



Cherry County Board Minutes



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

September 27, 2022

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on September 27, 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, and Cherry County Clerk Brittany Longcor. Commissioner James Ward had an excused absence. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman Storer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioners meeting minutes from September 13, 2022 were read. Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer. Absent – Ward. The motion carried.

Judd Allen and Mike Boden, NACO Benefit Services, met with the Board to discuss cash in lieu, Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA), and supplemental insurance options. The process and time requirements for the implementation of a cash in lieu program were discussed. Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to authorize NACO to move forward with a cash in lieu program offered to all benefit-eligible employees, with a \$400 employee-only cash option and up to \$800 for employee-plus-dependents cash option, effective November 1, 2022. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Storer. Absent – Ward. The motion carried.

Cherry County Road Supervisor Doug Boyer and Cherry County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith met with the Board to provide an update regarding road overlay completion, armor coat projects, and the purchase of rock, millings, and equipment. Supervisor Boyer also provided an update regarding the delivery of purchased road groomers and a leased motor grader.

Cherry County Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz updated the Board regarding the dispatch console switch, Optk Quote, employee timeclock, and progress on the LEOP. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding the Optk Quote.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:07 PM to 1:15 PM.

The Board received comments from the public during the allotted time.

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

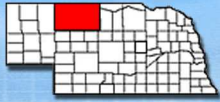
September 30, 2022

CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	217,631.30	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$	217,631.30	

GENERAL

Accelerated Receivables Solutions	Withholding/Garnishment	\$517.43
AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,333.96
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$15,980.60
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,605.72
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding	\$2,000.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$37,293.94
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$4,554.53
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$28,552.57
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$12,330.42
Legal Shield	Withholding/Insurance	\$27.90
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$100.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$4,158.82



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Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$506.27
General Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$142,992.34
	GROSS TOTAL	\$253,954.50
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$36,323.20)
	NET TOTAL	\$217,631.30

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	99,305.87	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$ 99,305.87

ROAD

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,459.85
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$7,168.81
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,273.60
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$935.00
Cherry County Treasurer	Withholding/Garnishment	\$93.06
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$18,412.40
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$2,309.90
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$12,889.68
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$5,853.54
Legal Shield	Services	\$101.70
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,848.84
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$186.77
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$63,722.55
	GROSS TOTAL	\$116,570.20
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$17,264.33)
	NET TOTAL	\$99,305.87

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	5,779.82	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of			\$ 5,779.82

Visitors Promotion Fund

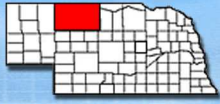
AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$425.02
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$54.28
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,014.17
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$118.19
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$28.17
Visitors Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$5,142.98
	GROSS TOTAL	\$6,880.18
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,100.36)
	NET TOTAL	\$5,779.82

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	27,348.54	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of			\$ 27,348.54

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$27,348.54
	TOTAL	\$27,348.54

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	11,112.96	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of			\$ 11,112.96



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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$721.97
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$108.56
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$110.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$2,835.92
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$145.20
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,265.88
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$845.40
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$186.66
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$28.17
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$6,417.50
	GROSS TOTAL	\$12,665.26
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,552.30)
	NET TOTAL	\$11,112.96

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 2:03 PM to 2:05 PM.

The Board and Clerk Longcor toured the Cherry County Justice Center from 2:06 PM to 2:29 PM.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 2:38 PM to 2:59 PM.

At 3:00 PM, as advertised in the Valentine Midland News on September 21, 2022, Chairman Storer opened the public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2022-2023 Cherry County Budget. Clerk Longcor outlined key provisions of the proposed budget and compared tax request and operating budgets per fund to the prior year's budget. John Ravenscroft and Sherri Bacon provided observations regarding the proposed budget. At 3:29 PM Chairman Storer closed the hearing.

At 3:30 PM, as advertised in the Valentine Midland News on September 21, 2022, Chairman Storer opened the special hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request. Sherri Bacon expressed support regarding the property tax request remaining the same as the prior year. At 3:31 PM Chairman Storer closed the hearing.

RESOLUTION #2022-8

ALLOWABLE INCREASE OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

WHEREAS Nebraska Revised Statute 13-519 provides that no governmental unit shall adopt a budget containing a total of budgeted restricted funds more than last prior year's total of budgeted restricted funds plus allowable growth and plus the basic allowable growth percentage of the base limitations; and

WHEREAS the base limitation established under Section 77-3446 is two and one-half percent; and

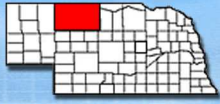
WHEREAS a governmental unit may exceed the limit provided for a fiscal year, by up to an additional one percent, based on the affirmative vote of at least seventy-five percent of the governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Cherry County Board of Commissioners, by a majority affirmative vote exceeding 75 percent, resolves to approve an additional one percent increase to the base amount for restricted funds authority; for a total increase of three and one-half percent in the restricted funds authority for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to adopt Resolution #2022-8 Allowable Increase of Restricted Funds. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer. Absent – Ward. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022-9

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST



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WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provide that the Governing Body of CHERRY County passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of CHERRY County resolves that:

1. The 2022-2023 property tax request be set at:

General Fund	\$2,052,200.00
Road Fund	\$1,957,575.00
Emergency Bridge Fund	\$100,000.00
Bookmobile Fund	\$43,700.00
Emergency Management Fund	\$77,600.00
Courthouse Fund	\$70,000.00
Hospital Fund	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,351,075.00

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year’s total assessed value by 3.89 percent.

3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.197334 per \$100 of assessed value.

4. CHERRY County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.197334 per \$100 of assessed value.

5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Cherry County will decrease last year’s budget by 24.61 percent.

6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2022.

DeNaeyer moved and Storer seconded to adopt Resolution #2022-9 Resolution Setting the Property Tax Request. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Storer. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2022-10
CHERRY COUNTY BUDGET DOCUMENT
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS**

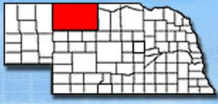
WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 21st day of September 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cherry County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Cherry County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities, and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.



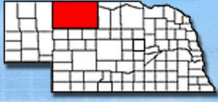
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Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to adopt Resolution #2022-10 Cherry County Budget Document Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer. Absent – Ward. The motion carried.

At 3:53 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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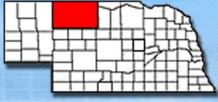


BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES September 27, 2022

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There was no business to come before the Board. At 2:05 PM Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES September 27, 2022

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met as a Board of Corrections on September 27, 2022 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published September 14, 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 2:38 PM by Chairman Storer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Tanya Storer, Martin DeNaeyer, Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor, and Cherry County Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse. Commissioner James Ward had an excused absence. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman Storer.

Administrator Hesse updated the Board regarding the jail census and employee census and expressed concerns regarding the lack of a medical provider for the jail.

At 2:59 PM Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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