

Cherry County Board Minutes



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES February 22, 2022

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on February 22, 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 February 8, 2022 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Storer seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from February 8, 2022 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Storer seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Storer. Abstain – Ward. The motion carried.

The Board of Commissioners special meeting minutes from February 14, 2022 were read. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At the request of Clerk Petersen due to the 2022 Primary Election date, DeNaeyer moved and Storer seconded to reschedule the May 10, 2022 Board of Commissioners meeting to May 17, 2022 at 10:00 AM in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

The Board conducted an Emergency Management Director job interview.

At 11:00 AM Chairman Storer opened the public hearing for the One & Six-Year Highway Improvement Program. Cherry County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith provided maps and an overview of planned projects contained in the improvement plan. There was no verbal or written testimony received from the public. At 11:20 AM Chairman Storer closed the hearing.

Storer moved and Ward seconded to adopt Resolution #2022-2 Long-Range Six-Year Plan of Highway, Road, and Street Improvements for Cherry County. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

Superintendent Smith spoke with the Board about a request to occupy county right-of-way and repairs to Lyons Bridge. No Board action was taken.

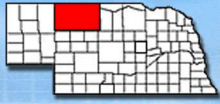
Ward moved and Storer seconded to authorize Commissioner DeNaeyer to follow up with the Emergency Management Director applicants and to offer the position to the most qualified candidate. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and Ward seconded to increase the Cherry County Road Foreman salary by 2.5%, effective for March 2022 payroll. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

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

Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to authorize Chairman Storer to sign the Niobrara Valley Vineyards Tourism Grant National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Review tribal letter. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

Cherry County Sheriff Rusty Osburn met with the Board to provide trade-in values and the cost for a new patrol vehicle. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to authorize Sheriff Osburn to proceed with the purchase of a new Dodge pickup from Tehrani Motors and trade-in the two older vehicles and authorize \$10,000 difference. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.



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Cherry County Emergency Management Director Gary Weaver provided information regarding the 911 address mapping for village and city subdivisions located in Cherry and Keya Paha counties. Storer moved and Ward seconded to authorize Director Weaver to sign the GeoComm contract for address fees and request Public Service Commission funds approval. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to authorize Chairman Storer to sign the .Gov domain registration request for cherrycountyne.gov. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

Director Weaver provided the Board with a contract from Motorola and discussed the included payment terms. DeNaeyer moved and Ward seconded to approve and accept the Motorola dispatch consoles contract dated February 10, 2022 and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 2:14 PM the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization. The Board returned to regular session at 2:24 PM.

The Board met with Cherry County Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse to discuss hours worked and shifts covered due to staffing shortages in the Justice Center. The Board will seek counsel prior to making any adjustments to Administrator Hesse's salary. No Board action was taken.

At 2:33 PM the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections. The Board returned to regular session at 3:13 PM.

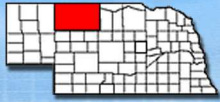
Commissioner Storer provided information to the Board for a request for comments from the Department of Interior regarding the development of the American Conservation and Stewardship Atlas (the "Atlas") and that American Stewards of Liberty have finalized comments and are inviting counties, associations, and individuals to sign with them. Storer moved and Ward seconded to approve submitting comments to the Department of Interior as presented. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

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

February 28, 2022

CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

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| Claims were presented in the amount of | \$ | 208,622.63 | . |
| and disallowed in the amount of | \$ | - | . |
| A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of | | | \$ |
| | | | 208,622.63 |
| GENERAL | | | |
| AFLAC | Withholdings/Insurance | | \$2,466.89 |
| Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement | Withholdings/Retirement | | \$14,710.86 |
| Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental | Withholdings/Insurance | | \$2,605.72 |
| Brown County Court | Garnishment | | \$451.97 |
| Cherry County Health Account | Health Claims Funding | | \$39,591.86 |
| Colonial Life | Supplemental Insurance Premiums | | \$4,044.51 |
| EFTPS | Withholdings/Taxes | | \$25,612.41 |
| Legal Shield | Services | | \$27.90 |
| MassMutual | Withholdings/Retirement | | \$100.00 |
| Meritain Health | Health Insurance Premiums | | \$15,270.12 |
| NE Department of Revenue | Withholdings/Taxes | | \$3,479.34 |
| Eric Scott | Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment | | \$3,898.33 |
| Vision Service Plan | Withholdings/Insurance | | \$540.45 |
| General Fund Payroll | Gross Wages & Salaries | | \$128,903.47 |
| | GROSS TOTAL | | \$241,703.83 |



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Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings (\$33,081.20)
NET TOTAL \$208,622.63

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **99,447.95** .
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$ **99,447.95**

ROAD

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| AFLAC | Withholdings/Insurance | \$1,459.85 |
| Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement | Withholdings/Retirement | \$6,989.97 |
| Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental | Withholdings/Insurance | \$1,202.64 |
| Assurity Life Insurance Company | Withholdings/Insurance | \$14.50 |
| Cherry County Health Account | Health Claim Funding | \$19,811.76 |
| Colonial Life | Supplemental Insurance Premiums | \$2,282.16 |
| EFTPS | Taxes/Withholdings | \$12,709.26 |
| Legal Shield | Services | \$110.65 |
| MassMutual | Withholdings/Retirement | \$300.00 |
| Meritain Health | Health Insurance Premiums | \$7,342.78 |
| NE Department of Revenue | Taxes/Withholdings | \$1,852.30 |
| Vision Service Plan | Withholdings/Insurance | \$206.43 |
| Road Fund Payroll | Gross Wages & Salaries | \$62,132.55 |
| | GROSS TOTAL | \$116,414.85 |
| | Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings | (\$16,966.90) |
| | NET TOTAL | \$99,447.95 |

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **5,457.07** .
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of \$ **5,457.07**

Visitor Promotion Fund

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| AFLAC | Withholdings/Insurance | 97.37 |
| Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement | Withholdings/Retirement | \$425.02 |
| Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental | Withholdings/Insurance | \$54.28 |
| EFTPS | Taxes/Withholdings | \$968.31 |
| NE Department of Revenue | Taxes/Withholdings | \$110.66 |
| Vision Service Plan | Withholdings/Insurance | \$28.17 |
| Visitor Promotion Fund Payroll | Gross Wages & Salaries | \$4,843.16 |
| | GROSS TOTAL | \$6,526.97 |
| | Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings | (\$1,069.90) |
| | NET TOTAL | \$5,457.07 |

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **7,706.60** .
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of \$ **7,706.60**

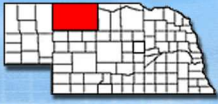
HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

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| Cherry County Clerk | Health Insurance Claims | \$7,706.60 |
| | TOTAL | \$7,706.60 |

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **6,313,986.29** .
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Disaster Fund in the amount of \$ **6,313,986.29**

DISASTER FUND

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| BOKF, NA | Road Bond Refunding | \$6,313,986.29 |
| | TOTAL | \$6,313,986.29 |



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Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 7,781.71 .
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ -
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ 7,781.71

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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| Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement | Withholdings/Retirement | \$562.59 |
| 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 | \$1,102.41 |
| Meritain Health | Health Insurance Premiums | \$495.62 |
| NE Department of Revenue | Taxes/Withholdings | \$149.44 |
| Vision Service Plan | Withholdings/Insurance | \$17.09 |
| Emergency Management Fund Payroll | Gross Wages & Salaries | \$5,000.83 |
| | GROSS TOTAL | \$9,059.20 |
| | Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings | (\$1,277.49) |
| | NET TOTAL | \$7,781.71 |

At 3:48 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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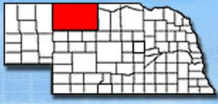
Assessor Daugherty provided information regarding tax list corrections to correct the number of irrigated parcels for Property ID: 160035767 and Property ID: 160035813 and to remove a storage trailer for Property ID: 160648679. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve corrections #2021-4, #2021-5, and #2021-6 as presented by Assessor Daugherty and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

Treasurer Hammond presented an Application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes by Qualifying Nonprofit Organizations (Form 457) received from Assembly of God/Crossroads Assembly. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the Application for Exemption as recommended and presented by Treasurer Hammond. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

At 2:24 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES



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The jail census, employee roster, and advertising for job openings were discussed. Two payroll change notices as authorized by the Justice Center pay scale and promotion to sergeant were reviewed and signed by the Board. Administrator Hesse informed the Board that the Computer Aided Dispatch system will be installed soon and that the recent updates to Policies and Procedures will be reviewed with and distributed to employees at their next staff meeting.

No Board action was taken.

At 3:13 PM Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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