

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

September 26, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on September 26, 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 Corrections regular meeting minutes from September 12, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Building & Grounds Superintendent Pat Greenough met with the Board to discuss amounts budgeted for wages, years of service, and hours worked. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to set the Building & Grounds Superintendent's wage to \$22.50 per hour, effective September 18, 2023. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith provided the Board with quotes from Husker Steel for the replacement of the Elsmere Rd Bridge over Goose Creek and a wing extension for the Seneca Rd Bridge over the North Loup River. The Board requested that Superintendent Smith get the Elsmere Rd Bridge load rated to see if it does need to be replaced and for plans to be drawn up for bid letting of the Seneca Rd Bridge wing extension. Both projects would qualify for use of the Bridge Buyback funds.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding a delay in the striping of N Kilgore Rd, breakdown issues for two loaders and an International semi, mix design is complete for District #3 to begin mixing, there is more equipment to be declared surplus, and the possibility of acquiring more millings. Superintendent Smith and Supervisor Boyer informed the Board that signing had been evaluated and upgraded on S Cody Rd due to heavy truck traffic and that all Districts need signing upgraded.

Nebraska Registered Land Surveyor Lloyd Smith presented the Board with a Replat of "Block 1, Snake River Homesites" in Sections 14 & 15, T32N, R30W, Cherry County, NE. Mr. Smith explained that replat had been requested by the owner because of the relocation of a road and identification of a trail road. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Replat of "Block 1, Snake River Homesites" and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a contract extension received from Keith Marvin for consultant services. The Board spoke with Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle via telephone regarding said contract. There was no Board action taken on the Marvin Planning Consultants Contract Extension agenda item.

Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz updated the Board regarding an SRS radio grant, satellite phone costs, Motorola dispatch consoles project, GeoComm mapping is complete in Keya Paha County, and the hazard mitigation plan update meetings will be starting soon.

The Board reviewed correspondence received from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy regarding Valentine Feeders CAFO.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:13 p.m. to 12:55 p.m.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:18 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.

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

September 29, 2023 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	239,022.64	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of			\$ 239,022.64

GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance		\$3,280.90
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement		\$17,666.35
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance		\$2,832.30
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding		\$2,212.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding		\$39,070.50
Credit Management Services Inc	Withholdings/Garnishment		\$643.06
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes		\$30,689.52
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding		\$22,038.45
Journal Entry	Void Ck#23081688		(\$161.25)
Journal Entry	Refund		(\$60.82)
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding		\$2,950.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes		\$4,607.78
Quadient Leasing	Postage		\$308.21
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance		\$517.90
General Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries		\$151,684.89
	GROSS TOTAL		\$278,279.79
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings		(\$39,257.15)
	NET TOTAL		\$239,022.64

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	168,717.30	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$ 168,717.30

ROAD FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance		\$1,697.87
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement		\$8,432.18
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance		\$1,285.68
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance		\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding		\$935.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding		\$18,781.54
Cornhusker International	Services		\$11,793.39
Credit Management	Garnishment		\$289.38
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings		\$15,318.50
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding		\$10,680.65
Journal Entry	Void Ck# 23092183		(\$3,100.08)
Legal Shield	Services		\$101.70
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement		\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding		\$1,350.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings		\$2,251.56
Northern Tool	Supplies		\$697.96
Panhandle Collection/Dawes County	Withholding/Garnishment		\$400.09

Sandhill Oil	Services	\$41,251.98
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$202.99
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$76,129.50
	GROSS TOTAL	\$188,814.39
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$20,097.09)
	NET TOTAL	\$168,717.30

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	5,867.09	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of	\$		5,867.09

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$578.12
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$56.46
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,009.24
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$138.54
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Visitors Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$5,138.87
	GROSS TOTAL	\$7,050.44
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,183.35)
	NET TOTAL	\$5,867.09

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	8,867.05	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of	\$		8,867.05

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$8,867.05
	TOTAL	\$8,867.05

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	10,659.90	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of	\$		10,659.90

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	9.43
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$739.97
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$112.92
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$55.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$1,417.96
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,513.58
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$756.52
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$100.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$244.43
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$63.68
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$7,377.56
	GROSS TOTAL	\$12,391.05
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,731.15)
	NET TOTAL	\$10,659.90

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:30 p.m. to 2:32 p.m.

At 2:33 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer opened the public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2023-2024 Cherry County budget. Anne Warren

had questions concerning the funds contained in the COVID American Rescue Plan Fund. Catherine Morris had questions concerning the Inheritance Tax Fund revenues and actual vs requested operating expense amounts. At 3:07 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer closed the public hearing.

Clerk Longcor reviewed the calculation of restricted funds authority, interlocal agreement lid exceptions, and unused restricted funds authority.

DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to adopt Resolution #2023-08 Allowable Increase of Restricted Funds. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Clerk Longcor informed the Board that the budget software had a rounding issue that caused the levy published in the hearing notice to be incorrect by .000001. After manual calculation, the error was corrected and the resolution contains the correct levy of .193390.

McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to adopt Resolution #2023-09 Resolution Setting the 2023 Property Tax Request. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to adopt Resolution # 2023-10 Cherry County Budget Document Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

At 3:30 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

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The Board reviewed a Notice of Appeal from the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission and the 2023 Reports and Opinions of the Property Tax Administrator – Cherry County. There was no business to come before the Board.

At 1:20 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

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Administrator Hesse, Clerk Longcor, Payroll Clerk Billie Brockley, and Dispatch Sergeant Gary Jackson met with the Board to discuss the overtime calculation period and issues caused with scheduling, 8-hour vs 12-hour shifts, 207(k) exemption qualification, flexibility for covering shifts, and functionality of the TimeClock Plus system. Administrator Hesse requested that the Board indefinitely postpone the switch from a 28-day to a 7-day period for overtime calculation. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to change the effective date for the Justice Center overtime calculation period to be November 13, 2023 at 12:00 a.m., with necessary legal clarification from the County Attorney. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy. No – Nelson. The motion carried.

There was no discussion or Board action taken on the agenda item regarding the Justice Center Pay Scale Revision.

At 2:32 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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