

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

## January 28, 2025

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on January 28, 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 10:00 a.m. by Chairman McConaughy. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and appointed designee, Jane Stolzenburg. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman McConaughy and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioners regular meeting minutes from January 14, 2025 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye –Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from January 14, 2025 were read. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye –DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

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

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

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>280,510.38</b>		
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-		
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of			\$	<b>280,510.38</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				
AFLAC		Withholdings/Insurance		\$2,699.09
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement		Withholdings/Retirement		\$20,581.49
Blue Cross Blue Shield		Health Insurance Administration Fees		\$635.00
Cherry County Health Account		Health Claims Funding		\$40,499.00
Delta Dental of Nebraska		Withholdings/Insurance		\$4,654.02
EFTPS		Withholdings/Taxes		\$37,036.99
General Collections		Garnishment		\$622.21
AUL Health Benefit Trust		Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding		\$3,100.00
Journal Entry		Ameritas Refund		(\$253.36)
NE Department of Revenue		Withholdings/Taxes		\$5,443.58
NE Department of Revenue		Garnishment		\$573.78
Pace Underwriters Insurance		Health Insurance Funding		\$21,800.24
Eric Scott Law		Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment		\$6,486.67
Vision Service Plan		Withholdings/Insurance		\$554.23
Andre, Andrea		Gross Wages		\$3,627.39
Bancroft, Kaetryn		Gross Wages		\$744.80
Bancroft, Melissa		Gross Salary		\$4,929.21
Blume, Ashley		Gross Salary		\$3,960.84
Brockley, Billie		Gross Wages		\$3,625.32
Buechle, Shelbie		Gross Wages		\$4,832.85
Coates, Sonia		Gross Wages		\$3,832.95
Daugherty, Betty		Gross Wages		\$2,734.20
DeNaeyer, Martin		Gross Salary		\$2,012.50
Dobbins, Cynthia		Gross Wages		\$2,934.06
Duffield, Janette		Gross Wages		\$3,828.28
Eggert, Lorana		Gross Salary		\$3,867.50
Froning, Ellen		Gross Wages		\$4,642.51
Goodrich, Dustina		Gross Wages		\$2,900.89
Goodrich, Weston		Gross Wages		\$4,955.02
Greenough, Pat		Gross Wages		\$3,947.24
Hamlin, Ashtyn		Gross Wages		\$4,765.46
Hammond, Kathy		Gross Salary		\$4,929.21
Hanson, Jessica		Gross Wages		\$3,850.14
Hanson, Timothy		Gross Salary		\$2,464.60
Hesse, Sharon		Gross Salary		\$5,208.33
Hunt, Clarissa		Gross Wages		\$3,483.85
Jackson, Gary		Gross Wages		\$4,704.02
Johnson, Andrew		Gross Salary		\$3,608.25
Knox, Calvin		Gross Wages		\$4,194.20
Leonard, David		Gross Wages		\$2,974.59
Leonard, Samantha		Gross Wages		\$8,418.91
Lopez, Vincent		Gross Wages		\$1,034.00
Lutter, Tammy		Gross Wages		\$2,948.98
McConaughy, Michael		Gross Salary		\$2,012.50
McSweeney, Ryan		Gross Wages		\$5,231.78
Nelson, Nina		Gross Salary		\$2,012.50
Ormesher, Katie		Gross Wages		\$1,944.30
Osborne, Joanie		Gross Wages		\$600.00
Osburn, Albert		Gross Salary		\$5,087.02
Peterson, Heather		Gross Wages		\$3,730.82

Pier, Shelley	Gross Wages	\$3,091.96
Price, Cassandra	Gross Wages	\$4,150.39
Red Fish, Cheyenne	Gross Wages	\$4,978.08
Renning, Maxwell	Gross Wages	\$5,260.15
Scott, Adelia	Gross Wages	\$4,840.43
Scott, Eric	Gross Salary	\$5,551.16
Starr, Christopher	Gross Wages	\$4,849.16
Stec, Nicholas	Gross Wages	\$3,843.83
Stoeger, David	Gross Wages	\$4,438.06
Stolzenburg, Jane	Gross Wages	\$4,193.05
Wickman, Erick	Gross Wages	\$6,638.89
	<b>GROSS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$326,847.12</b>
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$46,336.74)
	<b>NET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$280,510.38</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>128,586.59</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$ <b>128,586.59</b>

**ROAD FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,924.07
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$8,236.67
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Administration Fees	\$240.00
Cherry County Implement	Down Payment	\$15,471.74
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$17,943.26
Delta Dental of Nebraska	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,653.06
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$14,636.07
Legal Shield	Services	\$33.90
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,350.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,120.05
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Claim Funding	\$9,568.08
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$225.21
Buechle, Jordan	Gross Wages	\$4,187.34
Bunner, Bradley	Gross Wages	\$3,804.94
Cash, Tyler	Gross Wages	\$3,857.64
Coetsee, Daniel	Gross Wages	\$3,784.95
Collier, David	Gross Salary	\$5,000.00
Egger, Garrett	Gross Wages	\$4,278.72
Fernau, Bradly	Gross Wages	\$3,580.74
Graeff, Randy	Gross Wages	\$4,041.27
Hampton, Donald	Gross Wages	\$1,108.08
Hart Benjamin	Gross Wages	\$736.92
McIntosh, Drew	Gross Wages	\$1,717.75
McWhirter, Bentz	Gross Wages	\$4,122.42
Osburn, Jay D	Gross Salary	\$5,438.42
Pearman, Terry	Gross Wages	\$4,051.12
Reese, Kay	Gross Wages	\$1,835.07
Songer, LeRoy	Gross Wages	\$3,760.29
Szakacs, Brie	Gross Wages	\$4,044.50
Szakacs, Ryan	Gross Wages	\$3,512.90
Stichka, Steven	Gross Salary	\$5,000.00
Thompson, Shawn	Gross Wages	\$3,852.00
Vest, Daniel	Gross Wages	\$2,300.00
	<b>GROSS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$147,417.18</b>
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$18,830.59)
	<b>NET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$128,586.59</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>5,498.94</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of			\$ <b>5,498.94</b>

**VISITORS PROMOTION FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$546.33
Delta Dental of Nebraska	Withholdings/Insurance	\$125.66
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$911.47
Journal Entry	Void Ck# 25015584	(\$39.59)
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$102.73
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Braun, Regina	Gross Salary	\$3,840.30
Graeff, Lynn	Gross Wages	\$1,015.99
	<b>GROSS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,632.10</b>
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,133.16)
	<b>NET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,498.94</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>24,621.73</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of			\$ <b>24,621.73</b>

**HEALTH CLAIMS FUND**

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$24,621.73
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,621.73</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	50,000.00	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Covid American Rescue Plan Fund in the amount of	\$			50,000.00
<b>Covid American Rescue Plan</b>				
Valentine Children & Families Coalition		Funding Match		\$50,000.00
			TOTAL	\$50,000.00

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	9,211.17	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of	\$			9,211.17
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND</b>				
AFLAC		Withholdings/Insurance		143.39
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement		Withholdings/Retirement		\$687.20
Blue Cross Blue Shield		Health Insurance Administration Fees		\$15.00
Cherry County Health Account		Health Claim Funding		\$1,417.96
Delta Dental of Nebraska		Withholdings/Insurance		\$160.48
EFTPS		Taxes/Withholdings		\$1,335.61
AUL Health Benefit Trust		Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding		\$100.00
NE Department of Revenue		Taxes/Withholdings		\$182.16
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		\$1,220.50
			GROSS TOTAL	\$10,916.02
		Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings		(\$1,704.85)
			NET TOTAL	\$9,211.17

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	11,403.35	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of	\$			11,403.35
<b>Inheritance Tax Fund</b>				
Boyd's Network Solutions		Services		\$8,872.49
Cherry County Treasurer		Taxes		\$2,530.86
		TOTAL		\$11,403.35

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle updated the board re: North Central 911 meetings did not have a quorum, and the next meeting is scheduled for Spring, will be attending the PET meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, will be attending the Keya Paha meeting regarding dispatching for Keya Paha County. Keya Paha would like to combine the interlocal for the 911 dispatch and Emergency Management. Questions have been forwarded to John regarding the CWDG.

The Highway Superintendent job description was reviewed by the board. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to accept the Highway Superintendent job description and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye –Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Cherry County South Extension Office Bid was revised to include a wall not stated on the original bid. The board agreed to move the door down so as not to interfere with the exit door. Nelson moved to approve the bid for Cherry County South Building for \$20,706.46 as a revision of previous estimate approval from Dick Clark Construction. DeNaeyer seconded. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Audit draft approval from Contryman Associates was reviewed and McConaughy took the lead. Nothing was alarming and the auditors stated the county was doing a good job. ARPA funds will be reviewed but will not require a full single audit. Having no concerns, McConaughy moved to approve the 2023-2024 Audit Draft. DeNaeyer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Aye –McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Skid Steer purchased for District 2 has been delivered there are minor things that need to be done. The loan is from Security First Bank with 20% down and three annual payments. It was discussed that Road Department loans should have two commissioners signing loan documents. The district initiating the loan and the Chairperson should sign. If the loan is in the Chairperson's district the other two commissioners will need to sign the loan documents. DeNaeyer moved to authorize the loan for skid steer in District 2 from Security First Bank as presented and authorized the Chairman & Road District 2 Commissioner to sign. Roll call vote: Aye –Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer made a motion to accept Michael McLeod's resignation from the Planning & Zoning Board. McConaughy seconded. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

McConaughy made a motion to re-appoint Gordon Witte and Wade Andrews to Planning & Zoning starting 2025 and ending 2028. Nelson seconded. Roll call: vote: Aye –McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer made a motion to appoint James Ward to replace Albert Ericksen on the Planning & Zoning Board. Motion died for lack of a second.

McConaughy made a motion to appoint Bill Wachob to replace John Lee with a one-year term. Nelson seconded. Roll call vote: Aye –Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Nelson made a motion to appoint Chad Tetherow to take the place of Michael McLeod for a two-year term. McConaughy seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Nay – DeNaeyer, Aye - McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Nelson made a motion to appoint Gary MacLeod to replace Albert Ericksen for a three-year term. McConaughy seconded the motion. Roll call: vote: Aye –McConaughy, Nelson, Nay – DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Chad Thies, Zelle Human Resources Solutions, appeared via zoom. Concerns were raised regarding not having the budget, length of contract, cost of contract and possible internal resistance. Nelson asked about a focused project to work on Time Clock Plus and payroll issues. A quote could be available by the end of the week for the focused project. No action taken.

McConaughy made a motion to set a date and time for Conditional Use Permit - CUP#004/24 Sharp’s Outfitters LLC, RV Electrical Hookups on Existing Campground on February 25, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. CT. DeNaeyer seconded and asked to have the Public Hearing properly advertised. : Aye –Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

At 11:27 a.m. Chairman McConaughy adjourned the meeting.

State of Nebraska, )  
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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 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.

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Samantha Leonard  
Cherry County Clerk

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Mike McConaughy, Chairperson  
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

