

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

November 28, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on November 28, 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 McConaughey, 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 November 14, 2023 were read. Clerk Longcor stated that written testimony from the public hearing on October 31, 2023 was included as Exhibits 01-17 after the signature page in the minutes at the request of Commissioner Nelson. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer and Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith updated the Board regarding a landowner concerned with an auto gate and open range laws, planned bid letting for a bridge wingwall extension for the Seneca Rd Bridge over the North Loup River, Mainelli Wagner has completed 50% of the submittal to the EPA for the Snake River 2019 violation, the weight limit rating for Elsmere Rd Bridge over Goose Creek has not been redone yet, and a discussion regarding the relocation of Anderson Bridge Rd and new construction of Anderson Bridge under private ownership with an easement for the county and public.

Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees member, Gregg Perrett, met with the Board to provide an update regarding the CEO hiring process underway, electronic records system implementation, and that a CFO has been hired with a two-year contract.

Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz and Deputy EM Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding recent issues with dispatch's uninterrupted power supply (UPS), an SOP is being developed in case dispatchers need temporarily relocated, connecting internet and telephone for the new office space, a workaround has been found for the Motorola dispatch consoles microwave issue, and HMP progress. The UPS is at end-of-life, but still functioning properly. The Board requested that Director Sandoz secure bids to replace the UPS with a service contract also in place. Commissioner McConaughey addressed a radio issue with the Merriman tower that will be looked into by Director Sandoz.

Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding new zoning permits issued, an upcoming Planning Commission public hearing for an RV/tent park CUP, Planning Commission terms expiring in 2024, notices have been sent for the public hearing regarding the Bow & Arrow Conservation Easement CUP, the Planning Commission is working with Keith Marvin on updating the Zoning Regulations, and the review of the Comprehensive Plan is mostly complete.

The Board met with Veterans Service, Extension, Niobrara Council, and Building & Grounds Superintendent Pat Greenough to discuss the move to the new office space and the winterization of the Old Courthouse. All utilities will be disconnected with the exception of electricity and only moving the necessities in the interim was discussed. An estimate for some repairs from Wickett Construction was reviewed. The Board discussed providing information to the public via radio and newspaper regarding the transition to the new office space.

It was confirmed with Mr. Greenough that electricity, water, and gas supplies have been disconnected from the boiler in the old Courthouse. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to place boiler/pressure vessel NE16423 out-of-service. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

Commissioner Nelson reported regarding Region 4 Behavioral Health, NENAA, and North Star meetings that she had attended. The potential to switch some of the Board assignments during 2024 reorganization was discussed.

The Board reviewed written correspondence from Bill Ward.

The Board spoke with County Attorney Eric Scott via telephone to address questions regarding the purchase agreement, necessary building repairs, building inspection report, and wire transfer information for the new office space.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time. Gordon Suhr provided written comments.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:18 p.m. to 1:34 p.m.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:34 p.m. to 1:56 p.m.

Deputy County Treasurer Danielle Wackler, on behalf of County Treasurer Kathy Hammond, met with the Board to provide information related to the 2023 certified tax list. Discrepancies regarding the timeline and methods for delivery of the tax list were discussed by the Board, Deputy Treasurer Wackler, and County Assessor Jackie Moreland. The timeline for mailing tax statements in prior years was also discussed. The Board requested that, moving forward, deadlines be met in a timelier fashion by Assessor Moreland.

McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to authorize Clerk Longcor to initiate a wire transfer in the amount of \$341,403.69, payable to Title Services of the Plains. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

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

November 30, 2023 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	245,356.92	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of			\$ 245,356.92
GENERAL FUND			
AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance		\$3,037.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement		\$18,120.27
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance		\$2,945.22
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding		\$2,090.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding		\$40,256.40
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes		\$31,538.65
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding		\$22,791.80
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding		\$2,900.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes		\$4,775.88
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance		\$537.21
General Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries		\$155,794.38
	GROSS TOTAL		\$284,787.18
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings		(\$39,430.26)
	NET TOTAL		\$245,356.92
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	122,180.15	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$ 122,180.15

ROAD FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,697.87
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$8,797.58
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,285.68
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$990.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$18,881.54
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$16,149.68
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$10,680.65
Legal Shield	Services	\$101.70
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,450.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,402.22
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$234.83
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$79,503.26
	GROSS TOTAL	\$142,489.51
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$20,309.36)
	NET TOTAL	\$122,180.15

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **4,439.89**
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of \$ **4,439.89**

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$437.77
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$56.46
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$814.64
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$110.73
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Visitor Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Salary	\$3,891.32
	GROSS TOTAL	\$5,440.13
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,000.24)
	NET TOTAL	\$4,439.89

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **10,493.51**
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ **10,493.51**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	9.43
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$723.61
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	\$1,936.23
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	\$287.22
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$63.68
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$7,232.11
	GROSS TOTAL	\$12,694.68
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$2,201.17)
	NET TOTAL	\$10,493.51

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	356,864.21	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of	\$	356,864.21	
INHERITANCE TAX			
Reece Malles Estate	Estate Tax Refund	\$15,460.52	
Title Services of the Plains	Building Purchase	\$341,403.69	
	TOTAL	\$356,864.21	

At 2:27 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES November 28, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on November 28, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published November 8, 2023 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 1:18 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor, Cherry County Assessor Jackie Moreland, and Cherry County Deputy Assessor Andrea Andre. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Assessor Moreland presented information for five tax list corrections. Tax list correction #2023-1 Property ID: 160665999 for a valuation change due to a corrected personal property return, #2023-2 Property ID: 160649540 for a valuation change due to a mobile home removed prior to January 1, 2023, #2023-3 Property ID: 160260205 for a valuation change due to adjusting building quality to average, #2023-4 Property ID: 160007461 for a valuation change due to adjusting building quality to fair, #2023-5 Property ID: 160005475 for a valuation change due to correcting carport dimensions.

Henry and Misty Brown were present to discuss a request for a tax refund and issues relating to an IOLL for a mobile home that was relocated, a schoolhouse that was torn down, and a shed duplicated on two parcels. Assessor Moreland did not recommend granting a refund.

Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve tax list corrections #2023-1 - #2023-5 as presented by Assessor Moreland and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 1:34 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

November 28, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on November 28, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published November 8, 2023 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 1:34 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor, and Cherry County Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Administrator Hesse updated the Board regarding the staff and jail census. An influx of inmates is possible due to upgrades for a neighboring county's facility.

Administrator Hesse provided information to the Board regarding two used minivans with wheelchair access to replace the current transport pickup. Upgrades required to convert the vehicle for inmate transportation and the possibility of a vehicle with all-wheel drive were discussed. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding the purchase of a transport van and the Board requested Administrator Hesse to research options for an AWD minivan with wheelchair access.

Administrator Hesse informed the Board that three currently employed dispatchers have declined the option for cross training as corrections officers and, for now, will be scheduled three 12-hour shifts per week.

At 1:56 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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