00
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums	\$14,459.34
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$3,777.15
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$495.19
General Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$129,549.91
	GROSS TOTAL	\$236,157.21
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$33,428.75)
	NET TOTAL	\$202,728.46

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	93,663.59	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$
			93,663.59



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## ROAD

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,459.85
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$6,219.22
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,165.04
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$19,241.98
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$2,400.07
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$11,415.22
Legal Shield	Services	\$110.65
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums	\$7,027.62
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,555.29
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$197.92
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$58,010.74
	GROSS TOTAL	\$109,118.10
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$15,454.51)
	NET TOTAL	\$93,663.59

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **5,133.03**  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of \$ **5,133.03**

## Visitor Promotion Fund

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$425.02
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$54.28
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$922.25
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$114.05
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$28.17
Visitor Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$4,542.15
	GROSS TOTAL	\$6,183.29
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,050.26)
	NET TOTAL	\$5,133.03

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **33,422.98**  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of \$ **33,422.98**

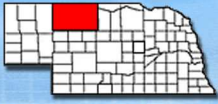
## HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$33,422.98
	TOTAL	\$33,422.98

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **7,970.67**  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ **7,970.67**

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$581.17
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$108.56
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$1,490.28
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$132.38
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,144.29
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums	\$495.62
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$156.88
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$17.09
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$5,166.01
	GROSS TOTAL	\$9,292.28



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Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings		(\$1,321.61)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$7,970.67</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>10,840.40</b>	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-		
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of			\$	<b>10,840.40</b>

## **INHERITANCE TAX**

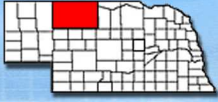
Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc	Aug-Sept 2021 Billing	\$10,840.40
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,840.40</b>

At 2:59 PM, as advertised, the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections. At 5:55 PM the Board returned to regular session.

At 5:57 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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## BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

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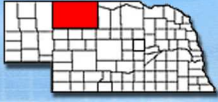
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Assessor Daugherty provided information regarding a tax list correction for a personal property duplication for Property ID: 160649131. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve tax list correction #2021-3 as presented by Assessor Daugherty and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

At 2:04 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 25, 2022

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The implementation of performance evaluations for Justice Center employees was discussed.

DeNaeyer moved and Ward seconded to increase the starting wage for Justice Center employees by \$1 per hour effective for February 28, 2022 payroll. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

The jail census and employee roster were discussed.

At 3:29 PM Commissioner DeNaeyer had an excused absence for the remainder of the meeting.

At 3:30 PM Storer moved and Ward seconded to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing Justice Center policy and procedure security protocols with the Board, Clerk Petersen, and Administrator Hesse to be present. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer. Absent – DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 5:02 PM the meeting room doors were opened and the public was allowed to reenter the room. At 5:03 PM Storer moved and Ward seconded to return to open session. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer. Absent – DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Ward moved and Storer seconded to authorize up to a \$1 per hour increase for current Justice Center employees based upon a performance review by the Justice Center Administrator. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, Ward. Absent – DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Ward moved and Storer seconded to amend the Cherry County Justice Center Jail Sergeant job description and to create the Cherry County Justice Center Dispatch Sergeant job description as presented by Administrator Hesse. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer. Absent – DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 5:55 PM Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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