

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

August 8, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on August 8, 2023 in the 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 a.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioners meeting minutes from July 25, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from July 25, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye - DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from July 25, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye - McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Jay Jenkins, UNL Extension Engagement Zone Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss the old Courthouse building and moisture & air quality issues. The intended temporary use of the building for office space, purchasing a commercial air purifier, and the need to plan for a long-term solution were discussed. Commissioner DeNaeyer will coordinate with a local business to potentially determine the source of the issues.

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith spoke with the Board regarding an agreement between Cherry County and Richard Minor for reimbursing the County for 50% of the consulting, engineering, design, construction, and professional costs of the Snake River remediation efforts. The agreement was received from County Attorney Eric Scott who negotiated for said agreement on behalf of the County. All Board members stated that they had spoken to Mr. Scott individually regarding the agreement. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the Site Access and Reimbursement Agreement with Richard Minor. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Superintendent Smith updated the Board regarding the Kennedy Road milling project and potentially armor coating said road, a projected start date in early September for the N Cody Rd & N Kilgore Rd armor coat projects, upcoming surplus auction on Purple Wave, District #1 has received a front-end loader with a lease-purchase option, and washout damage and repair of Merritt Dam Road.

DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to declare as surplus a 2016 homemade 4-wheel tilt bed trailer VIN: NET1036550. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz and Deputy Emergency Manager Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding the North Central 911 region, GeoComm and Solacom dispatcher training, Weather Service communication updates, Courtroom audio issues, Salamander training completion, Rapid Tag grant, and EM assistance at the Cherry County Fair and Cherry County Fly-In.

Noxious Weed Superintendent Dave Leonard updated the Board regarding control efforts of leafy spurge, the prevalence of purple loosestrife this year, certification of weed-free forage for several producers, Cowboy Trail spraying by Game & Parks, repairs needed for the spray pickup, and an upcoming conference in O'Neill for the leafy spurge working task force. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to authorize Dave to have the necessary repairs completed to make the noxious weed pickup roadworthy, with repairs to be paid out of the Inheritance Tax Fund. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Dates and notification requirements for a special meeting to conduct a budget workshop were discussed. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to set a special meeting for the budget workshop to be on Wednesday, August 16th at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Clerk Longcor reviewed the process and statutes for preliminary requests for levy authority received from Cherry County political subdivisions. Commissioner McConaughy stated that he is the Treasurer and budget preparer for Merriman Rural Fire District so he would abstain from voting. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to adopt Resolution #2023-06 Political Subdivision Levy Authority. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson. Abstain – McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of District Court fee report for July 2023, Treasurer's fund balance listing for July 31, 2023, Operating Statement report of budget v. actual spending for July 31, 2023, Visitors Promotion June 2023 minutes, and a Thank You received from the Miles of Smiles Program.

Clerk Longcor provided the Board with preliminary tax request amounts and budget requests received from county departments. Potential uses of grant funds, additional revenue necessary to pay for the road bond and increases to health insurance premiums, and the timing of certification of values were discussed.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:09 p.m. to 12:59 p.m.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

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

August 8, 2023 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$		81,588.41	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$		-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of				\$ 81,588.41

GENERAL

Applied Connective Technologies	Services	\$5,772.49
Black Hills Chemical	Services	\$410.74
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$254.77
Michael Borders	Services	\$977.88
Centurylink	Telephone Service	\$193.98
Centurylink	Telephone Service	\$3,448.48
Cherry County Court	Services	\$85.00
Cherry County Sheriff	Services	\$347.66
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees	\$5.00
Rhonda Cherry	Mileage	\$72.12
Circle K Motor Company	Services	\$385.43
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service	\$316.18
Consolidated Management Company	Services	\$641.75
CVSOAN Treasurer, Tom Reimers	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$60.00
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services	\$448.00
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services	\$83.54
Lorana Eggert	Reimbursement	\$119.44
Firstnet/AT&T	Services	\$652.13

Galls Parent Holding LLC	Services	\$472.43
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$100.00
The Gun Cabinet	Supplies	\$412.50
Timothy Hanson	Reimbursement	\$2,636.75
Heart City Drug	Supplies	\$156.33
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$337.99
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$8,646.42
Huskerland Communications	Services	\$9.99
Interstate All Battery Center	Supplies	\$161.25
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Supplies	\$6,769.43
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,142.64
Dave Leonard	Reimbursement	\$70.00
Madison's Great Western	Supplies	\$43.88
Marco Technologies LLC	Services	\$194.69
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$136.00
Midwest Connect	Services	\$54.00
MIPS	Services	\$3,776.62
NACO	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$300.00
Nebraska Assn of County Clerks	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$50.00
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$960.00
Nextoner	Supplies	\$92.59
NK Waste Management	Services	\$368.00
North Central District Health Dept	Services	\$2,008.00
North Central Nebraska RC&D	Services	\$200.00
North Platte Telegraph	Services	\$77.66
Office Products	Supplies	\$1,875.46
Albert Osburn	Reimbursement	\$380.00
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Supplies	\$206.80
Paper Tiger Shredding	Services	\$130.00
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$100.00
PIP Marketing Signs Print	Supplies	\$239.48
Pit Stall	Services	\$105.92
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$4,381.61
Presto-X	Services	\$103.73
Quadient Leasing USA	Services	\$1,587.80
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$2,500.00
Region IV	Services	\$2,626.00
Ron Lower Construction	Services	\$100.00
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$207.18
Amanda Schell	Mileage	\$98.60
Becky Schrunk	Services	\$80.00
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$289.85
Cardmember Service	Supplies	\$52.60
Sennett, Duncan, Jenkins & Wickham	Services	\$9,059.65
Samuel Spain	Mileage	\$50.00
True Value	Supplies	\$44.33
UNL Panhandle Research & Extension	Services	\$416.16
US Cellular	Services	\$88.45
USPS	Services	\$300.00
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$859.72
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$5,541.68
Ward Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$1,045.48
Western Oil/Conoco	Fuel/Car Wash	\$125.26

Wex Bank	Fuel	\$1,983.12
Erick Wickman	Reimbursement	\$100.77
Wrenched Tire & Auto LLC	Services	\$457.00
	Total	\$81,588.41

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 153,829.05
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$ 153,829.05

ROAD

Andersen & Sons Napa Auto Parts	Supplies	\$244.50
B's Enterprises Inc	Services	\$12,072.00
Bacon Repair	Services	\$5,273.11
Big State Industrial Supply	Supplies	\$668.94
Bill's Garage	Services	\$568.75
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$1,136.52
Douglas Boyer	Reimbursement	\$342.07
Cherry County Clinic	Services	\$28.00
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$196.77
Circle K Motor Company	Services	\$3,918.77
Cody Oil	Services	\$3,876.08
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$284.11
Cornhusker International	Services	\$3,911.26
Crossroads Auto Repair Specialist	Services	\$56.85
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$125.52
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
DAS State ACCTG Central Finance	Services	\$1,000.00
Dooley Oil Inc	Services	\$35.46
Flat Creek Construction	Services	\$32,306.60
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$316.09
Grimm's Pump & Industrial Supply	Services	\$648.57
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$4,626.47
Hoefs Skidloader Works LLC	Services	\$1,974.00
Hometown Lumber	Supplies	\$256.53
Hooker County Tribune	Services	\$25.00
Hooker Truck & Trailer LLC	Services	\$840.00
Inland Truck Parts Company	Supplies	\$360.52
J&J Trailer Sales LLC	Services	\$50.00
JEBRO	Services	\$42,212.87
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$320.64
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$1,471.17
L&L Gravel	Services	\$4,308.60
Martin Auto Parts II	Services	\$251.34
Mathis Equipment	Services	\$65.00
Medical Enterprises	Services	\$35.00
Village of Merriman	Services	\$124.43
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Services	\$38.43
Village of Mullen	Services	\$129.00
Nebraska Dept of Correctional Service	Supplies	\$6,500.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$54.51
Nebraska Truck Center	Services	\$912.92
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$6,041.10

NK Waste Management	Services	\$345.00
Office Products Center	Supplies	\$49.79
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Supplies	\$280.94
The Parts Company	Supplies	\$364.97
Perrett Construction	Services	\$701.82
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$40.00
Pit Stall	Services	\$2,268.88
Powerplan	Services	\$891.03
Prema	Services	\$64.63
Sandhill Oil Company Inc	Services	\$7,810.32
Tehrani Motor Company	Services	\$2,254.55
Thedford Lumber & Supply	Services	\$537.24
US Cellular	Services	\$106.23
City of Valentine	Services	\$204.95
Vinton Feed Store	Supplies	\$80.00
3s Fabrication & Repair	Services	\$13.50
	TOTAL	\$153,829.05

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	2,362.45	.
and disallowed in the amount of			.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Bridge Fund in the amount of	\$		2,362.45
Emergency Bridge			
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$	2,362.45
	TOTAL		\$2,362.45

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	5,899.75	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Highway Street/Bridge Buyback Fund in the amount of	\$		5,899.75
Highway Street/Bridge Buyback			
D&L Sand & Gravel	Services	\$	2,927.00
Hoefs Skidloader Works, LLC	Services	\$	2,972.75
	TOTAL		\$5,899.75

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	8,290.22	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of	\$		8,290.22
VISITOR PROMOTION			
Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities	Grant		\$4,000.00
Cox/Johnson Corporation	Services		\$430.00
Great Plains Communications	Services		\$182.22
Henderson's IGA	Supplies		\$26.62
Holloman Media	Services		\$360.00
Kelo TV	Services		\$2,540.00
KVSH	Services		\$300.00
NK Waste Management	Services		\$89.00
Valentine Rotary Club	Dues/Fees/Training		\$102.00
City of Valentine	Services		\$260.38
	TOTAL		\$8,290.22

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	19,638.33	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Employee Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of	\$		19,638.33
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS			

Cherry County Clerk		Health Insurance Claims	\$19,638.33
		TOTAL	\$19,638.33

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	10,085.08	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of			\$

BOOKMOBILE			
Thomas County Library		Bookmobile	\$ 658.00
Valentine Public Library		Bookmobile	\$9,427.08
		TOTAL	\$ 10,085.08

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	59,106.20	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Grant Fund in the amount of			\$

GRANT FUND			
Niobrara Valley Vineyards LLC		Grant	\$59,106.20
		TOTAL	\$59,106.20

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	68,669.00	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Covid American Rescue Plan Fund in the amount of			\$

COVID ARPF			
Control Masters		Services	\$68,669.00
		TOTAL	\$68,669.00

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	9,509.02	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of			\$

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			
Century Link		Services	\$254.20
HM Life Insurance		Health Insurance Funding	\$667.64
Huskerland Communications		Supplies	\$5,821.78
KBR Rural Public Power		Services	\$94.99
Office Products		Supplies	\$84.49
Prema		Services	\$85.92
Regroup		Services	\$2,500.00
		TOTAL	\$9,509.02

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	6,122.50	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of			\$

INHERITANCE TAX			
Houghton Bradford Whitted PC		Services	\$5,565.00
Niobrara Valley Consultants		Services	\$450.00
Woods & Aitken LLP		Services	\$107.50
		TOTAL	\$6,122.50

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	3,721.58	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of			\$

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)			
Geo Comm Inc		Services	\$1,356.90
Great Plains Communications Inc		Services	\$26.52

OPTK Networks	Services	\$303.06
Solacom Technologies	Services	\$2,035.10
	TOTAL	\$3,721.58

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 20,172.09 .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of \$ 20,172.09

911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)

Geo Comm	Services	\$7,689.10
Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$146.56
OPTK Networks	Services	\$1,652.14
Solacom Technologies	Services	\$10,684.29
	TOTAL	\$20,172.09

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 2,165.42 .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Courthouse (Special Building) Fund in the amount of \$ 2,165.42

Courthouse (Special Building)

Hand's Lawn Service	Services	\$2,165.42
	TOTAL	\$2,165.42

Tom Davis, Cort Dewing, Ruben Miller, Superintendent Smith, and District #3 Foreman Brent Collier met with the Board to discuss Anderson Bridge and Anderson Bridge Road. The most recent fracture critical bridge inspection and load rating of said bridge were discussed. Superintendent Smith stated that if the bridge were rebuilt on the same abutments, it wouldn't meet new construction requirements. Machinery and material to repair the road on the north side of the bridge and routes to get the machinery to the site were discussed. The Board requested that Superintendent Smith obtain cost estimates for an alternate route for Anderson Bridge Road, designing a new bridge, and construction of a new bridge. Commissioner McConaughey will inspect the site and the Board agreed that material to repair the road will be provided. Mr. Davis and Mr. Miller agreed to use their own equipment to move the material from a stockpile site. No Board action was taken.

The Board, Clerk Longcor, and Brian Perrett toured the old Courthouse building from 2:33 p.m. to 2:54 p.m.

At 2:55 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

These minutes are not the official record and may be corrected. A copy of the approved, official minutes is available to the public in the Cherry County Clerk's Office.