

Cherry County Board Minutes



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

July 26, 2022

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on July 26, 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 meeting minutes from July 12, 2022 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Ward seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from July 12, 2022 were read. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

Cherry County Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle presented the Board with a Request for Extension of Zoning Resolution applied for by Leonard Danielski regarding Resolution #Z-85 approving Conditional Use Permit #001/20 Danielski Harvesting & Farming LLC/Valentine Feeders Swine Facility. Administrator Coyle outlined Section 1010 of the Cherry County Zoning Regulations that allow for an extension of the time originally granted from the approval of the conditional use permit. Mr. Danielski stated that supply chain issues due to COVID 19 was the reason for the Request for Extension. Discussion was had regarding supply chain disruptions experienced locally. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to find good cause to extend Resolution #Z-85 for CUP #001/20 to March 9, 2026. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Cherry County residents, Sherry Bacon and Janine Holmes, were present to discuss voter integrity/registration and mail-in ballots concerns. Discussion was had in regard to voter rolls and the powers of the Board regarding voting by mail. Clerk Petersen responded to concerns voiced. Commissioner Storer requested formulation of a resolution in support of in-person voting and voter id for the Board to consider. No Board action was taken.

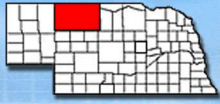
Cherry County Road Supervisor Doug Boyer met with the Board to update them regarding the Lyons Bridge project timeline, road maintenance completion and requests, upcoming armor coat projects on Goose Creek Road and West Dry Valley Road, a new road department employee, and employee handbook review progress.

The Board reviewed agreements received from Blue Cross Blue Shield. Clerk Petersen stated that they had been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to authorize the Chairman to sign the Blue Cross Blue Shield HIPAA Business Associate Agreement. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried. DeNaeyer moved and Ward seconded to authorize the Chairman to sign the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska Confidentiality and Nondisclosure Agreement. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

Clerk Petersen and Treasurer Hammond discussed their experiences with Contryman Associates regarding audit services rendered to Cherry County. The engagement letter includes language to remove Cherry County liability for any costs or expenses to Contryman Associates in the event of an audit conducted by the Auditor of Public Accounts for the State of Nebraska. DeNaeyer moved and Ward seconded to approve the Contryman Associates, P.C. 2021-2022 fiscal year audit engagement letter and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Applications received for Noxious Weed Control Superintendent were briefly discussed. Storer moved and Ward seconded to authorize Commissioner DeNaeyer to conduct interviews with the Noxious Weed Control Superintendent applicants and bring a recommendation to the Board on August 9, 2022. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

Cherry County Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz met with the Board to discuss options and functionalities regarding a potential timeclock system for county employees. No Board action was taken on the Courthouse Time Clock System agenda item.



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Changes to the Cherry County Policy on Cooperation in Volunteer Emergency Services regarding the volunteer agency's acquisition of liability once an employee is dispatched, unless they are rendering aid on behalf of Cherry County at the request of a local fire department, were discussed. There was no Board action on the agenda item regarding the Cherry County Policy on Cooperation in Volunteer Emergency Services at this time pending review by the County Attorney and implementation of a time clock system.

Director Sandoz presented a Deputy to Cherry County Emergency Management job description to the Board and outlined situations that would present a need for the addition of said position. The possibility of combining the job with other part-time positions currently in place in the county and the potential for additional grant opportunities were also discussed. Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to move forward with the development of the Deputy Emergency Management position to include job description and hiring procedures. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

Director Sandoz stated that the SEAT plane has been used quite a bit recently and that it didn't qualify for the Forest Service grant opportunity that was discussed at the previous meeting. The Board requested that options for funding also be explored through the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund.

A Livestock Demand Analysis from Central Nebraska Economic Development District was reviewed by the Board.

The Board recessed for lunch from 11:55 AM to 1:05 PM.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

From 2:00 PM to 2:17 PM the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization.

Payroll change notices for road employees due to a CDL completion and a promotion were reviewed and signed by the Board.

From 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections.

The Board reviewed the Meritain Health, Inc. Administrative Services Agreement and Amendment and the Novo Benefits, LLC Client Services Agreement and Amendment. Claim #22079140 payable to Meritain Health from the Employee Health Insurance Claim Fund was adjusted from \$23,132.36 to \$3,499.44.

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

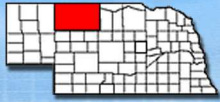
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CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	226,109.98	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$		226,109.98

GENERAL

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,381.93
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$14,985.94
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,110.92
Robert Bobek	Prior Service	\$84.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$44,883.20
Lila Churchill	Prior Service	\$60.00
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$4,553.80
Betty Coupland	Prior Service	\$132.00
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$26,465.39
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$25,463.40
Legal Shield	Withholding/Insurance	\$27.90
Margaret Lutter	Prior Service	\$72.00
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$100.00



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NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$3,705.45
Zale Quible	Prior Service	\$84.00
Gloria Ritchey	Prior Service	\$180.00
Cardmember Service	Reimbursement	\$45.93
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$551.46
General Fund Payroll	Gross Salaries & Wages	\$133,408.18
	GROSS TOTAL	\$260,295.50
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$34,185.52)
	NET TOTAL	\$226,109.98

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	108,705.21	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$ 108,705.21

ROAD

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,399.40
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$7,302.28
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,382.16
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$19,811.76
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$2,309.90
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$13,377.91
Merle Ford	Prior Service	\$300.00
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$11,284.38
Legal Shield	Services	\$101.70
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,915.24
Vernon Shears	Prior Service	\$72.00
Charles Smith	Prior Service	\$288.00
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$186.77
Jim Weisbeck	Prior Service	\$192.00
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Salaries & Wages	\$66,060.99
	GROSS TOTAL	\$126,298.99
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$17,593.78)
	NET TOTAL	\$108,705.21

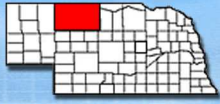
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	5,658.72	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of			\$ 5,658.72

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	\$996.97
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$114.89
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$28.17
Visitors Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$5,030.48
	GROSS TOTAL	\$6,747.18
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,088.46)
	NET TOTAL	\$5,658.72

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	15,905.26	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of			\$ 15,905.26

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND



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Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$12,405.82
Meritain	Runout Claims Administration	\$3,499.44
	TOTAL	\$15,905.26

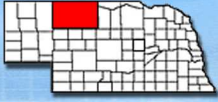
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	8,094.17	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of	\$	8,094.17	

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$845.40
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	\$9,218.79
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,124.62)
	NET TOTAL	\$8,094.17

At 4:30 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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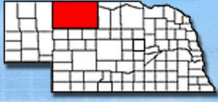
The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on July 26, 2022 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published July 6, 2022 in the Valentine Midland News, with the agenda being on file in the office of the County Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 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, and Cherry County Assessor Betty Daugherty. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman Storer.

Assessor Daugherty presented the Board with the 2022 Cherry County Cemeteries Report and the Cherry County 2022 Plan of Assessment for their review.

Assessor Daugherty presented a contract for property appraisal from Central Plains Valuation, LLC for year one of a two-year residential valuation project. Assessor Daugherty informed the Board that the contract met her requirements and the County Attorney had reviewed and had no objections to said contract. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the contract for property appraisal services on behalf of Cherry County between the Cherry County Assessor and Central Plains Valuation. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 2:17 PM Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES July 26, 2022

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met as a Board of Corrections on July 26, 2022 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published July 6, 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 2:30 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, and Cherry County Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman Storer.

The Board reviewed and signed Payroll Change Notices, as authorized by the Cherry County Justice Center Pay Scale, and a Sign-on Bonus authorization. The Board discussed the Jail Standards Inspection Report from the June 15, 2022 inspection of the Cherry County Jail with comments including a need for increasing staffing numbers on an otherwise compliant inspection.

Justice Center staffing issues, fiscal year-end budgetary amounts, staff trainings completed, PREA certification requirements, and employee incentives, including longevity pay, night & weekend differential pay, and schedule restructuring, were discussed. The Board requested that Administrator Hesse calculate the fiscal impact of the longevity and differential pay incentives prior to a decision. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding the Justice Center Pay Scale.

At 3:30 PM Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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