

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

January 14, 2025

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on January 14, 2025 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 10:01 a.m. by Clerk Leonard. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Mike McConaughey, Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, and Cherry County Clerk Samantha Leonard. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Clerk Leonard and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The board conducted their annual reorganization for 2025.

Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to appointed Commissioner McConaughey as the Chairman of the Cherry County Board of Commissioners for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried.

Nelson moved and McConaughey seconded to appointed Commissioner DeNaeyer as the Vice Chairman of the Cherry County Board of Commissioners for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughey, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board of Commissioners regular meeting minutes from December 31, 2024 were read. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to approve the minutes with noted corrections. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from December 31, 2024 were read. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried.

The Board of Correction meeting minutes from December 31, 2024 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughey, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

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

Board committee appointments and liaison designations were discussed. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to approve the reorganization of the Board committees and liaison designations for 2025 as follows:

Keya Paha/Cherry County Housing Authority Board	DeNaeyer
Region IV/NorthStar Development Board	DeNaeyer
Region 4/Behavioral Health System Board	Nelson
County Welfare Chairman	McConaughey
RC&D Board	Nelson
Road District #1 Supervisor	Nelson
Road District #2 Supervisor	DeNaeyer
Road District #3 Supervisor	McConaughey
Niobrara Council	Nelson
Northwest Community Action Board	McConaughey
North Central District Health Department	McConaughey
Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging	Nelson
CNEDD Board	Nelson
Cherry County Safety Committee	DeNaeyer
Cherry County Emergency Management Liaison	DeNaeyer
Cherry County Justice Center Liaison	McConaughey
Cherry County Hospital Liaison	Nelson

Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried.

McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to designate the following institutions as depositories for Cherry County funds for 2025: Sandhills State Bank, Security First Bank, NPAIT, Union Bank & Trust, Wells Fargo Bank, and Pinnacle Bank. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried.

Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to designate Valentine Midland News and the Cherry County website (www.cherrycountyne.gov) as the official publications for Cherry County meeting notices and other required communications for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughey, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to appoint Samantha Leonard as the Cherry County Health Insurance Plan Administration for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to appoint Samantha Leonard as the Cherry County Sam.Gov Account Administrator for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle updated the board re: LEOP plans, PET meetings, Keya Paha dispatching and additional costs associated with the recording system adding control stations and antennas to be able to listen to channels for Keya Paha.

The board reviewed the Treasurer’s Semi-Annual Statement. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the Semi-Annual Statement. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried.

At 10:57 a.m. the meeting was moved to the Sheriff’s Conference Room upstairs.

At 11:03 a.m. the board met with Zelle Human Resources representative, Chad Thies, to discuss options of outsourcing Human Resources and assistance with payroll, job description updates, TimeClock Plus, policies/procedures, etc. This would provide an outlet for employees for Human Resource concerns. The board asked County Attorney Eric Scott to review a 6-month contract that was presented. No board action taken re: agenda item Zelle Human Resource Solutions.

McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to omit the Cherry County Road Supervisor Job Description and position. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughey, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the Highway Superintendent Job Description drafted by County Attorney Eric Scott. Mr. Scott informed the board the function of the new job description is to re-establish chain of command with decisions stopping at the Board of Commissioners. Road Foremen report to the Commissioners and the Board has responsibility and authority. The Highway Superintendent would be an asset to the foremen on road building codes and following statute. JD asked that all foreman be involved in the 1- & 6-year plan for their specified district. Funds for payroll to be paid out of District 1 Road Fund, with a transfer out of District 2 and 3 for their portion of the payroll for the year to be done at the end of each fiscal year. Nelson approved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the Cherry County Highway Superintendent Job Description with additions and corrections. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried.

McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to appoint JD Osburn as the Cherry County Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried.

The Board recessed from 12:45 p.m. to 1:01 p.m.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:01 p.m. to 1:10 p.m.

The Board discussed a letter of support for the Cherry County GOP Resolution in opposition of the Animal ID mandate. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve and execute the letter of support for the Animal ID Resolution as prepared by County Attorney Eric Scott. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughey, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Lloyd Smith and the Board discussed the options of a contract with Mr. Smith to assist JD Osburn with the duties of the Highway Superintendent job, as needed. The Board asked Mr. Smith to present them with an hourly wage he would consider. No board action taken.

No board action taken on the agenda item re: Designate 2025 Budget Preparer.

The Board discussed approval or denial of the departments that do not currently have an elected official signing off on time sheets. The Board decided the following Supervisors will approve or deny time off for the below departments:

- Road Secretary – Mike McConaughey
- Tourism Director – Nina Nelson
- Emergency Management Director – Martin DeNaeyer

Zoning Administrator Jane Stolzenburg presented the Board with an update regarding Board of Adjustment vacancies, Planning & Zoning Board vacancies, and revisiting the fee schedule for zoning applications with the Board at a later date.

At 1:50 p.m. the meeting was moved back to the Commissioner’s Meeting Room.

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

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	79,803.96	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$		79,803.96
GENERAL			
Applied Connective Technologies		Services	\$5,011.30
Melissa Bancroft		Reimbursement	\$263.98
Bomgaars		Supplies	\$113.93
Michael Borders		Services	\$404.00
Boyd's Network Solutions		Services	\$1,177.50
Centurylink		Services	\$1,957.59
Cherry County Court		Services	\$334.00

Cherry County District Court	Services	\$72.00
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$5,577.00
Cherry County Sheriff	Services	\$4.00
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees	\$10.00
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service	\$325.17
Sonia Coates	Reimbursement	\$568.08
Comfort Inn-Kearney	Lodging	\$1,124.55
Jessica Coyle	Reimbursement	\$110.36
Crowne Plaza/IHG Hotel	Lodging	\$279.90
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services	\$537.60
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services	\$220.55
Kelly Deibler	Services	\$323.70
Lorana Eggert	Reimbursement	\$92.53
Firstnet/AT&T	Services	\$642.18
Ellen Froning	Reimbursement	\$568.16
Green Clean	Services	\$425.00
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$100.00
Kathy Hammond	Reimbursement	\$278.72
Timothy Hanson	Equipment	\$2,636.75
Heart City Drug	Supplies	\$41.90
Edward Heinert	Mileage	\$24.12
Henderson's IGA Inc	Supplies	\$135.17
Holmes Funeral Home	Services	\$1,500.00
Holt County Treasurer	Services	\$1,980.65
Huskerland Communications	Services	\$199.99
Intoximeters	Services	\$1,280.25
Journal Entry	Refund	-\$25.00
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,284.51
Jury Duty	Jury Duty	\$2,485.00
Jury Duty	Mileage	\$1,580.53
KBRB Sandhills Broadcasting	Services	\$170.00
L&B Johnson	Services	\$514.60
Dave Leonard	Telephone Service	\$70.00
Marco Technologies	Services	\$15.24
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$136.00
Mid-Plains Community College	Services	\$650.00
Midland News	Services	\$132.00
MIPS	Services	\$3,567.28
NACO	Dues/Fees/Training	\$320.00
NACO Planing & Zoning	Dues/Fees/Training	\$40.00
Nebraska Assn of County Assessors	Dues/Fees/Training	\$100.00
Nebraska District Court Clerk Assn	Dues/Fees/Training	\$50.00
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training	Dues/Fees/Training	\$250.00
Nebraska Weed Control Association	Dues/Fees/Training	\$150.00
Nelsen Furniture Inc	Supplies	\$139.00
Niobrara Lodge	Lodging	\$110.00
NK Waste Inc	Services	\$386.00
Norfolk Lodge & Suites	Lodging	\$220.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$1,980.64
Paper Tiger Shredding	Services	\$55.00
Physicians Laboratory PC	Services	\$300.00
PIP Marketing Signs Print	Services	\$379.88
Platte Valley Communications Inc	Services	\$344.04
Premier Parts and Paint	Services	\$315.00
Presto X	Services	\$342.30
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$800.00
Quadient Leasing	Services	\$347.21
Quill Corporation	Services	\$276.74
Reese Inc	Services	\$1,300.13
Region 2 Weed Control	Dues/Fees/Training	\$50.00
Region 4 Behavioral Health Systems	Services	\$5,407.50
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$1,029.95
Sandhills Weed Management Area	Services	\$200.00
Eric Scott Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$11,518.65
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$157.58
Cardmember Service	Services	\$200.17
Sennet Duncan Jenkins & Wickham	Services	\$25.00
Ryan Sexson	Mileage	\$53.60
Timeclock Plus	Services	\$1,769.04
True Value	Supplies	\$44.23
University of Nebraska	Services	\$325.00
US Cellular	Services	\$59.15
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$997.42
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$3,798.18
Ward Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$483.58
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$21.77
Wex Bank	Services	\$1,900.36
Laura Willert	Mileage	\$36.85
Wrenched Tire & Auto	Services	\$1,619.20

	TOTAL	\$79,803.96
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	105,383.88
and disallowed in the amount of		
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of		\$
ROAD		
Bacon Repair	Supplies	\$1,639.53
Bill's Garage	Services	\$1,795.88
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$1,029.15
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$6,942.53
CBO Heating & Air LLC	Services	\$263.45
Central Nebraska Bobcat	Services	\$5,483.60
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$316.46
Circle K Motor Company	Services	\$103.95
Cody Oil	Services	\$6,836.50
Village of Cody	Services	\$195.60
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$290.45
Croell Inc	Services	\$7,678.71
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$139.06
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Dooley Oil Inc	Services	\$192.74
Flat Creek Construction	Services	\$28,381.36
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$321.39
Henderson's IGA	Services	\$79.11
Hoefs Skidloader Works	Services	\$686.00
Inland Truck Parts Company	Services	\$791.61
Interstate Battery System	Services	\$1,494.55
J&J Trailer Sales	Services	\$30.00
Journal Entry	Void ck# 24125251	-\$664.87
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$1,180.32
Kohler Trailer Sales	Services	\$366.90
Lanair Products	Services	\$739.17
Martin Auto Parts II	Services	\$169.25
Medical Enterprises	Services	\$41.25
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Modern Farm Equipment Corporation	Services	\$479.96
Neal Oil & Auto Center	Services	\$700.00
Nebraska Machinery Company	Services	\$1,511.59
Nebraska Motor Fuels Division	Services	\$3,147.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$168.40
Nebraska Truck Center	Services	\$676.72
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$2,760.00
NK Waste Inc	Services	\$128.00
Northern Tool & Equipment	Supplies	\$1,205.97
Office Products	Supplies	\$45.75
The Parts Company	Supplies	\$784.17
Perrett Construction LTD	Services	\$1,486.06
Powerplan	Services	\$6,001.83
Prairie Fabrication	Services	\$62.93
Prema	Services	\$138.59
Reese Inc	Supplies	\$1,053.39
Sandhill Oil Company	Services	\$10,680.19
Sandhills Ranch Supply	Services	\$1,108.10
Stern Oil Co	Services	\$1,086.80
Tony's Tire & Auto Repair	Services	\$1,040.00
Triple G Redimix	Services	\$2,009.24
Truck Center Companies	Services	\$480.42
US Cellular	Services	\$401.88
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$28.18
City of Valentine	Services	\$772.36
Ronald White	Services	\$240.00
3s Fabrication & Repair	Services	\$455.00
	TOTAL	\$105,383.88
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	32,795.22
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of		\$ 32,795.22
VISITOR PROMOTION		
Great Plains Communication	Services	\$179.70
Hand's Lawn Service LLC	Services	\$365.00
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$420.69
MCB Productions	Services	\$500.00
Miles Partnership	Services	\$10,500.00
NK Waste Inc	Services	\$105.00
NRG Media	Services	\$1,390.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$35.00
Quad Graphics	Services	\$17,990.07
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$39.59
Valentine Area Arts Council	Grant	\$1,000.00

City of Valentine		Services	\$270.17
		TOTAL	\$32,795.22
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	62,288.06	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of			\$
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS			62,288.06
Cherry County Clerk		Health Insurance Claims	\$62,288.06
		TOTAL	\$62,288.06
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	10,605.19	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of			\$
BOOKMOBILE			10,605.19
Thomas County Library		Bookmobile	\$ 604.00
Valentine Public Library		Bookmobile	\$10,001.19
		TOTAL	\$ 10,605.19
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	257.82	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of			\$
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			257.82
KBR Rural Public Power		Services	\$97.41
Prema		Services	\$160.41
		TOTAL	\$257.82
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	266.41	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of			\$
911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)			266.41
Centurylink		Services	\$266.41
		TOTAL	\$266.41
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,206.56	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of			\$
911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)			1,206.56
Great Plains Communications Inc		Services	\$228.96
OPTK Networks		Services	\$977.60
		TOTAL	\$1,206.56

At 2:51 p.m. Chairman McConaughey adjourned the meeting.

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

I, Samantha Leonard, 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 28th day of January 2025.

Samantha Leonard
Cherry County Clerk

Mike McConaughey, Chairperson
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

January 14, 2025

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on January 14, 2025 in the Commissioner Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published January 8, 2025 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 1:01 p.m. by Chairman McConaughy. Present were Commissioners Mike McConaughy, Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, County Clerk Samantha Leonard, and County Assessor Melissa Bancroft. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman McConaughy.

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

Tax List Corrections were discussed with the Board and Assessor Bancroft. It was confirmed to the Board that Tax List Corrections #8, 9, and 12 were corrections to update amounts for the split parcels. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve Tax List Corrections #8, 9, and 12 as updated. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughy, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Assessor Bancroft presented the Board with Tax List Corrections #14-24 that were transfers or split parcels. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve Tax List Corrections #14-24 as presented by Assessor Bancroft. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughy. The motion carried.

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Property ID</u>
2024	8	160104475
2024	9	160666248
2024	12	160046580
2024	14	160026385
2024	15	160026962
2024	16	160666191
2024	17	160666249
2024	18	160027837
2024	19	160666250
2024	20	160103142
2024	21	160666251
2024	22	160103177
2024	23	160666252
2024	24	160070775

At 1:10 p.m. Chairman McConaughy adjourned the meeting.

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 County of Cherry,)

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Samantha Leonard
 Cherry County Clerk

Mike McConaughy, Chairperson
 Cherry County Board of Commissioners