

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

## August 27, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on August 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 Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and 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 special meeting minutes from August 12, 2024 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Commissioners regular meeting minutes from August 13, 2024 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes. Roll call vote: Aye - DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from August 13, 2024 were read. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Mike Bateman, Murphy Tractor, met with the Board to introduce Casey Rau, Branch Manager, and to discuss skid steer prices.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding Perma-Zyme road sampling & results and to submit his notice of retirement for December 31, 2024. Other sites for Perma-Zyme sampling were discussed.

Matt Childress and Brandon Petersen, both with Applied Connective, met with the Board to present information for updates to the county's network and server and to discuss background information for the current IT services provided to the county. Application status for HAVA and SLCG grants were also discussed. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the quotes from Applied Connective for the network refresh, totaling \$4,300, and the server refresh, totaling \$15,597.47, to be paid out of the ARPA fund, and authorize Clerk Longcor to sign said quotes. Roll call vote: Aye - McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Noxious Weed Control Superintendent Dave Leonard updated the Board regarding completed inspections, forced control spraying, upcoming training, a new chemical for range spraying, and possible grant money for drone spraying.

DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to set the time and date for the public hearing re: Proposed 2024-2025 Cherry County budget to be held at 1:30 p.m. on September 10, 2024 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to set the time and date for the public hearing to set final tax request to be held on September 10, 2024 immediately following the conclusion of the budget hearing. Roll call vote: Aye - DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Valentine Public Library budget was presented to and reviewed by the Board at their meeting on August 13, 2024. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the 2024-2025 Valentine Public Library budget. Roll call vote: Aye - DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed preliminary request for levy authority received from Cherry County political subdivisions. Commissioner McConaughy stated that he is the Treasurer and budget preparer for Merriman Rural Fire District so he will be abstaining from voting. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to adopt Resolution #2024-08 Preliminary Levy Authority. Roll call vote: Abstain – McConaughy. Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding the recent NC911 meeting, 911 PSAP funds audits, OCIO equipment malfunction after a power outage, NRIN connection issues, and a mutual aid response agreement gap on Highway 61. It was confirmed with Director Coyle that she will provide hours worked per day on her timesheet moving forward. The Board requested that Director Coyle check with a landowner to see if Cherry County can place a repeater on their tower.

The Board recessed from 12:17 p.m. to 12:51 p.m.

The Board met with Sheriff Rusty Osburn to discuss his department budget request. Changes to various department budget requests were discussed.

The Board recessed from 1:15 p.m. to 1:44 p.m. to convene as a Board of Equalization.

The Board recessed from 1:45 p.m. to 1:54 p.m. to convene as a Board of Corrections.

The Board met with Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse and EM Director Coyle to discuss their respective department budget requests.

The Board recessed from 3:15 p.m. to 3:28 p.m.

The \$58,656 salary threshold for the U.S. Department of Labor Final Rule, hours worked, and potential overtime amounts for the positions subject to said Final Rule were discussed. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the reclassification of employees and changes to the salaries as per listed, effective for September payroll:

- Road Foremen (3 districts) – Increase yearly salary from \$53,744.16 to \$60,000 yearly salary; remain classified as salaried, exempt
- Justice Center Administrator – Increase yearly salary from \$55,755.72 to \$62,500 yearly salary; remain classified as salaried, exempt
- Veterans Service Officer – Yearly salary of \$48,813.48 converted to \$27.61 per hour based on 34 hours worked per week; reclassified as hourly, non-exempt
- Tourism Director – Yearly salary of \$48,563.64 converted to \$23.35 per hour based on 40 hours worked per week; reclassified as hourly, non-exempt
- Emergency Management Director – Increase yearly salary from \$48,933.96 to \$58,656 yearly salary; remain classified as salaried, exempt

Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

No Board action was taken on the agenda item re: Roof Repair Bids.

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

### August 30, 2024 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>256,358.90</b>	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$			<b>256,358.90</b>

**GENERAL FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,740.49
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$18,095.57
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,278.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Administration Fees	\$1,417.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$42,016.96
Credit Management Services	Garnishment	\$114.80
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$31,560.89
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$3,050.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$4,591.10
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Insurance Funding	\$22,534.12
Maxwell Renning	Reimbursement	\$746.84
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$5,485.06
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$579.54
Andre, Andrea	Gross Wages	\$3,536.03
Bauer, Daniel	Gross Wages	\$2,840.40
Blume, Ashley	Gross Salary	\$2,816.16
Brockley, Billie	Gross Wages	\$2,989.98
Buechle, Shelbie	Gross Wages	\$3,819.90
Coates, Sonia	Gross Wages	\$3,519.33
DeNaeyer, Martin	Gross Salary	\$2,012.50
Dobbins, Cynthia	Gross Wages	\$3,054.70
Duffield, Janette	Gross Wages	\$3,899.72
Eggert, Lorana	Gross Salary	\$4,785.64
Froning, Ellen	Gross Wages	\$4,150.01
Goodrich, Dustina	Gross Wages	\$2,855.00
Goodrich, Weston	Gross Wages	\$3,482.43
Greenough, Pat	Gross Wages	\$3,754.23
Hamlin, Ashtyn	Gross Wages	\$2,572.13
Hamling, Shawn	Gross Salary	\$4,467.79
Hammond, Kathy	Gross Salary	\$4,785.64
Hanson, Timothy	Gross Salary	\$2,392.82
Hesse, Sharon	Gross Salary	\$4,646.31
Hunt, Clarissa	Gross Wages	\$3,111.51
Jackson, Gary	Gross Wages	\$4,816.70
Johnson, Andrew	Gross Salary	\$3,503.16
Knox, Calvin	Gross Wages	\$1,003.00
Kumm, Brooke	Gross Wages	\$2,237.95

Leonard, David	Gross Wages	\$3,129.45
Leonard, Samantha	Gross Wages	\$2,918.35
Longcor, Brittny	Gross Salary	\$4,785.64
Lutter, Tammy	Gross Wages	\$2,749.59
McConaughy, Michael	Gross Salary	\$2,012.50
McSweeney, Ryan	Gross Wages	\$4,124.82
Millar, Eve	Gross Wages	\$2,386.11
Moreland, Jacqueline	Gross Salary	\$4,785.64
Nelson, Nina	Gross Salary	\$2,012.50
Ormesher, Katie	Gross Wages	\$2,126.77
Osborne, Joanie	Gross Wages	\$484.23
Osburn, Albert	Gross Salary	\$4,938.85
Pier, Shelley	Gross Wages	\$2,783.63
Price, Cassandra	Gross Wages	\$3,494.45
Red Fish, Cheyenne	Gross Wages	\$3,912.78
Renning, Maxwell	Gross Wages	\$4,462.24
Scott, Adelmica	Gross Wages	\$1,154.70
Scott, Eric	Gross Salary	\$5,389.48
Starr, Christopher	Gross Wages	\$3,866.03
Stec, Nicholas	Gross Wages	\$5,138.78
Stoeger, David	Gross Wages	\$3,400.83
Stolzenburg, Jane	Gross Wages	\$3,703.18
Wickman, Erick	Gross Wages	\$4,645.04
	GROSS TOTAL	\$295,669.60
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$39,310.70)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$256,358.90</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **120,605.19** .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$ **120,605.19**

**ROAD FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,809.91
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$8,890.54
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,166.08
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Administration Fees	\$270.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$16,525.30
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$17,069.48
Legal Shield	Services	\$67.80
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,250.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,460.66
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Claim Funding	\$8,834.20
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$202.99
Boyer, Douglas	Gross Salary	\$4,862.45
Buechle, Jordan	Gross Wages	\$3,178.01
Bunner, Bradley	Gross Wages	\$3,787.00
Cash, Tyler	Gross Wages	\$3,981.53
Collier, David	Gross Salary	\$4,478.68
Dahlberg, Brady	Gross Wages	\$612.00
Donner, Abigayle	Gross Wages	\$3,332.00
Egger, Garrett	Gross Wages	\$4,181.92
Fernau, Bradly	Gross Wages	\$3,500.94
Fish, Tristan	Gross Wages	\$2,499.00
Graeff, Randy	Gross Wages	\$3,561.25
Hampton, Donald	Gross Wages	\$3,027.84
Hart Benjamin	Gross Wages	\$1,491.00
McIntosh, Drew	Gross Wages	\$3,425.80
McWhirter, Bentz	Gross Wages	\$3,850.17
Olson, Arnold	Gross Wages	\$2,119.48
Osburn, Jay D	Gross Salary	\$4,478.68
Pearman, Terry	Gross Wages	\$4,307.20
Reese, Kay	Gross Wages	\$1,834.17
Smith, Lloyd	Gross Salary	\$750.00
Songer, LeRoy	Gross Wages	\$3,784.80
Szakacs, Brie	Gross Wages	\$4,187.01
Szakacs, Ryan	Gross Wages	\$3,052.50
Stichka, Steven	Gross Salary	\$4,478.68
Thompson, Shawn	Gross Wages	\$3,963.79
	GROSS TOTAL	\$141,587.36
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$20,982.17)

	NET TOTAL	\$120,605.19
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$ 7,541.37	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$ -	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of	\$	7,541.37

**VISITORS PROMOTION FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$675.06
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$62.12
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,359.46
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$182.58
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Battershaw, Taylor	Gross Wages	\$640.00
Braun, Regina	Gross Salary	\$5,136.52
Graeff, Lynn	Gross Wages	\$864.00
	GROSS TOTAL	\$9,048.95
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,507.58)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$7,541.37</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$ 22,017.56	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$ -	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of	\$	22,017.56

**HEALTH CLAIMS FUND**

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$22,017.56
	TOTAL	<b>\$22,017.56</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$ 8,273.21	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$ -	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of	\$	8,273.21

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	143.39
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$596.32
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$124.24
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Administration Fees	\$18.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$1,417.96
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,133.13
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$100.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$149.07
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Claim Funding	\$733.88
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Coyle, Jessica	Gross Salary	\$4,077.83
Reese, Kay	Gross Wages	\$1,222.78
	GROSS TOTAL	\$9,748.44
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,475.23)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$8,273.21</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$ 40,900.00	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$ -	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of	\$	40,900.00

**Inheritance Tax Fund**

Tehrani Motors	Patrol Vehicle	\$40,900.00
	TOTAL	<b>\$40,900.00</b>

At 4:47 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

State of Nebraska,    )  
                                   ) SS.  
 County of Cherry,    )

I, Brittny N. Longcor, the undersigned County Clerk of Cherry County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

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Brittny N. Longcor  
 Cherry County Clerk

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Martin K. DeNaeyer, Chairperson  
 Cherry County Board of Commissioners

# BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

## August 27, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on August 27, 2024 in the Commissioner Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published August 14, 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 Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, and Mike McConaughy, Deputy County Clerk Samantha Leonard, and Assessor Staff Daniel Bauer. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

No comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

Mr. Bauer presented tax list corrections for multiple years of personal property omitted on personal property returns. The Board will seek clarification and guidance from the Property Tax Administrator prior to deciding on said tax list corrections.

Protest #422-24-278 for Property ID: 160263409 was filed by Brittany Longcor who was present. Assessor Jackie Moreland recommended no change in value as relayed by Mr. Bauer. Ms. Longcor provided additional written documentation to the Board. No Board action was taken on Protest #278.

At 1:41 p.m. County Clerk Brittany Longcor took minutes for the remainder of the meeting. No Board action was taken on the agenda item re: Tax List Correction(s). No Board action was taken on the agenda item re: Property Valuation Protest Decision(s). Both items will be added to the Board of Equalization for September 10, 2024.

At 1:44 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

State of Nebraska,    )  
                                  ) SS.  
County of Cherry,    )

I, Brittany N. Longcor, the undersigned County Clerk of Cherry County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

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Brittany N. Longcor  
Cherry County Clerk

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Martin K. DeNaeyer, Chairperson  
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

**BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES**  
**August 27, 2024**

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on August 27, 2024 in the Commissioner Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published August 14, 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 1:45 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Present were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, County Clerk Brittny Longcor, and Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

There were no comments from the public during the allotted time.

Adminstrator Hesse updated the Board regarding the recent Jail Standards inspection, dispatch and jail revenue received, jail census, and staff census. Potential call-in pay for those employees who work outside their department was discussed. No Board action was taken.

At 1:54 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

State of Nebraska,    )  
                                  ) SS.  
County of Cherry,    )

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Brittny N. Longcor  
Cherry County Clerk

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Martin K. DeNaeyer, Chairperson  
Cherry County Board of Commissioners