

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES November 26, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on November 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 10:00 a.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Deputy County Clerk Samantha Leonard. 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 November 12, 2024 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughy, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board of Commissioners special meeting minutes from November 19, 2024 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried.

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

Noxious Weed Control Superintendent Dave Leonard met with the board to update them on specific noxious weed areas in the county that will be addressed Spring 2025 and potentially update the pickup sprayer this winter. The board requested Mr. Leonard to present quotes for sprayer updates. Mr. Leonard also presented the board with the Department of Agriculture Year-End Reports for 2024. Acres treated, increased inspections from 2023, and budget reports were discussed. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the year-end reports for 2024 as submitted and authorize Chairman DeNaeyer to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughy. The motion carried.

At 10:30 a.m. Tonya Huber with KLJ Engineering presented the board with information re: a RAISE grant application for construction to redesign Kilgore Road. Huber has collaborated with the Rosebud Sioux Tribe on a proposal to secure a DOT RAISE Grant to fund the improvements. The first phase of the grant would focus on planning and designing. Huber informed the board if the county disapproves the proposed plan and design, they are not obligated to participate in the second phase, involving construction. The board voiced their concerns about straightening the curves and the impact this would have on landowners. The board informed Huber they will have County Attorney Eric Scott review the proposed plan. No board action was taken on agenda item re: Tonya Huber – RAISE grant application (Kilgore Road).

The Visitors Promotion board and Tourism Director Regina Osburn met with the board to update them on the planning phase of the proposed convention center. Fundraising procedures and options, and fundraiser financial terms with Sandhills Area Foundation were discussed. Director Osburn also updated the board re: discussion about updating their bylaws and marketing reports for advertising costs within the visitor promotions fund.

The board met with Mike Boden and Dennis Maggart with NACO Benefit Services via telephone regarding a health insurance update. The board received a claims reporting update and BlueCross BlueShield reporting standard package. Mr. Maggart advised the board that medical claims have risen since July 2024. The rise of high-cost prescriptions and a flex access program at BlueCross BlueShield were discussed. The board asked Mr. Maggart to present alternative health insurance and other options before renewal in July 2025. NACO Benefit Services informed the board they would present second and third quarter reports with ideas and solutions for the rise in health insurance costs and claims.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle updated the board regarding meetings, webinars, 911 call handling system, HAZMAT trainings, and ARPA year end obligations.

Sheriff Rusty Osburn presented the board with the yearly Highway 20 Law Enforcement Interlocal Agreement. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Highway 20 Law Enforcement Interlocal Agreement and authorize Chairman DeNaeyer to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughy, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The board recessed from 12:43 p.m. to 1:07 p.m.

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

November 27, 2024  
CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 258,330.83  
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ -  
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of \$ 258,330.83

**GENERAL FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,690.67
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$19,337.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,111.32
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Administration Fees	\$0.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$42,016.96
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$33,519.76
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$3,200.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$4,990.63
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Insurance Funding	\$21,800.24
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$546.12
Andre, Andrea	Gross Wages	\$3,569.58
Bancroft, Melissa	Gross Wages	\$5,582.92
Blume, Ashley	Gross Salary	\$3,625.75
Brockley, Billie	Gross Wages	\$3,337.68
Buechle, Shelbie	Gross Wages	\$4,453.33
Campbell, Lisa	Gross Wages	\$2,614.53
Coates, Sonia	Gross Wages	\$3,807.40
Daugherty, Betty	Gross Wages	\$2,520.00
DeNaeyer, Martin	Gross Salary	\$2,012.50
Dobbins, Cynthia	Gross Wages	\$2,929.40
Duffield, Janette	Gross Wages	\$3,368.23
Eggert, Lorana	Gross Salary	\$4,785.64
Froning, Ellen	Gross Wages	\$4,298.93
Goodrich, Dustina	Gross Wages	\$2,820.60
Goodrich, Weston	Gross Wages	\$3,845.48
Greenough, Pat	Gross Wages	\$3,743.57
Hamlin, Ashtyn	Gross Wages	\$4,081.27
Hammond, Kathy	Gross Salary	\$4,785.64
Hanson, Timothy	Gross Salary	\$2,392.82
Hesse, Sharon	Gross Salary	\$5,208.33
Hunt, Clarissa	Gross Wages	\$3,359.63
Jackson, Gary	Gross Wages	\$4,367.84
Johnson, Andrew	Gross Salary	\$3,503.16
Knox, Calvin	Gross Wages	\$3,593.83
Leonard, David	Gross Wages	\$2,841.15
Leonard, Samantha	Gross Wages	\$3,456.94
Longcor, Brittney	Gross Salary	\$3,534.08
Lopez, Vincent	Gross Wages	\$564.80
Lutter, Tammy	Gross Wages	\$2,843.51
McConaughy, Michael	Gross Salary	\$2,012.50
McSweeney, Ryan	Gross Wages	\$4,498.46
Millar, Eve	Gross Wages	\$165.61
Nelson, Nina	Gross Salary	\$2,012.50
Ormesher, Katie	Gross Wages	\$1,405.49
Osborne, Joanie	Gross Wages	\$641.70
Osburn, Albert	Gross Salary	\$4,938.85
Peterson, Heather	Gross Wages	\$3,618.39
Pier, Shelley	Gross Wages	\$3,000.93
Price, Cassandra	Gross Wages	\$3,086.90
Red Fish, Cheyenne	Gross Wages	\$4,442.41
Renning, Maxwell	Gross Wages	\$4,636.40
Scott, Adelia	Gross Wages	\$4,466.89
Scott, Eric	Gross Salary	\$5,389.48
Starr, Christopher	Gross Wages	\$4,589.82
Stec, Nicholas	Gross Wages	\$4,257.43
Stoeger, David	Gross Wages	\$4,355.09
Stolzenburg, Jane	Gross Wages	\$4,100.61
Wickman, Erick	Gross Wages	\$4,851.00
	GROSS TOTAL	\$299,532.07
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$41,201.24)
	NET TOTAL	\$258,330.83

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 167,355.37 .  
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$ 167,355.37

**ROAD FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,809.91
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$8,609.40
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,414.56
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Administration Fees	\$0.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$19,361.22
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$15,878.86
Legal Shield	Services	\$67.80
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,350.00
Modern Farm Equipment Corporation		\$49,000.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,284.55
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Claim Funding	\$9,568.08
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$234.83
Boyer, Douglas	Gross Salary	\$4,862.45
Buechle, Jordan	Gross Wages	\$3,771.36
Bunner, Bradley	Gross Wages	\$3,787.02
Cash, Tyler	Gross Wages	\$3,787.02
Coetzee, Daniel	Gross Wages	\$3,363.00
Collier, David	Gross Salary	\$5,000.00
Egger, Garrett	Gross Wages	\$4,012.98
Fernau, Bradly	Gross Wages	\$3,560.70
Graeff, Randy	Gross Wages	\$3,823.87
Hampton, Donald	Gross Wages	\$1,563.72
Hart Benjamin	Gross Wages	\$1,351.84
Licking, Jeffrey	Gross Wages	\$606.67
McWhirter, Bentz	Gross Wages	\$4,123.35
Olson, Arnold	Gross Wages	\$2,242.31
Osburn, Jay D	Gross Salary	\$5,000.00
Pearman, Terry	Gross Wages	\$3,666.27
Reese, Kay	Gross Wages	\$1,791.11
Smith, Lloyd	Gross Salary	\$750.00
Songer, LeRoy	Gross Wages	\$3,625.44
Szakacs, Brye	Gross Wages	\$4,161.45
Szakacs, Ryan	Gross Wages	\$3,586.25
Stichka, Steven	Gross Salary	\$5,000.00
Thompson, Shawn	Gross Wages	\$4,291.07
	GROSS TOTAL	\$187,621.59
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$20,266.22)
	NET TOTAL	\$167,355.37

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 5,939.24 .  
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of \$ 5,939.24

**VISITORS PROMOTION FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$585.26
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$62.12
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$987.40
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$116.41
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Braun, Regina	Gross Salary	\$3,810.31
Graeff, Lynn	Gross Wages	\$1,392.00
	GROSS TOTAL	\$7,082.71
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,143.47)
	NET TOTAL	\$5,939.24

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 52,516.05 .  
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of \$ 52,516.05

**HEALTH CLAIMS FUND**

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$52,516.05
	TOTAL	\$52,516.05

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 530,433.75 .  
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Disaster fund in the amount of			<b>\$530,433.75</b>
<b>DISASTER FUND</b>			
BOKF NA	Bond/Interest		\$530,433.75
		TOTAL	<b>\$530,433.75</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>9,113.07</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of			\$ <b>9,113.07</b>

<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND</b>			
AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance		143.39
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement		\$680.68
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance		\$124.24
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Administration Fees		\$0.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding		\$1,417.96
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings		\$1,334.41
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding		\$100.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings		\$187.94
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Claim Funding		\$733.88
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance		\$31.84
Coyle, Jessica	Gross Salary		\$4,888.00
Reese, Kay	Gross Wages		\$1,162.49
		GROSS TOTAL	\$10,804.83
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings		(\$1,691.76)
		NET TOTAL	<b>\$9,113.07</b>

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:08 p.m. to 1:11 p.m.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:30 p.m. to 1:40 p.m.

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

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 County of Cherry, )

I, Samantha Leonard, the undersigned Deputy 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 December 2024.

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 Samantha Leonard  
 Cherry County Deputy Clerk

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 Martin K. DeNaeyer, Chairperson  
 Cherry County Board of Commissioners



