

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES December 10, 2024

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

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from November 26, 2024 were read. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from November 26, 2024 were read. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time. Written comments were received from Carolyn Semin.

The board reviewed a Request to Occupy County Right-of-Way. Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith informed the board he will do a field visit and present the request to them at the next meeting. No board action taken.

Cherry County Attorney Eric Scott reviewed a request for indigent burial assistance. After review, Mr. Scott recommended the board to accept the request. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the request for indigent burial assistance in the amount of \$1500, payable to Holmes Funeral Home. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughy, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle updated the board via email.

At 10:31 a.m. Tonya Huber, with KJL Engineering, met with the board and County Attorney Eric Scott via phone to discuss the RAISE grant proposal regarding Kilgore Road. Ms. Huber updated the board pertaining to the planning and designing phase of the application. Mr. Scott asked Ms. Huber for the option of being able to have landowner input before the planning and designing phase. Ms. Huber informed the board it would be necessary to do surveys and conceptual design prior to meeting with the board and landowners for her to be able to present road construction options. Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith will research to find out if the county or Village of Kilgore owns the .4 miles within the village. Multiple landowners attended the session with Ms. Huber and voiced their concerns and options of painting lines, guardrails, signs, and rumble bars instead of changing the layout of the road. Mr. Scott informed the board he will draft a proposed letter of support to present to Ms. Huber. No board action was taken.

The board recessed from 11:24 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

At 11:30 a.m. Valentine Children & Families Coalition (VCFC) Executive Director Jill Austin met with the Board to discuss the childcare project. Jill informed the board that all funds had been received to start construction and presented the board with quotes. The proposed goal of opening is February 1, 2025. Construction is expected to begin this month. The board asked Jill to keep them updated on the construction. The board will discuss a payment plan to VCFC for construction per the interlocal agreement, based on requirements of the ARPA funds allocated.

The board discussed the Highway Superintendent position. JD Osburn informed the board he passed the exam. The board discussed updating the current Highway Superintendent job description with County Attorney Eric Scott to include the current District 1 Road Foreman duties and responsibilities, to allow Mr. Osburn to hold both positions. Mr. Osburn asked the board to consider having a short-term contract with the current Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith for assistance. Mr. Scott informed the Board he would draft a proposed contract and job description. No board action was taken.

Zoning Administrator Jane Stolzenburg met with the board to discuss salary increase options based on the planning and zoning meetings being moved to a different time and the increase in permits being applied for. The board asked Ms. Stolzenburg to document the consistent uprise of extra work with more permits over the next quarter. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to reexam the Zoning Administrator's salary based on dad of permits and hours worked brought to the board over the next quarter. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried. Ms. Stolzenburg also updated the board on Board of Adjustment vacancies, Planning & Zoning Board Members terms expiring, and regulation update progress.

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, adjustments to floor plans,

sponsorship levels, the creation of a board to oversee all major activities of the project, and fundraiser financial terms with Sandhills Area Foundation and Mid-Plains Community College were discussed. Director Osburn presented the board with marketing spending and grant funding reports.

District 2 Road Foreman Steve Stichka updated the board re: equipment preparation for winter and monitoring the milling project that was completed this past summer. District 3 Road Foreman Brent Collier updated the board re: the availability of obtaining rock from a March 2024 mutual agreement and completing more equipment maintenance this winter to prepare for next spring.

The board recessed from 12:40 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:02 p.m. to 1:24 p.m.

County District Court Clerk Lorana Eggert submitted a letter of resignation to the Board. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to accept District Court Clerk Lorana Eggert’s resignation, with an effective date of January 17, 2025. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried.

The board discussed Cherry County employee cost-of-living adjustments and potential increases within budgeted amounts. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve a 3% cost-of-living-adjustment, effective for January 2025 payroll, for all employees except for District 1 Road Foreman, District 2 Road Foreman, District 3 Road Foreman, Emergency Management Director, and Justice Center Administrator, who previously received substantial raises because of a potential federal mandate threshold for salaried employees. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughey, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the ARPA Fund year-end obligations and funds have been allocated. No board action taken.

The Board discussed changes within the TimeClock Plus system re: hour tracking, differential pay within the Justice Center, efficiency, use for employee accountability, and extending the annual contract. The board advised Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse to quit using the TimeClock Plus system and use the Cherry County System as TimeClock Plus does not track shift differential. The board asked Ms. Hesse to research finding another system sufficient for the Justice Center, as the current Cherry County System is outdated. The board asked Billie Brockley to investigate the MIPS Time Clock system for another option, if applicable. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to keep TimeClock Plus for Cherry County employees currently using except Justice Center employees who will revert to the old Cherry County system. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried.

December 10, 2024 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	82,308.25	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of			\$	82,308.25
GENERAL				
Ainsworth Star Journal	Services			\$77.00
Amazon Capital Services	Supplies			\$39.99
Wade Andrews	Mileage			\$147.40
Applied Connective Technologies	Services			\$8,466.15
Axon Enterprise Inc	Services			\$182.40
Black Hills Chemical	Services			\$630.24
Bomgaars	Supplies			\$37.92
Michael Borders	Services			\$6,675.26
Buckles Fuel Service	Services			\$63.31
Centurylink	Services			\$2,052.26
Cherry County Hospital	Services			\$5,624.50
Cherry County Sheriff	Services			\$20.70
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees			\$15.00
Circle K Motor Company	Services			\$99.65
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service			\$319.90
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services			\$537.60
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services			\$220.55
Cynthia Dobbins	Reimbursement			\$17.00
FedEx Corporation	Services			\$49.04
Firstnet/AT&T	Services			\$642.18
Galls Parent Holdings	Supplies			\$41.94
Michelle Garwood	Reimbursement			\$263.98
Grafix Shoppe	Supplies			\$660.00
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement			\$100.00
Timothy Hanson	Equipment			\$2,636.75
Heart City Drug	Supplies			\$49.85
Henderson's IGA Inc	Supplies			\$239.69

Interstate All Battery Center	Services	\$299.10
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,523.06
Justice Data Solutions Inc	Services	\$6,025.00
KBRB Sandhills Broadcasting	Services	\$100.00
KVSH Radio	Services	\$390.00
Dave Leonard	Telephone Service	\$70.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$136.00
MIPS	Services	\$3,262.88
NACO	Dues/Fees/Training	\$160.00
National Association of Counties	Dues/Fees/Training	\$450.00
Nebraska Health and Human Services	Services	\$249.26
Nebraska Sheriff's Association	Dues/Fees/Training	\$30.00
Nextoner	Services	\$269.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$1,743.45
Physicians Laboratory	Services	\$3,530.00
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$400.00
Reese Inc	Services	\$1,105.00
RR Donnelley	Services	\$160.98
Ruby Law Office	Services	\$3,048.25
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$184.84
Eric Scott Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$11,547.61
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$180.43
Sennet Duncan Jenkins & Wickham	Services	\$1,170.54
Southside Body & Paint	Services	\$801.00
Stanek Fire Protection	Services	\$383.00
Timeclock Plus	Services	\$37.10
Tony's Tire and Auto Repair	Services	\$209.95
True Value	Supplies	\$73.48
The Twister Radio	Services	\$297.00
US Cellular	Services	\$59.15
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$1,094.33
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$3,699.49
Vandiest Supply Company	Services	\$4,721.90
Ward Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$107.88
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$12.84
Wex Bank	Services	\$1,594.73
Willoughby Industries	Services	\$270.74
	TOTAL	\$82,308.25
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	86,508.78
and disallowed in the amount of	Central Nebraska Bobcat-Claim Denied	\$ (5,483.60)
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of	\$	81,025.18
ROAD		
AKRS Equipment	Supplies	\$586.78
Bacon Repair	Supplies	\$523.55
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$3,265.73
Buche Hardware	Supplies	\$135.97
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$11,332.21
Central Nebraska Bobcat	Services	\$5,483.60
Cherry County Clinic	Services	\$195.00
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$151.41
Circle K Motor Company	Services	\$664.87
Cody Oil	Services	\$262.30
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$290.88
Croell Inc	Services	\$6,501.54
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$130.18
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Dooley Oil Inc	Services	\$62.74
Elkhorn Sand & Gravel	Services	\$3,371.06
Emerson Equipment	Services	\$21.00
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$321.17
Hoefs Skidloader Works	Services	\$514.50
Hometown Lumber & Construction	Services	\$69.67
Independent Salt Co	Services	\$1,083.29
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$247.52
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$1,049.60
Kohler Trailer Sales	Services	\$10,500.00
M I Jones	Services	\$1,014.73
MARC/Mid American Research Chemical	Services	\$287.75
Martin Auto Parts II	Services	\$110.42
Medical Enterprises	Services	\$70.00

Village of Merriman	Services	\$60.71
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Motor Carrier Services Division	Services	\$18.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$48.34
The Parts Company	Supplies	\$380.30
Perrett Construction LTD	Services	\$194.06
Powerplan	Services	\$320.95
Prema	Services	\$93.02
Reese Inc	Supplies	\$420.19
Sandhill Oil Company	Services	\$12,175.06
Shortys Tools LLC	Services	\$161.68
Stern Oil Co	Services	\$16,845.50
Superior Sanitation Services	Services	\$170.00
Triple G Redimix	Services	\$640.90
Troyer Enterprises	Services	\$6,076.21
True Value Hardware	Supplies	\$13.99
US Cellular	Services	\$105.83
City of Valentine	Services	\$328.87

TOTAL **\$86,508.78**
Less Denied Claim **\$81,025.18**

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **8,054.19** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of \$ **8,054.19**

VISITOR PROMOTION

Great Plains Communication	Services	\$296.79
MCB Productions	Services	\$1,000.00
The Nebraska Star Party	Grant	\$4,000.00
NRG Media	Services	\$2,500.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$35.00
City of Valentine	Services	\$222.40

TOTAL **\$8,054.19**

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **20,117.67** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of \$ **20,117.67**

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$20,117.67
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TOTAL **\$20,117.67**

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **10,001.19** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of \$ **10,001.19**

BOOKMOBILE

Valentine Public Library	Bookmobile	\$10,001.19
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TOTAL **\$ 10,001.19**

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **291.37** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ **291.37**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

KBR Rural Public Power	Services	\$81.14
Nebraska Assn of emergency management	Services	\$50.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$59.22
Prema	Services	\$101.01

TOTAL **\$291.37**

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **246.11** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of \$ **246.11**

INHERITANCE TAX

Houghton Bradford Whitted PC	Services	\$90.00
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$156.11

TOTAL **\$246.11**

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **266.02** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of \$ **266.02**

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)

Centurylink	Services	\$266.02
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TOTAL **\$266.02**

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,104.54	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of		\$	1,104.54
911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)			
Great Plains Communications Inc		Services	\$126.94
OPTK Networks		Services	\$977.60
		TOTAL	\$1,104.54

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	4,941.13	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Holding Fund in the amount of		\$	4,941.13
911 WIRELESS Holding (2914)			
Geo Comm Inc		Services	\$4,941.13
		TOTAL	\$4,941.13

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	398.25	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Courthouse (Special Building) Fund in the amount of		\$	398.25
Courthouse (Special Building)			
North Star Electric		Services	\$398.25
		TOTAL	\$398.25

McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve claims except for claim #24125248 in the amount of \$5,483.60 within the Road Fund. Roll call vote: Aye –DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried.

At 3:11 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

State of Nebraska,)
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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 31st day of December 2024.

 Samantha Leonard
 Cherry County Deputy Clerk

 Martin K. DeNaeyer, Chairperson
 Cherry County Board of Commissioners

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