

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

March 26, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on March 26, 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 10:02 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 March 12, 2024 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding millings for the Loup River Rd Project, leftover material at a construction site of Paulsen's that may be suitable for use as cold mix overlay on existing oil roads, and quotes received for purchasing signs. The Board requested pricing for the material to be turned into cold mix, while suitable uses and amounts for the material are determined in each road district.

Valentine Children & Families Coalition (VCFC) Executive Director Jill Austin met with the Board to discuss the childcare shortage in the area and to provide information about a project that would involve the revitalization and utilization of the Episcopal Church. The basement of the Episcopal Church has space to house up to thirty children and with estimates from contractors for construction, HVAC, and electrical the project totals \$120,000. If the project is successfully funded, VCFC will execute an interlocal agreement with the Episcopal Church for a long-term lease with \$1 per year due for rent. VCFC will hire a childcare provider and the space also has the ability to provide a preschool. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to pledge \$50,000 of the ARPA funds to be paid to VCFC for the construction of a childcare facility within the Episcopal Church, contingent upon VCFC securing the additional required funds from other contributors, and the execution of an interlocal agreement between the Episcopal Church and VCFC. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

CUP #005/23 applicant Billie Brockley provided the Board with an example of a non-portable firepit and a copy of a letter sent to an adjoining landowner regarding a privacy fence. Mrs. Brockley confirmed that fires would only be allowed in permanent, stationary firepits. The Board indicated that concerns raised by the public have been satisfactorily addressed. Interim Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle stated that she didn't have any input or concerns regarding the CUP. With concerns having been met, DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to adopt Zoning Resolution #Z-94. Roll call vote: Aye - McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried. Mrs. Brockley provided written comments to the Board.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle discussed services contained in an agreement with Stacen Gross of SCG Consulting Services. EM Director Coyle updated the Board regarding 911 call mapping, 911 address issues within Valentine City limits, and the burn ban. Dispatch Sergeant Gary Jackson and Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse were also present to discuss 911 call mapping and 911 address issues. McConaughy moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with SCG Consulting Services, LLC and authorize Jessica Coyle to sign on behalf of Cherry County Emergency Management. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

McConaughy provided photos and discussed details for road material located at a Western Engineering site along Eli Road. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to authorize Eric Scott to draft an agreement between Tom Schlack and Cherry County for the trade of services regarding the Western Engineering site adjacent to Eli Rd. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board recessed from 12:10 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. There were no comments received from the public during the allotted time. The Board and Clerk Longcor toured the Justice Center from 1:02 p.m. to 1:23 p.m.

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

March 29, 2024 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	257,248.01	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of			\$	257,248.01

GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,082.58
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$18,938.09
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,197.40
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding	\$2,090.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$38,232.22
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$32,770.62
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$21,698.29
Ryan McSweeney	Reimbursement	\$49.36
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$2,950.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$4,855.03
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$6,225.00
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$537.21
General Fund Payroll	Gross Payroll	\$163,294.50
	GROSS TOTAL	\$297,920.30
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$40,672.29)
	NET TOTAL	\$257,248.01

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	126,453.77	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$	126,453.77

ROAD FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,861.19
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$9,604.33
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,290.32
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$935.00
Brye Szakacs	Reimbursement	\$238.59
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$16,525.30
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$17,815.62
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$9,250.15
Journal Entry	Void Check# 24033522	(\$240.58)
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	\$2,675.40
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$193.37
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Payroll	\$86,571.72
	GROSS TOTAL	\$148,536.61
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$22,082.84)
	NET TOTAL	\$126,453.77

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	4,439.46	.	
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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 Payroll	\$3,891.32
	GROSS TOTAL	\$5,424.18
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$984.72)
	NET TOTAL	\$4,439.46

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **20,043.72**
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ -
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of \$ **20,043.72**

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$20,043.72
	TOTAL	\$20,043.72

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **9,604.16**
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ -
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ **9,604.16**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	143.39
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$582.77
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	\$1,067.61
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	\$144.61
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Payroll	\$5,180.22
	GROSS TOTAL	\$9,604.16
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	
	NET TOTAL	\$9,604.16

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:31 p.m. to 1:42 p.m.

At 2:00 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer closed the acceptance of bids for the 400 block of N. Cherry Street, Cody, NE – Real Estate. Sealed bids were opened for the sale of the following described real estate, to wit: 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. Bids were received as follows:

- 1.) Josh Westover & Kayla Tucker \$100.00

The Board reviewed information received from Assessor Moreland for the sale of the parcel adjoining said real estate. The Board discussed the size of the real estate to be sold and what they thought was a fair price. The Board

discussed how, upon advice from the County Attorney, they had not set a fair market value for the real estate after the public hearing held on February 27, 2024. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the bid from Josh Westover. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy. No – Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 2:30 p.m. to 2:55 p.m.

At 2:56 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, 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 inmate transport van, jail census, and staff census. Upcoming basic jail training, emotional support animal program, and an employee who will be cross-training were discussed. Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle met with the Board and Administrator Hesse to discuss the upcoming expiration of the Solacom maintenance contract and that the North Central 911 region is looking into obtaining quotes from other vendors. There was no business to come before the Board.

At 1:42 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

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Assessor Moreland emailed the required monthly progress report to the Board of Equalization and Property Assessment Division on March 25, 2024.

Assessor Moreland provided information to the Board regarding the 2024 Cherry County assessment actions. Changes made to residential, commercial, and agricultural classes were reviewed. Increases to agricultural home site acres, grass land, irrigated land, and ag intensive use acres were discussed.

The public hearing for permissive exemption applications was not held due to statutory notification requirements not being met and has been rescheduled for April 30, 2024.

There was no business to come before the Board.

At 2:55 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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