

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

May 28, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on May 28, 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 meeting minutes from May 15, 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 of Corrections meeting minutes from May 15, 2024 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye - DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Noxious Weed Control Superintendent Dave Leonard updated the Board regarding inspection reports and notices sent, right-of-way spraying, weed-free forage inspections, training attended, and upcoming events. The prevalence of leafy spurge was discussed. The Board encouraged Mr. Leonard to utilize custom sprayers to assist with his duties and discussed the remaining fiscal year budget.

Cherry County Ag Society members, Andy Dawson & Jon Kime, updated the Board regarding new members on the board and that Brad Michalek has taken over the maintenance responsibilities for the fairgrounds. Projects for thirty new RV/electrical hookups and new bathrooms with showers were discussed. The Cherry County Fairgrounds will host the 2025, 2026 Nebraska High School Finals Rodeo. The Ag Society is sponsoring and accepting donations for the fireworks display after the demolition derby.

In remembrance of Zale Quible and in recognition of his years of service to Cherry County, Clerk Longcor read the following message written by former Cherry County Commissioner Jim Van Winkle: Today the Cherry County Commissioners, along with all current and past elected officials, employees, and residents of our county would like to express our condolences to the family of Zale Quible. Zale served Cherry County for five terms over a twenty-year span. Zale was proud of our people and loved the Sandhills way of life. He worked hard to assure the budget and resources within Cherry County were administered fairly and represented good long-term value for all residents and taxpayers. He had a passion for controlling invasive plants, which was probably the only thing that escaped his great sense of humor. He worked hard at dealing with road and bridge upgrades and the constant maintenance, as well as hundreds of other commissioner duties. Zale brought integrity, honesty, and fairness to all and will be remembered for his passion and good humor. His efforts are greatly appreciated. His contributions and standards will be built upon by all of us going forward. Thank you, Zale, for sharing your time and efforts with Cherry County.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding the possibility of reclaiming seven miles of abandoned highway along Highway 83. Figgins Construction is working on a proposal for said project and potential uses for the millings were discussed.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding 911 call handling equipment quotes for the NC911 region, NC PET Region meeting, NEMA grant money purchases, GeoComm mapping changes, Merriman siren grant, and attendance at the Merriman Fire Department meeting. Civil Air Patrol was dispatched to a fire in the Snake River Falls area, so Cherry County will need to submit a disaster declaration. Director Coyle informed the Board that the Motorola dispatch consoles project is almost completed and that the NC911 region will be deciding at their next meeting regarding the 911 call handling equipment.

The Board conducted Zoning Administrator interviews with Catherine Morris and Jane Stolzenburg. Jessica Coyle read a letter and submitted it to the Board expressing interest in being both the Zoning Administrator and Emergency Management Director. Sherri Bacon read a statement on behalf of some members of the Cherry County Planning Commission and submitted it in writing to the Board. The Board discussed the time commitment, required qualifications, and part-time status of the Zoning Administrator position.

At 12:12 p.m. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to enter closed session for the purpose of potential negotiations and discussion of terms and conditions of employment, regarding the Zoning Administrator position, with the Board and Clerk Longcor to be present. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried. The purpose of the closed session was restated to be potential negotiations and discussion of terms and conditions of employment regarding the Zoning Administrator position. At 12:46 p.m. the meeting room doors were reopened and the public was allowed to enter. At 12:47 McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to come out of closed session. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to authorize Chairman DeNaeyer to extend an offer to Jane Stolzenburg for the Zoning Administrator position. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried. DeNaeyer offered the position to Mrs. Stolzenburg, effective immediately, at \$800 per month, in addition to the hourly wage paid by the Clerk's Office. The public will have access to the Zoning Administrator for 35 hours per week, the same hours as the Clerk's Office, in addition to the Planning Commission meetings. Mrs. Stolzenburg agreed to these conditions. It was clarified by Mrs. Coyle that there will be no additional Zoning Administrator duties or training performed by her.

The Board spoke with Clerk Longcor and Clerk's Office employee ,Billie Brockley, regarding the TimeClock Plus system. Currently there are 25 users within the system, with the need for up to ten additional users. Functionality for Justice Center scheduling with the TCP software was discussed. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to authorize Clerk Longcor to coordinate the installation of the timeclock and to add Extension employees to the TimeClock Plus system. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:15 p.m. to 1:42 p.m.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:43 p.m. to 2:43 p.m.

Mid-Plains Community College (MPCC) President Ryan Purdy, MPCC Vice President of Administrative Services Mike Steele, Cherry County Tourism Director Regina Osburn, and members of the Visitors Promotion Board met with the Board to present a draft Interlocal Agreement regarding construction and use of a convention center at the existing MPCC campus in Valentine. The amounts for the fiscal terms in the agreement were discussed and will need to be decided upon. The ownership structure, use, and operation of the facility were also discussed. The next step is to have legal counsel review the agreement and it will be added to the Board's June 10th agenda.

Clerk of District Court Lorana Eggert and County Court Clerk Magistrate Michaela Hobbs met with the Board to provide information regarding the Nebraska Administrative Office of Courts and Probation technology upgrade for the Courtroom. The upgrade is complete and was paid for by the AOC. The Board reviewed the Statement of Acceptance of Possession and Future Responsibility and requested that a date be added for when the service agreement portion will end. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding Statement of Acceptance of Possession and Future Responsibility re: AOC Courtroom Technology.

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

May 31, 2024
CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 264,086.84 .
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of \$ 264,086.84

GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,022.13
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$18,198.78
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,154.36
Andy's Glass Shop	Services	\$70.00
APCO International	Services	\$60.00
Black Hills Chemical	Services	\$416.43
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding	\$2,035.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$86.64
Cherry County Clinic	Services	\$28.00
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$5,528.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$39,181.04
Credit Management Services	Garnishment	\$559.87
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$31,791.93
Galls Parent Holdings	Supplies	\$25.84
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$29.58
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$22,117.82
Journal Entry	Void Ck# 24053845	(\$58.36)
Justice Data Solutions Inc	Supplies	\$500.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$2,900.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$4,727.34
Office Products	Supplies	\$191.54
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Services	\$90.00
Cassandra Price	Reimbursement	\$100.00
Ruby Law Office	Services	\$5,836.24
Sandhill Oil Company	Services	\$58.16
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$6,677.68
Scotty's Ranchland Food	Services	\$22.09
True Value	Supplies	\$25.98
Valentine Dental Clinic	Services	\$72.75
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$515.06
Western Oil Inc	Supplies	\$59.20
General Fund Payroll	Gross Payroll	\$156,316.93
	GROSS TOTAL	\$304,340.03
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$40,253.19)
	NET TOTAL	\$264,086.84

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 116,590.55 .
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$ 116,590.55

ROAD FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,861.19
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$8,659.76
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,290.32
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$825.00

Cherry County Treasurer	Taxes/Withholdings	\$85.92
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$16,525.30
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$16,138.57
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$9,250.15
Legal Shield	Services	\$101.70
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,250.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,309.53
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$193.37
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Payroll	\$78,175.54
	GROSS TOTAL	\$136,980.85
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$20,390.30)
	NET TOTAL	\$116,590.55

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 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 \$ **35,271.86** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of \$ **35,271.86**

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$35,271.86
	TOTAL	\$35,271.86

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **9,796.20** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ **9,796.20**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	143.39
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$595.37
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	\$1,130.99
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	\$148.68
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Payroll	\$5,292.21
	GROSS TOTAL	\$9,796.20

Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings
NET TOTAL

\$9,796.20

The Board discussed a potential grant opportunity for the convention center project and Clerk Longcor will submit a Letter of Intent.

At 3:52 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

May 28, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on May 28, 2024 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published May 8, 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 were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittney 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 provided information regarding a tax list correction for Property ID: 160249085 for a clerical error, personal property that was disposed. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve Tax List Correction #2023-38. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Treasurer Kathy Hammond presented an Application for Exemption from motor vehicle taxes for a 2002 GMC Savana by Sandhills Church of Hope. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption for Sandhills Church of Hope. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Bryan Hill, Lake Mac Assessment appraiser, met with the Board to provide an update regarding the residential revaluation services that are being provided to the county. The Village of Cody has been reviewed and will be equalized after last year's 60% valuation increase. Rural residential revaluation is ongoing and the rest of the villages in the county will also be reviewed. Notices sent to landowners and information returned were also discussed.

Assessor Moreland discussed the schedule for June and July Board of Equalization meetings. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to schedule a special meeting for a Board of Equalization valuation protest workshop at 9:00 a.m. on July 8, 2024. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

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

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

May 28, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on May 28, 2024 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published May 8, 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 1:43 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Present were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittney Longcor, and Cherry County Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Jodi Elsea, Jail Standards Jails Examiner/Consultant, and James Almond, Public Service Commissioner 911 Field Coordinator, spoke with the Board via telephone to discuss the county's cross-training requirement for Corrections Officers and Dispatchers. Hiring difficulties and potential safety issues resulting from requiring cross training were discussed. The Board requested feedback from Dispatch Sergeant Gary Jackson, Jail Sergeant David Stoeger, and Corrections Officer Cassandra Price regarding their experience and opinions of the cross-training requirement. EM Director Coyle read a statement written by Valentine Police Chief Dana Miller expressing her concerns with the cross-training requirement. 2022 mandates regarding minimum training standards for dispatchers were discussed. The 207k exemption for corrections officers was revisited. Administrator Hesse agreed that the scheduling for dispatchers would be switched to allow for as minimal as possible overtime starting with the next schedule, due to overtime calculation for dispatchers being based on 40 hours in a seven-day period. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to rescind Resolution #2023-13. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed an extension to a maintenance agreement for the Justice Center's LiveScan hardware and software. The price of the prior year's agreement and the renewal rate were compared. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the IDEMIA LiveScan Extension to Maintenance and Support Agreement #007044-000 and authorize Administrator Hesse to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Administrator Hesse updated the Board regarding upcoming jail school and NCIC dispatcher training, staff census, jail census, and fingerprinting and criminal history training from the FBI and State Patrol.

At 2:43 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

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