

Cherry County Board Minutes



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

May 31, 2022

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on May 31, 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 Brittney Petersen. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman Storer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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	\$	227,298.27	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
				\$
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of				227,298.27

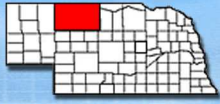
GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,385.50	
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$15,843.30	
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,639.08	
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$40,982.14	
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$4,364.30	
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$28,549.34	
Legal Shield	Withholding/Insurance	\$27.90	
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$100.00	
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums	\$15,765.74	
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$4,139.74	
Eric Scott	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$8,563.41	
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$540.45	
General Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$139,345.72	
		GROSS TOTAL	\$263,246.62
Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings			(\$35,948.35)
		NET TOTAL	\$227,298.27

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	114,778.21	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
				\$
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of				114,778.21

ROAD FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,459.85
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$8,479.34
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,165.04
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Cherry County Treasurer	Withholding/Taxes	\$93.13
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$19,811.76
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$2,282.16
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$16,128.73
Legal Shield	Services	\$110.65
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums	\$7,342.78



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NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,536.69
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$206.43
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$75,559.39
	GROSS TOTAL	\$135,490.45
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$20,712.24)
	NET TOTAL	\$114,778.21

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	5,892.86	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of	\$	5,892.86	

Visitors 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	\$1,030.25
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$121.57
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$28.17
Visitors Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$5,247.98
	GROSS TOTAL	\$7,004.64
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,111.78)
	NET TOTAL	\$5,892.86

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	23,515.21	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of	\$	23,515.21	

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$23,515.21
	TOTAL	\$23,515.21

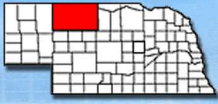
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	7,744.39	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of	\$	7,744.39	

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$562.59
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$1,490.28
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$145.20
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$994.21
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums	\$495.62
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$152.11
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$28.17
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$5,000.83
	GROSS TOTAL	\$8,869.01
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,124.62)
	NET TOTAL	\$7,744.39

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes from May 17, 2022 were read by Cherry County Deputy Clerk Elise Hamling. DeNaeyer moved and Storer seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Storer. Abstain – Ward. The motion carried.

Judd Allen, NACO Benefits Services, and Dennis Maggart, McInnes Group Executive Vice President, met with the Board to present information for a BlueCross BlueShield health benefits plan. Wellness program levels, provider network discounts, claims management, reporting, reinsurance options, cash-in-lieu requirements, and plan design options were discussed. No Board action was taken.



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At 11:21 AM, Cherry County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith opened sealed bids for the Cherry County 2022 Re-deck Project – (Lyons Bridge) Structure No. C001602105. Theisen Construction, Inc. submitted a bid totaling \$314,755.04 with an alternate start date of September 1, 2022 and an alternate end date of September 30, 2022. Theisen Construction provided an alternate bid for consideration for a cast in place bridge deck replacement totaling \$183,162.55. Simon Contractors submitted a bid totaling \$215,140.00 with an alternate state date of August 1, 2022 and an alternate end date of September 1, 2022. Jeff Wagner, Professional Engineer, Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc., was sent copies of the bids and the Board will make a decision regarding the bid award upon receipt of his recommendation.

NACO Executive Director Jon Cannon met with the Board to discuss recent legislation, inheritance tax changes, ARPA funds direct county allocation, a new NACO west office building, and requirements for property tax hearing postcards.

Cherry County Assessor Betty Daugherty and Cherry County Deputy Assessor Jackie Moreland met with the Board to discuss hiring replacements for two positions in the Assessor's Office. Any extra expense incurred would take place during the 2022-2023 fiscal year. No Board action was required.

Assessor Daugherty presented two bids for the revaluation of residential properties in Cherry County from Central Plains Valuation, LLC and Lake Mac Assessment, LLC. 2021 and 2022 residential value increases were based on a flat increase and 2023 & 2024 residential value changes will include market analysis, depreciation, and a review of each property. The Board requested to meet with both companies prior to making a decision.

The Board reviewed information for PILT payments received in the amount of \$83,728.42 from the Forest Reserve Fund and \$8.92 from the Public Grazing Fund. Storer moved and Ward seconded to approve Resolution #2022-3 Forest Reserve Funds Distribution 2022 and Resolution #2022-4 Public Grazing Funds Distribution 2022. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Superintendent Smith provided correspondence received from Mainelli Wagner regarding the Re-deck Project and stated that Jeff Wagner has recommended to award the bid to Simon Contractors. Dale Burkhead, Simon Contractors Project Manager, was present to answer questions from the Board.

Storer moved and Ward seconded to accept the low bid from Simon Contractors in the amount of \$215,140.00 for Cherry County 2022 Re-deck Project – (Lyons Bridge) Structure No. C001602105, with construction to commence on or before August 1, 2022. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried. Superintendent Smith confirmed that buyback bridge funds can be used for the project.

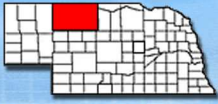
Superintendent Smith provided an update regarding North Kilgore Road patching, a landowner requesting maintenance, and wetlands delineation for Kennedy Road.

Commissioner DeNaeyer reported regarding the Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District meeting held to provide a progress update for the proposed Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Programs in Cherry County.

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

Cherry County Roads Superintendent Kent Lopez submitted a letter of resignation to the Board effective June 30, 2022. No Board action was required on the Cherry County Roads Superintendent Performance Review agenda item.

At 1:30 PM the Board opened sealed bids for the Cherry County Courthouse & Justice Center Camera and Recording System Project. Control Masters, Inc. submitted a bid totaling \$68,669.00 that complies with all requirements set forth in the Request for Proposal. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the proposal from Control Masters, Inc. as the low responsive bidder for the Cherry County Courthouse & Justice Center Camera and Recording System Project in the amount of \$68,669.00. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.



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The Board discussed the Noxious Weed Superintendent job description and time requirements. The Noxious Weed Control Act dictates certain requirements for said job description. Storer moved and Ward seconded to begin advertising for the Cherry County Noxious Weed Superintendent position immediately. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

At 2:02 PM the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization. At 2:19 PM the Board returned to regular session.

Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to declare the Brother Printer/Scanner U622889M1F305010 as surplus and authorize the acting Noxious Weed Superintendent to dispose of it as appropriate. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

Cherry County Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz met with the Board to provide an update regarding the installation of the Motorola dispatch consoles, Civil Air Patrol fire spotting, NEMA trainings and potential grants, and emergency personnel parking.

At 2:34 PM the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections. At 2:46 PM the Board returned to regular session.

The Board reviewed correspondence received from USPS Government Relations regarding the Kilgore Post Office.

Cherry County Attorney Eric Scott reviewed the CDBG Agreement and spoke with the Board regarding language contained in said agreement.

At 3:05 PM Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to enter executive session for the purposes of discussing a potential real estate purchase with the Board, Clerk, County Attorney, Visitors Promotion Board members: Greg Nollette, Rich Mercure, Anne Clark, Kim Epke, and Tourism Director Regina Osburn to be present. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 4:09 PM the meeting room doors were opened and the public was allowed to reenter. At 4:10 PM Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to return to open session. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and Storer seconded to approve the State of Nebraska Department of Economic Development Community Development Block Grant Agreement No. 21-TD-001 and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Storer. Abstain – Ward. The motion carried.

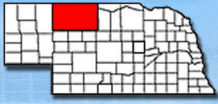
The Board spoke with Spencer Thomas, NOVO Benefits Account Executive, via telephone regarding the health insurance plan design and renewal. No Board action was taken regarding the health insurance renewal/plan design agenda item.

At 4:50 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES May 31, 2022

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on May 31, 2022 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published May 11, 2022 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 2:02 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 Brittney Petersen, Cherry County Treasurer Kathy Hammond, Cherry County Assessor Betty Daugherty, and Cherry County Deputy Assessor Jackie Moreland. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman Storer.



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

Assessor Daugherty provided information regarding a tax list correction to accelerate 2022 taxes for Property ID: 160249064. Ward moved and Storer seconded to approve tax list correction #2022-9 as presented by Assessor Daugherty and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

Assessor Daugherty informed the Board that Cherry County Hospital bought the property at 502 N Valentine Street and that it will be removed from the tax rolls. Appraisers will be available to the public regarding valuation changes on June 14th.

At 2:19 PM Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES May 31, 2022

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The Board reviewed and signed Payroll Change Notices as authorized by the Cherry County Justice Center pay scale and a notice of annual inspection on June 15, 2022 from Nebraska Jail Standards Board was reviewed. The Board discussed jail staffing issues. No Board action was taken.

At 2:46 PM Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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