

Cherry County Board Minutes



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

June 28, 2022

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on June 28, 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 regular meeting minutes from June 14, 2022 were read. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

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

Judy Petersen and Carla Kimball, both from Central Nebraska Economic Development District, met with the Board to present a Request for Release of Funds and Certification form for a CDBG tourism grant on behalf of Niobrara Valley Vineyards. No public comments regarding the publication of the notice of finding of no significant impact and notice of intent to request release of funds were received. The timing of the release of funds from the state was also discussed. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to authorize the Chairman to sign the Request for Release of Funds and Certification 21-TD-001 for the Niobrara Valley Vineyards Project. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Storer moved and Ward seconded to appoint Bailie Mills-Burress to the Cherry County Extension Board District 1 vacancy to a term set to expire on December 31, 2024. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

Storer moved and Ward seconded to designate the Nebraska State Print Shop as the printing service for the joint public hearing postcard notice due to LB644. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

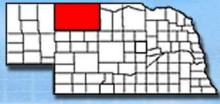
The Board met with NACO Benefit Services representative, Judd Allen, to discuss the county health insurance migration to BlueCross BlueShield. Mr. Allen reviewed employee meetings held, the open enrollment period, plan design options, and ambulance coverage. No Board action was taken.

Storer moved and Ward seconded to appoint Rex Gallino to the Cherry County Veterans Service Committee to a five-year term set to expire on June 30, 2027. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

Cherry County Emergency Manager Matt Sandoz met with the Board to discuss a draft Policy on Cooperation in Volunteer Emergency Services received from NIRMA, Cherry County's insurance provider. The usage of personal leave time for Cherry County employees who are first responders and the County's liability for employees who respond were discussed. No Board action was taken.

Cherry County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Road District 2 Foreman Doug Boyer, and Road District 3 Foreman Brent Collier met with the Board to discuss the construction schedule and signage requirements for the Lyons Bridge project, potential armor coat projects in District 2, and the balance of Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds. Superintendent Smith stated that it was confirmed with NDOT that the armor coat projects qualify for use of the highway STP funds. Storer moved and Ward seconded to approve the Simon Contractors Contract regarding Cherry County Deck Replacement C001602105 (Lyons Bridge) Project. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 11:35 AM Storer moved and Ward seconded to enter executive session for the purpose of salary negotiation, at the request of Doug Boyer, with the Board and Doug Boyer to be present. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.



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At 12:11 PM the Commissioners Meeting Room doors were opened and Clerk Petersen and the public were allowed to reenter the room. At 12:12 PM Storer moved and Ward seconded to come out of executive session. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to authorize Commissioner Ward to proceed with finalizing the terms and conditions of the Cherry County Road Superintendent’s employment to be presented at the next meeting. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:15 PM to 1:12 PM. The Board received comments from the public during the allotted time.

Ryan Benjamin, UNL Beef Educator, met with the Board to discuss Cherry County Extension budget requirements for the upcoming fiscal year and cost-of-living adjustments. Mr. Benjamin also stated that he has received numerous phone calls requesting a weed free forage certification due to the absence of a Noxious Weed Superintendent in Cherry County. Options for forage certification in the interim were discussed.

Cherry County Assessor Betty Daugherty and Cherry County Deputy Assessor Jackie Moreland met with the Board to discuss the two bids received from Central Plains Valuation, LLC and Lake Mac Assessment, LLC for residential revaluations in Cherry County. The timeline for completion of services, details of past performance by Central Plains Valuation, LLC, and feedback received from other counties regarding both companies were discussed. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the \$153,000 bid from Central Plains Valuation, LLC for the residential revaluations as the low bid, with the caveat that Assessor Daugherty will lay out her expectations for Central Plains Valuation, LLC and remind them of any past performance issues. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

From 2:28 PM to 2:55 PM the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization.

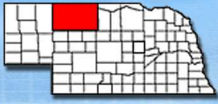
From 2:56 PM to 3:47 PM the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections.

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

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CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

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| Claims were presented in the amount of | \$ | 209,413.14 | . |
| and disallowed in the amount of | \$ | - | . |
| A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of | \$ | 209,413.14 | |
| GENERAL FUND | | | |
| AFLAC | Withholdings/Insurance | | \$2,235.25 |
| Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement | Withholdings/Retirement | | \$15,068.53 |
| Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental | Withholdings/Insurance | | \$2,785.24 |
| Applied Connective | Services | | \$1,912.00 |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield | Health Insurance Premiums | | \$14,820.26 |
| Cherry County Health Account | Health Claims Funding | | \$39,472.80 |
| Colonial Life | Supplemental Insurance Premiums | | \$4,203.07 |
| EFTPS | Withholdings/Taxes | | \$26,419.50 |
| Journal Entry | Void CK# 22068750 | | (\$384.00) |
| Holiday Inn Express-Grand Island | Lodging | | \$384.00 |
| Legal Shield | Withholding/Insurance | | \$27.90 |
| MassMutual | Withholdings/Retirement | | \$100.00 |
| NE Department of Revenue | Withholdings/Taxes | | \$3,691.15 |
| Office Products | Supplies | | \$196.07 |
| Vision Service Plan | Withholdings/Insurance | | \$562.61 |
| General Fund Payroll | Gross Wages & Salaries | | \$131,694.18 |
| | GROSS TOTAL | | \$243,188.56 |



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Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings (\$33,775.42)
NET TOTAL \$209,413.14

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **101,995.79** .
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$ **101,995.79**

ROAD FUND

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|------------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| AFLAC | Withholdings/Insurance | \$1,459.85 |
| Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement | Withholdings/Retirement | \$7,259.20 |
| Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental | Withholdings/Insurance | \$1,165.04 |
| Assurity Life Insurance Company | Withholdings/Insurance | \$14.50 |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield | Health Insurance Premiums | \$6,847.16 |
| Cherry County Health Account | Health Claim Funding | \$18,321.48 |
| Colonial Life | Supplemental Insurance Premiums | \$2,282.16 |
| EFTPS | Taxes/Withholdings | \$13,362.24 |
| Legal Shield | Services | \$110.65 |
| MassMutual | Withholdings/Retirement | \$300.00 |
| NE Department of Revenue | Taxes/Withholdings | \$1,903.14 |
| Vision Service Plan | Withholdings/Insurance | \$186.77 |
| Road Fund Payroll | Gross Wages & Salaries | \$66,110.14 |
| | GROSS TOTAL | \$119,322.33 |
| | Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings | (\$17,326.54) |
| | NET TOTAL | \$101,995.79 |

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **5,577.98** .
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of \$ **5,577.98**

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

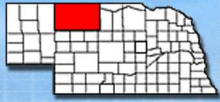
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| AFLAC | Withholdings/Insurance | 97.37 |
| Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement | Withholdings/Retirement | \$425.02 |
| Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental | Withholdings/Insurance | \$54.28 |
| EFTPS | Taxes/Withholdings | \$985.49 |
| NE Department of Revenue | Taxes/Withholdings | \$113.20 |
| Vision Service Plan | Withholdings/Insurance | \$28.17 |
| Visitors Promotion Fund Payroll | Gross Wages & Salaries | \$4,955.48 |
| | GROSS TOTAL | \$6,659.01 |
| | Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings | (\$1,081.03) |
| | NET TOTAL | \$5,577.98 |

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **110,492.50** .
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Improvement Fund in the amount of \$ **110,492.50**

VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND

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| Sandhills Title Company | Real Estate Purchase | \$ 110,492.50 |
| | TOTAL | \$110,492.50 |

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **106,667.67** .
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of \$ **106,667.67**



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HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

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| Cherry County Clerk | Health Insurance Claims | \$16,821.27 |
| Novo | Termination Fees | \$71,850.24 |
| Meritain | Termination Fees | \$17,996.16 |
| | TOTAL | \$106,667.67 |

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ (2,220.00) .
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Covid American Rescue Plan Fund in the amount of \$ (2,220.00)

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

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| Journal Entry | Void CK# 22058657 | (\$2,220.00) |
| | TOTAL | -\$2,220.00 |

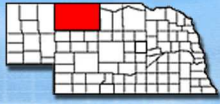
Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 7,740.39 .
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ 7,740.39

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

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| Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement | Withholdings/Retirement | \$562.59 |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield | Health Insurance Premiums | \$495.62 |
| Cherry County Health Account | Health Claim Funding | \$1,490.28 |
| Colonial Life | Supplemental Insurance Premiums | \$145.20 |
| EFTPS | Taxes/Withholdings | \$994.21 |
| Journal Entry | Refund | (\$4.00) |
| 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 | \$8,865.01 |
| | Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings | (\$1,124.62) |
| | NET TOTAL | \$7,740.39 |

At 3:49 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES June 30, 2022

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on June 30, 2022 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published June 8, 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 2:28 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, 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.

The Board conducted property valuation protest hearings.

Protest #422-22-0001 for Property ID: 160649203 was filed by Luke Moser, who was not in attendance. Assessor Daugherty stated that her recommendation of lowering the assessed value to \$1,535,689 was based on a functional factor change for a discount store with the purchase price for a "dark store" taken into consideration. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept Assessor Daugherty's recommendation for property valuation protest #422-22-001 from June 9, 2022 and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

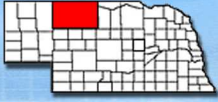
Assessor Daugherty provided information for a tax list correction due a homestead exemption audit by the Department of Revenue for Property ID: 160005493. Storer moved and Ward seconded to approve tax list correction #2019-20 as presented by Assessor Daugherty. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Assessor Daugherty presented the Report of Overvalued, Undervalued, and Omitted Property for Tax Year 2022 and an overview of the corrections contained therein. Ward moved and Storer seconded to approve the Report of Overvalued, Undervalued, and Omitted Property as presented by Assessor Daugherty. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

Treasurer Hammond presented two Applications for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes by Qualifying Nonprofit Organizations (Form 457) received from Berean Bible Church. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the Applications for Exemption from Berean Bible Church for their 1986 Chevy bus and 2014 Chevy van and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

At 2:55 PM Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES June 28, 2022

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Administrator Hesse spoke to the Board regarding information sent previously for the revision of the Justice Center pay scale. Staff census, neighboring county pay rates for jail employees, and budgetary impacts were discussed.

Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to amend the Justice Center pay scale to increase the starting wage to \$16 per hour and remove the increases for the completion of training. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Administrator Hesse provided a maintenance agreement for the LiveScan fingerprint machine. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the IDEMIA Identity & Security USA LLC maintenance and support agreement extension and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

Payroll Change Notices as authorized by the Cherry County Justice Center Pay Scale were reviewed and signed by the Board. The potential donation of sick or vacation time to another staff member was discussed. The Cherry County Employee Policy currently does not allow for such donation.

At 3:47 PM Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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