

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

## February 27, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on February 27, 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 Brittny 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 February 13, 2024 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board met with James Almond, Public Service Commission 911 Field Coordinator, Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse, Dispatch Sergeant Gary Jackson, Interim Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle, Rock County Sheriff Ben Shelbourn, Antelope County Sheriff Robert Moore, and Brown County Sheriff Brent Deibler to discuss 911 call mapping issues throughout the North Central 911 Region. Mr. Almond provided background information regarding the statewide project for the migration of all regional communications to NG911 ESInet and confirmed that the mapping issues originate with Solacom, the 911 Region's emergency call handling provider. Mr. Almond stated that he has been working with Lumen, the State's ESInet and NG911 core services provider, to provide a feed directly to GeoComm, the 911 Region's GIS vendor, as a potential short-term solution. Those present from the 911 Region agreed to set a date in the near future for the Executive 911 Committee to hold a meeting and work towards a long-term solution regarding the 911 Region's emergency call handling.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer and Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith updated the Board regarding culverts that need to be placed, equipment repairs, and upcoming fracture critical and routine bridge inspections. The Board requested that Mr. Boyer obtain more details about a Freightliner truck that is for sale. Road Foreman Jay D Osburn spoke with the Board concerning a road issue from standing water in District 1. The Board reviewed correspondence from the Village of Wood Lake regarding snow removal within village limits. Snow removal in the various Cherry County villages, release of liability, insurance coverage, and billing rates were discussed. The Board reviewed a draft snow removal agreement and an agreement between Johnstown and Brown County. Consultation with the County Attorney will take place prior to proceeding.

DeNaeyer reported concerning the KPCC Housing Corporation Board of Directors meeting held on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Funding requirements and updating bylaws will be discussed by the KPCC Board at their next meeting. The Board reviewed an email from Karen Spain, APC Management, confirming that cancellation of the management contract for New Generation Apartments has been rescinded. Communication with Keya Paha County regarding funding percentages will take place at a later date. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding APC Management Contract – New Generation Apartments.

Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to appoint Ann Neiffer and Ryan Sexson to the Cherry County Extension Board for three-year terms set to expire on December 31, 2026. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from CNEDD regarding their 2023 Digital Equity Plan.

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

February 29, 2024  
CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 255,577.85 .  
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of \$ 255,577.85

**GENERAL FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,259.24
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$18,415.97
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,240.44
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding	\$2,800.40
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$38,232.22
Criminal Addiction Inc	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$300.00
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$31,666.12
Hampton Inn	Lodging	\$327.00
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$21,698.29
Journal Entry	Fund Correction	\$2,440.77
Journal Entry	Refund	(\$150.00)
Journal Entry	Void Ck# 24023247	(\$32.00)
Journal Entry	Void Ck# 24023232	(\$597.75)
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$2,950.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$4,629.85
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$6,445.04
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$537.21
General Fund Payroll	Gross Total	\$295,300.10
	GROSS TOTAL	\$295,300.10
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$39,722.25)
	NET TOTAL	\$255,577.85

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 105,532.92 .  
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$ 105,532.92

**ROAD FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,853.30
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$9,306.08
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,457.60
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$990.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$18,412.40
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$17,025.73
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$10,343.66
Journal Entry	Void Check# 24013114	(\$22,000.00)
Legal Shield	Services	\$101.70
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,400.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,486.26
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$234.83
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Total	\$85,267.23
	GROSS TOTAL	\$127,193.29
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$21,660.37)
	NET TOTAL	\$105,532.92

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	Gross Total	\$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 \$ **44,530.44** .  
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of \$ **44,530.44**

**HEALTH CLAIMS FUND**

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$44,530.44
	TOTAL	<b>\$44,530.44</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **5,324.07** .  
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ **5,324.07**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	277.35
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$301.45
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	\$501.97
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	\$67.34
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Total	\$2,679.51
		\$0.00
	GROSS TOTAL	\$6,313.18
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$989.11)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$5,324.07</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **11,401.30** .  
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of \$ **11,401.30**

**INHERITANCE TAX**

APC Management/New Generations	Services	\$13,842.07
Journal Entry	Fund Correction	<b>(\$2,440.77)</b>
	TOTAL	<b>\$11,401.30</b>

The Board recessed from 12:25 p.m. to 1:02 p.m.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

The Board reported regarding recent meetings they had attended.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:15 p.m. to 1:41 p.m.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:42 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.

The Board discussed the Village of Wood Lake snow removal issue with County Attorney Eric Scott. The history of snow removal in Wood Lake, the potential requirement to provide snow removal services to all Cherry County villages, and the drafting of a snow removal agreement were discussed. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding Village of Wood Lake Snow Removal Proposal.

At 2:08 pm. Chairman DeNaeyer opened the public hearing regarding sale of the following described real estate: that part of the SE1/4NE1/4 of Section 7, Township 34, North, Range 33, West of the 6th 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. Proper notice of the public hearing was confirmed by County Attorney Eric Scott. Commissioner McConaughy provided some background information regarding said real estate. Dewayne Lancaster, Deanna Schmit, and Shane Daniels had questions about the property and bidding process that the Board and Mr. Scott answered. At 2:16 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer closed the public hearing.

McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to sell the real property by sealed bids to be opened on March 26, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., with the legal description included in the notice. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board discussed their concerns with the Shopko location and funding shortfalls of the proposed convention center. Members of the Tourism Board, Valentine City Council members, and Tourism Director Regina Osburn were present for the discussion and offered their perspectives concerning the project and/or funding of a future project. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding the Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement Creating the Valentine Community Center Agency. The Board expressed appreciation to the Valentine City Council and Visitors Promotion Board for all their work on the project. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding authorizing the use of Visitors Improvement funds for the purpose of an event center.

Interim Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding the school safety meeting, completed training and upcoming training, EOC trailer maintenance, wildfires, potentially setting a burn ban, EMPG compliance, and the scheduled North Central 911 Board meeting.

The Board reviewed quotes and discussed options to replace the uninterrupted power supply systems with Interim Director Coyle. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to accept Estimate #117 totaling \$13,300.98 from Boyd's Network Solutions to replace the UPS systems for the Courthouse and Dispatch, and to allocate ARPA funds to pay for said items. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer reported that after the last Board meeting, Wynn Wiens had declined the EM Director position. It was confirmed by Interim Director Coyle that she would accept the position if it were offered to her. Contracting with Matt Sandoz for the Communications portion of Emergency Management in coordination with eliminating the Deputy Emergency Manager position were discussed and informally agreed upon. Opening the application period again was also discussed. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to extend an offer to Jessica Coyle for the Emergency Management Director position, effective immediately, at the current EMD pay scale, and request that she agrees to stay on as the Zoning Administrator until the position is filled. Roll call vote: Abstain – Nelson. Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

At 3:08 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

## February 27, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on February 27, 2024 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published February 21, 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 1:15 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. 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 Deputy Cherry County Assessor Andrea Andre. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Assessor Moreland presented information for seven tax list corrections: Tax List Correction #2021-12 PID: 160030714 for a homestead exemption audit change from 100% to 90%, #2023-31 PID: 160248857 to correct a clerical error on correction #2023-30, #2023-32 PID: 160143438 omitted property change, #2023-33 PID: 160649442 omitted property reported, #2023-34 PID: 160649732 omitted property reported, #2023-35 PID: 160016398 valuation change – home moved to 160666152 per IOLL form, #2023-36 PID: 160666152 valuation change – home moved from 160016398 per IOLL form. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve tax list corrections #2021-12 and #2023-30 - #2023-36 as presented by Assessor Moreland and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Assessor Moreland recommended approval of the tax exemptions for all permissive exemption applications as received by her office. The Board discussed some of the organizations contained in the list of applications. The Board will take action to grant or withhold exemptions after a public hearing to be held on March 26, 2024.

At 1:41 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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# BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

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Administrator Hesse updated the Board regarding the staff census and jail census. The scheduled North Central 911 Board meeting, 911 call mapping issues, upcoming basic jail training, and the inmate transport van were discussed. Administrator Hesse will coordinate with County Attorney Eric Scott regarding the Solacom service contract. There was no business to come before the Board.

At 1:41 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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