

Cherry County Board Minutes



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES March 29, 2022

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on March 29, 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 March 8, 2022 were read. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

Cherry County Hospital CFO Amanda Davidson presented and reviewed changes to the 2021-2022 Cherry County Hospital Budget as approved by the Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees. Expenditures were increased due to a deadline for use of CARES Act Provider Relief Funds. Funds were primarily allocated to offset increased costs for contract nurses and pharmacists, air ambulance usage, and pharmaceuticals. Storer moved and Ward seconded to approve the amended Cherry County Hospital Budget as presented. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

Cherry County Surveyor Timothy Hanson met with the Board to discuss an agreement received from the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads to tie out and reestablish section corners due to construction work to improve Highway 12 under Project No. STP-12-2(107). Ward moved and Storer seconded to approve the agreement for registered land surveying re: Project No. STP-12-2(107) and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Cherry County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith provided the Board with a quote for striping North Kilgore Road. Insurance requirements and signage were also discussed. No Board action was taken.

Superintendent Smith informed the Board that the use of FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program) funds to mill and armor coat Merritt Dam Road will be explored in collaboration with U.S. Forest Service Bessey District Ranger Julie Bain in upcoming weeks. Cherry County Road Superintendent Kent Lopez also met with the Board to discuss the progress of repairs to Mogle Bridge and the availability of millings. The recent increases of road department wages were discussed. The Board requested that the record reflect that the starting wage for road department employees holding a CDL has been increased to \$16 per hour and that part-time and full-time positions remain available.

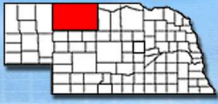
Cherry County Treasurer Kathy Hammond certified to the Board that on the 7th day of March 2022, all delinquent real estate taxes in Cherry County were offered for public auction. There were 54 parcels for sale totaling \$56,667.31. 39 parcels sold totaling \$53,825.81 and 15 parcels not sold totaling \$2,841.50.

Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to appoint Matt Sandoz as the Cherry County Emergency Management Director, effective immediately. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried. The Board expressed appreciation and gratitude to Gary Weaver for his years of service to Cherry County and wished him good luck in his retirement.

Cherry County Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz and EM Director Emeritus Weaver met with the Board to discuss recent 911 fiber line interruptions, Orion emergency management software capabilities, and the improvements made to radio communications, installation of sirens, and upgrades to towers during Director Weaver's tenure.

The Board reviewed a Community Development Block Grant award letter from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to assist Niobrara Valley Vineyards, LLC in the construction and expansion of the conference and entertainment facility to include walkable surfaced pathways, resting places, and restrooms. A list of individuals to potentially fill the District 1 Extension Board vacancy was also reviewed.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:02 PM to 1:11 PM. No comments from the public were received during the allotted time. The Board toured the Cherry County Justice Center from 1:14 PM to 1:43 PM.



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Power Protection Products, Inc. employees, Brian Branigan, Amy Strong, and Terry Colling, met with the Board via Zoom to discuss the replacement of the county's uninterrupted power supply system. Battery life, self-diagnostic capabilities, annual preventive maintenance, warranty information, and the service contract were discussed. End-of-life status and replacement parts for the current UPS system were also discussed. A scope of work was requested and no Board action was taken.

At 2:00 PM, as advertised, the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization. The Board returned to regular session at 2:16 PM.

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

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CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	218,911.45
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-

A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$	218,911.45
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GENERAL

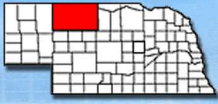
AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,385.50
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$15,850.75
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,680.92
Century Link	Telephone	\$1,710.83
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$40,982.14
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$4,364.30
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$28,349.62
Journal Entry	Void Ck# 20043416	(\$1,059.18)
Legal Shield	Services	\$27.90
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$100.00
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums	\$15,765.74
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$4,099.78
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$540.45
General Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$138,879.50
	GROSS TOTAL	\$254,678.25
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$35,766.80)
	NET TOTAL	\$218,911.45

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	113,399.60
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of	\$	113,399.60
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ROAD

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,459.85
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$8,363.64
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,165.04
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$19,811.76
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$2,282.16
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$15,854.30
Legal Shield	Services	\$110.65
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums	\$7,342.78
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,473.01
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$206.43



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Road Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$4,221.58
	GROSS TOTAL	\$133,727.35
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$20,327.75)
	NET TOTAL	\$113,399.60

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	5,976.69
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of **\$ 5,976.69**

Visitors Promotion Fund

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$425.02
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$54.28
Cherry County Visitors Promo Board	Reimbursement	\$198.00
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,014.01
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$118.16
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$28.17
Visitors Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$5,141.93
	GROSS TOTAL	\$7,076.94
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,100.25)
	NET TOTAL	\$5,976.69

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	36,207.82
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of **\$ 36,207.82**

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$36,207.82
	TOTAL	\$36,207.82

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,234.00
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Covid American Rescue Plan Fund in the amount of **\$ 1,234.00**

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND

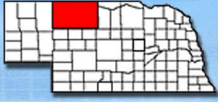
Lutz & Company, PC	Consultation	\$1,234.00
	TOTAL	\$1,234.00

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	14,173.99
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of **\$ 14,173.99**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$821.79
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$108.56
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$4,470.84
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$132.38
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,424.33
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums	\$1,486.86
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$191.46
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$73.43
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$7,304.83
	GROSS TOTAL	\$16,014.48
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,840.49)



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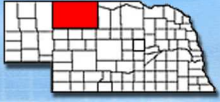
		NET TOTAL	\$14,173.99
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	6,300.00	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of			\$
			6,300.00
INHERITANCE TAX			
Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc		Dec-Jan 2022 Billing	\$6,300.00
		TOTAL	\$6,300.00

At 2:33 PM, as advertised, the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections. At 3:25 PM the Board returned to regular session.

At 3:26 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES March 29, 2022

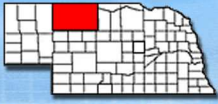
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Assessor Daugherty provided information regarding tax list corrections for omitted personal property for tax years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 Property ID: 160249064 and to accelerate 2022 taxes for Property ID: 160133785. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve tax list corrections #2018-18, #2019-18, #2020-23, #2021-7, and #2021-8 as presented by Assessor Daugherty and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

Treasurer Hammond presented an Application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes by Qualifying Nonprofit Organizations (Form 457) received from Valentine Lions Club. DeNaeyer moved and Ward seconded to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption for Valentine Lions Club as presented. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 2:16 PM Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES March 29, 2022

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Administrator Hesse presented an agreement from Lincoln County to contract for Lincoln County to house inmates at the Lincoln County Detention Facility who are held under Cherry County's lawful authority. Said agreement is an update to the one currently in place and includes an additional custodial level rate. Storer moved and Ward seconded to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the County of Lincoln, Nebraska and the County of Cherry, Nebraska re: inmate housing. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

At 2:44 PM Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing Courthouse security cameras with the Board, Clerk Petersen, EM Director Sandoz, EM Director Weaver, Administrator Hesse, and Sheriff Rusty Osburn to be present. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried. At 3:09 PM the meeting room doors were opened and the public was allowed to reenter the room. At 3:10 PM DeNaeyer moved and Ward seconded to return to open session. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding Justice Center camera system upgrade and it will be added to the next agenda pending updated contract information from Control Masters Inc.

Public Service Commission dispatcher training requirements and the availability and costs of said trainings were discussed. The jail census and employee roster were also briefly discussed.

At 3:25 PM Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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