

# CHERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## July 30, 2024

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The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened on July 30, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and County Clerk Brittny Longcor.

The Board approved meeting minutes from July 8, 2024 and July 9, 2024.

Building & Grounds Superintendent Pat Greenough spoke to the Board regarding deferred maintenance for the Courthouse generator. The Board requested bids for said maintenance.

District Court Clerk Lorana Eggert and County Court Clerk Magistrate Michaela Hobbs provided a list of obsolete Courtroom equipment. The Board declared said equipment as surplus and authorized Clerk Eggert to dispose of it.

Tom Thompson and Kenny Liebsock, NMC Cat Representatives, met with the Board to introduce Mr. Liebsock and to discuss equipment.

Neil Coleman, Bobcat of North Platte, met with the Board to discuss skid steer options.

Dennis Maggart, McInnes Group President, spoke with the Board via telephone regarding a Blue Cross Blue Shield accounting error. The Board requires additional information prior to proceeding with reimbursing Blue Cross.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Veterans Service Officer Shawn Hamling and Department of Veterans' Affairs regarding the Veterans Service Officer position. The Board appointed Ashley Blume-Vackiner as the Cherry County Veterans Service Officer, effective August 12, 2024. The Board expressed their gratitude to Mr. Hamling for his years of service to our local Veterans.

Sheriff Rusty Osburn met with the Board to discuss upgrading the hand-held & patrol unit radios and using the ARPA funds to pay for said radios. This upgrade would allow for connection to the state radio system. It was a consensus of the Board to authorize Sheriff Osburn to proceed with obtaining bids for the radio upgrades.

EM Director Jessica Coyle provided an Emergency Management update.

In accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute 23-154, Clerk Longcor will call a special session for the Board to meet on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. for a Budget Workshop.

The Board appointed Commissioner Nelson to the subcommittee for the MPCC Convention Center Project until the project is complete. Commissioner Nelson provided a brief project update to the Board.

The Board recessed from 12:37 p.m. to 1:04 p.m. There were comments from the public during the allotted time.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer and Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith provided a Roads update.

The Board convened as a Board of Corrections from 1:26 p.m. to 1:35 p.m.

In remembrance of Lila Churchill and in recognition of her years of service to Cherry County on the Board of Commissioners, Clerk Longcor read a message written by former Cherry County Commissioner Bill Ward.

The Board convened as a Board of Equalization from 1:45 p.m. to 2:10 p.m.

The Board approved claims listed as follows:

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$4,875.20
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$34,093.07
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$4,463.76
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Administration Fees	\$2,860.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$57,224.03
Betty Copeland	Prior Service	\$132.00
Credit Management Services	Garnishment	\$559.87
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$65,273.12
EFTPS	PCORI Fees	\$136.05
Journal Entry	Fund Transfer	\$2,674.45
Journal Entry	Void Ck# 24074287	(\$10,617.45)
Margaret Lutter	Prior Service	\$72.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$4,350.00
MIPS	Services	\$8,446.68
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$10,119.55
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Insurance Funding	\$30,335.36
Gloria Ritchey	Prior Service	\$180.00
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$11,957.95
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$2,769.26
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$812.86
Payroll	Gross Payroll	\$303,964.88
Adjust for Employees' Share of Withholdings		(\$79,017.72)
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Merle Ford	Prior Service	\$300.00
Legal Shield	Services	\$67.80
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
Vernon Shears	Prior Service	\$72.00
Charles Smith	Prior Service	\$288.00
Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$57,084.50
Cherry County Treasurer	Fund Transfer	\$96,386.90
Journal Entry	Fund Transfer	(\$2,674.45)
Miller Painting Company	Services	\$2,175.00

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.