

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

## January 30, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on January 30, 2024 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 Brittney Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioners regular meeting minutes from January 9, 2024 were read. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding revenue from the sale of surplus road equipment, oil prices, the Loup River Rd milling project, photo documentation of roads, and signing inventory.

Highway Superintendent Smith provided the Board with a Request to Occupy County Right-of-Way from Telcom Construction for Lumen (Century Link) to bury service wire at 88130 Simeon Rd. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Request to Occupy County Right-of-Way for the public utility. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Deputy Emergency Manager Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding paging issues, PSAP renewal, backup battery replacement options, EMPG reimbursement, and upcoming meetings and trainings.

Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle informed the Board regarding the expiration of Planning Commission terms for Gary Swanson, Michael McLeod, and Sherri Bacon. The attendance, participation, and willingness to be reappointed of said individuals were discussed. The Board previously received correspondence from Gordon Witte and Craig Miles expressing interest in being appointed to the Planning Commission. Mr. Witte and Mr. Miles were allowed time to discuss their qualifications.

DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to reappoint the current members Gary Swanson, Michael McLeod, and Sherri Bacon to the Cherry County Planning Commission for three-year terms set to expire January 11, 2027. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, DeNaeyer. No – Nelson. The motion carried.

Administrator Coyle updated the Board regarding an upcoming Planning Commission public hearing for a residential subdivision, additional information received for a CUP application, and the Planning Commission's reorganization meeting.

Noxious Weed Control Superintendent Dave Leonard met with the Board to discuss right of way spraying, plans for the upcoming spring, weed control options on organic ground, and methods for determining acres treated.

At the request of Clerk Longcor due to the May 14<sup>th</sup> Primary Election, McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to reschedule the regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting from May 14, 2024 to be held at 10:00 a.m. on May 15, 2024. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Nebraska Extension Engagement Zone Coordinator Jay Jenkins and Cherry County 4-H Extension Educator Michelle Garwood met with the Board to provide information regarding appointments to the Extension Board, updates to the Extension Board Constitution and Bylaws, and the Extension Annual Report. The Board requested that the process for appointments to the Extension Board be streamlined and accomplished at one meeting.

Nelson moved to appoint Kristina Blackford to the Extension Board for the remainder of the three-year term set to expire on December 31, 2025. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to appoint Laura Willert as the 4-H Council Representative to the Extension Board for the 2024 term. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Extension Board candidate lists as presented. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

Nelson moved and McConaughey seconded to approve the Cherry County Extension Board Constitution and Bylaws as presented. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

Building & Grounds Superintendent Pat Greenough met with the Board to discuss a leak in the roof of the Cherry County South building. Repairs and the responsibility party for payment of said repairs were also discussed.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Cherry County Tourism Director Regina Osburn regarding two expired terms on the Visitor Promotion Board. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to reappoint Sarah Ferguson and Rich Mercure to the Cherry County Visitor Promotion Board to four-year terms set to expire on January 28, 2028. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

County Attorney Eric Scott met with the Board to review the procedure for selling real estate owned by the county. The Board discussed a half-acre parcel of land on the north end of Cody located in part of the SE1/4NE1/4 of Section 7, Township 34, North, Range 33, West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Cherry County, Nebraska, described as follows: Beginning at a point 205 ft North of the NE corner of the NW1/4SE1/4 of said Section 7, thence East 150 ft, thence North 300 ft, thence Southwest to a point 100 ft North of the point of beginning, thence South to said point of beginning. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to set the time and date of a public hearing regarding the sale of said property to be at 2:00 p.m. on February 27, 2024. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

Bill Rahder, Boyd’s Electric technician, met with the Board to discuss options for replacing uninterrupted power supply units. The Board requested estimates for the options as discussed.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:32 p.m. to 1:33 p.m. The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:35 p.m. to 1:41 p.m.

The Board reviewed written correspondence from Bill Ward.

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

## January 31, 2024 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>293,543.23</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$		<b>293,543.23</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
AFLAC		Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,037.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement		Withholdings/Retirement	\$23,255.97
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental		Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,240.44

Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding	\$2,804.40
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$38,232.22
Credit Management Lancaster County	Garnishment	\$382.79
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$42,349.80
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$21,698.29
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$3,000.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$6,650.77
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$546.83
General Fund Payroll	Total Gross Pay	\$199,725.53
	GROSS TOTAL	\$344,924.41
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$51,381.18)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$293,543.23</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **176,391.99** .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$ **176,391.99**

**ROAD FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,697.87
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$12,065.81
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,457.60
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Baseline Truck Sales	Vehicle Purchase	\$22,000.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$935.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$18,412.40
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$22,935.24
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$10,343.66
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	\$3,696.49
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$234.83
Road Fund Payroll	Total Gross Pay	\$108,330.64
	GROSS TOTAL	\$203,975.74
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$27,583.75)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$176,391.99</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **4,439.46** .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of \$ **4,439.46**

**VISITORS PROMOTION FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$437.77
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$62.12
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$796.10
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$107.66
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Visitors Promotion Fund Payroll	Total Gross Pay	\$3,891.32
	GROSS TOTAL	\$5,424.18
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$984.72)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$4,439.46</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **72,748.16** .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of	\$	<b>72,748.16</b>
<b>HEALTH CLAIMS FUND</b>		
Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$72,748.16
	TOTAL	<b>\$72,748.16</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>11,222.68</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of	\$	<b>11,222.68</b>	

<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND</b>		
AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	9.43
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$794.80
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$124.24
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$55.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$1,417.96
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,081.57
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	\$302.72
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Total Gross Pay	\$7,864.93
	GROSS TOTAL	\$13,539.01
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$2,316.33)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$11,222.68</b>

The Board conducted interviews for the Emergency Management Director position with Wynn Wiens, Glen May, and Jessica Coyle. The Board discussed the qualifications and experience of said applicants. Nelson moved and McConaughey seconded to authorize Chairman DeNaeyer to extend an offer to Wynn Wiens for the Emergency Management Director position at the current salary. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 3:03 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.***

## BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

### January 30, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on January 30, 2024 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published January 10, 2024 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 1:32 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 Treasurer Kathy Hammond. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

An unapproved tax list correction that Treasurer Hammond has received money for was discussed. There was no business to come before the Board.

At 1:33 p.m. 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.***

## BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

### January 30, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on January 30, 2024 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published January 10, 2024 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 1:35 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 censuses. 911 mapping issues, outfitting the van to transport inmates, and the potential for housing inmates for other jurisdictions were discussed. There was no business to come before the Board.

At 1:41 p.m. 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.***