

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

## June 10, 2025

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

The Board of Commissioners' regular meeting minutes from May 27, 2025 were read. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve minutes with noted corrections. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from May 27, 2025 were read. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughey, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from May 27, 2025 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried.

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

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle provided the board with an update re: streaming work with Applied Connective, UPC battery backup removed with Boyd's, Cherry County South phones are fixed and plugged into the new battery backup, seat plane may be coming in July, equipment consolettes and repeaters are 25+ years old and need replaced. Quotes from Platte Valley Communications were presented. The board discussed options to replace all repeaters/consolettes over the next 10 years. The board asked Ms. Coyle to gather inventory data to see when the repeaters and consolettes were acquired by the county to make a decision.

The board and EM Director Coyle discussed options to livestream the Board of Commissioner meetings. Ms. Coyle presented Owl 3 which only needs wi-fi and can be moved to other rooms. The public would be able to join the meeting to watch but cannot comment. The board would be able to add to their Shared folder on the Cherry County website and the recording would autosave for 120 days. Clerk Leonard would provide a code for each meeting on the agenda. The option to use the prior Road Supervisor's laptop was discussed. The board discussed the concern of security and public's availability to download the recording. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to purchase the Meeting Owl 3 for \$1049 with LATCF Funds and start implementing at the July 8, 2025 meeting. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried.

Grounds Superintendent Pat Greenough presented the board with estimates from Western Roofing in Norfolk and Weathercraft in North Platte to replace or repair the Jail roof. The board discussed the best option of replacing or repairing the roof. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded for Mr. Greenough to advertise for sealed bids for the jail roof to be replaced or repaired. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughey, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Road Foreman Steve Stichka provided the board with an update for District 2 re: shoulder pull up, routine maintenance, and patching work. Road Foreman Brent Collier provided the board with an update for District 3 re: general maintenance, millings pulled together, potential equipment surplus, and replacing sand from hill washouts. Commissioner Nelson provided an update for District 1 re: general and routine maintenance. Commissioner McConaughey provided an update re: the agreement for Anderson bridge and entrance for McKelvie and communication with County Attorney Eric Scott. Mr. Scott advised the bridge needs an engineer stamp before a contract is written between the county and landowners.

DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to create an HSA Account with Security First Bank for County Employee health insurance. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried.

The board discussed Justice Center lock & camera upgrades, and the estimate received was over the threshold. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to authorize Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse to advertise for sealed bids for locks and cameras in the Justice Center. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried.

The board reviewed a letter to organic farmers & ranchers presented by Noxious Weed Superintendent Patrick Hooper. The letter was written by Brown County Noxious Weed Superintendent and reviewed by the Nebraska Weed Certification office. Clerk Leonard emailed the letter to County Attorney Eric Scott for review. The board later met with Mr. Scott via phone. Mr. Scott advised the board of his legal concerns to send this letter to only organic farmers & ranchers. Mr. Scott's recommendation was to not adopt the letter and ask Mr. Hooper to go through the process of notifying organic farmers & ranchers of noxious weeds on their property, and taking action, if needed, after they have been notified. Commissioner McConaughey will communicate with Superintendent Hooper on the process to proceed. No board action was taken.

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

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	256,025.13	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$	256,025.13	

**GENERAL**

Allen Monument Company	Services	\$685.00
AmericInn by Wyndham	Lodging	\$307.57
Applied Connective	Services	\$6,661.61
Black Hills Chemical	Services	\$412.79
Kristina Blackford	Reimbursement	\$74.20
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$56.99
Dale Bowlin	Reimbursement	\$77.00
Centurylink	Services	\$2,059.77
Cherry County Court	Services	\$170.00
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$6,386.00
Cherry County Sheriff	Services	\$116.86
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees/Transfer	\$36,015.00
Cherry County Treasurer	Correction	(\$5.00)
Circle K Motor	Services	\$1,250.85
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service	\$325.29
CNA Surety	Services	\$100.00
Coachlight	Meals	\$188.51
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services	\$537.60
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services	\$170.30
James Edwards	Services	\$50.00
Firstnet/AT&T Mobility	Services	\$417.45
Galls Parent Holdings	Supplies	\$138.75
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$100.00
The Gun Cabinet	Supplies	\$1,592.00
Hand's Lawn Service	Services	\$96.00
Timothy Hanson	Equipment	\$2,636.75
Heart City Drug	Supplies	\$42.98
Heart City Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$2,949.38
Henderson's IGA Inc	Supplies	\$310.89
Patrick Hooper	Reimbursement	\$162.36
Huskerland Communications	Supplies	\$259.98
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$3,410.12
Justice Data Solutions	Services	\$3,200.00
Lake MAC Assessment	Services	\$36,456.00
Marco Technologies	Services	\$222.77
William Marshall	Reimbursement	\$100.00
Ryan McSweeney	Meals	\$112.47
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$146.00
Midland News	Services	\$611.38
Midwest Radar & Equipment	Services	\$80.00
MIPS	Services	\$11,209.08
NACO	Dues/Fees/Training	\$50.00
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training	Dues/Fees/Training	\$750.00
NIRMA	Insurance	\$114,949.00
NK Waste Management	Services	\$193.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$3,056.07
Albert Osburn	Reimbursement	\$17.17
Paper Tiger Shredding	Services	\$55.00
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$75.00
Postmaster	Services	\$460.00
Presto X	Services	\$114.10
Cassandra Price	Reimbursement	\$602.00
Quadient Leasing	Services	\$61.09
Quill Corporation	Services	\$1,061.14
Rapid Fire Protection	Services	\$595.00
Region 4 Behavioral Health System	Services	\$5,495.00
Ron Lower Construction	Services	\$90.00
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$280.91
Cardmember Service	Services	\$205.75
Sennet Duncan Jenkins & Wickhad	Services	\$1,963.68
Stanek Fire Protection	Services	\$183.00
True Value	Supplies	\$3.58
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$3,421.52
Viaero Wireless	Telephone Service	\$79.48

Western Oil/Conoco	Services	\$22.84
Wex Bank	Services	\$2,307.60
Laura Willert	Reimbursement	\$38.50
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$256,025.13</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 523,804.68

and disallowed in the amount of

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$ 523,804.68

**ROAD**

Applied Connective Technologies	Services	\$19.59
B;s Enterprises Inc	Services	\$11,731.25
Bacon Repair	Services	\$2,334.86
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$763.54
Bordertown Discount Fuel LLC	Services	\$3,811.28
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$9,686.51
Bradley Bunner	Reimbursement	\$250.00
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$146.40
Circle K Motor	Services	\$2,662.48
Cody Livestock Supply	Services	\$1,675.00
Brent Collier	Reimbursement	\$3,241.86
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$285.02
Croell Inc	Services	\$1,158.97
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$151.79
Danielski Farms	Services	\$42,704.50
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Dooley Oil Inc	Services	\$129.03
Flat Creek Construction	Services	\$58,250.00
Frontier Diesel	Services	\$750.00
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$321.37
Hoefs Skidloader Works	Services	\$6,346.00
Hometown Lumber & Construction	Services	\$67.58
Jebro Inc	Services	\$39,840.00
JHL Construction	Services	\$48,500.00
Josh Whipple Trucking	Services	\$90,717.60
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$337.23
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$373.75
Kohler Trailer Sales	Supplies	\$6,400.00
Martin Auto Parts II	Services	\$4,717.92
Bentz Kenyon McWhirter	Reimbursement	\$236.79
Village of Merriman	Services	\$184.29
Midland News	Services	\$36.39
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Modern Farm Equipment Corporation	Services	\$6,000.00
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Services	\$9,771.36
Murphy Tractor & Equipment	Services	\$3,625.00
Neal Oil & Auto Center	Services	\$350.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$46.02
NIRMA	Insurance	\$70,123.00
Northern Tool & Equipment	Services	\$1,339.97
Office Products	Services	\$5.34
J.D. Osburn	Reimbursement	\$147.38
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Supplies	\$716.60
The Parts Company	Supplies	\$974.63
Perrett Construction LTD	Services	\$381.22
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$30.00
Plus One Industries	Services	\$2,560.00
Pomps Tire Service	Services	\$14,970.00
Powerplan	Services	\$16,997.21
Prairie Fabrication	Services	\$286.40
Prema	Services	\$143.13
Quick Attach	Services	\$16,441.00
Reese Inc	Supplies	\$286.00
Sandhill Oil Company	Services	\$7,704.59
Sandhills Ranch Supply	Supplies	\$1,078.01
Leroy Songer	Reimbursement	\$64.19
Steve Stichka	Reimbursement	\$171.16
Shawn Thompson	Reimbursement	\$223.58
Tom Schlack	Services	\$20,150.00
Tony's Tire & Auto	Services	\$207.00
Truck Center Companies	Services	\$10,335.94
City of Valentine	Services	\$637.25

		TOTAL		\$523,804.68
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,739.75	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of			\$	1,739.75
VISITOR PROMOTION				
Cherry County Agricultural Society		Grant		\$1,250.00
Cherry County Visitors Promo Board		Reimbursement		\$31.40
Great Plains Communication		Services		\$178.74
City of Valentine		Utilities		\$279.61
		TOTAL		\$1,739.75
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	3,792.00	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Improvement Fund in the amount of			\$	3,792.00
VISITOR IMPROVEMENT (995)				
Central Nebraska Economic Dev		Services		\$3,792.00
		TOTAL		\$3,792.00
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	42,563.54	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of			\$	42,563.54
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS				
Cherry County Clerk		Health Insurance Claims		\$42,563.54
		TOTAL		\$42,563.54
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
		TOTAL	\$	10,001.19
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	289.37	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of			\$	289.37
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
Firstnet		Services		\$66.53
KBR Rural Public Power		Services		\$97.21
Prema		Services		\$125.63
		TOTAL		\$289.37
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	460.99	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of			\$	460.99
911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)				
Centurylink		Services		\$278.17
Great Plains Communications		Services		\$182.82
		TOTAL		\$460.99
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	977.60	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of			\$	977.60
911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)				
OPTK Networks		Services		\$977.60
		TOTAL		\$977.60
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	16,917.26	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Holding Fund in the amount of			\$	16,917.26
911 WIRELESS Holding (2914)				
Geo Comm Inc		Services		\$7,035.00
Solacom Technologies		Services		\$9,882.26
		TOTAL		\$16,917.26
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,135.95	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Courthouse (Special Building) Fund in the amount of			\$	1,135.95
Courthouse (Special Building)				
Applied Connective Technologies		Services		\$1,135.95
		TOTAL		\$1,135.95

The board recessed from 12:03 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
The board recessed to convene as Board of Equalization from 1:00 p.m. to 1:13 p.m.  
The board recessed from 1:13 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

At 2:00 p.m. the board met with Keith Marvin with Marvin Planning Consultants, via Zoom, to discuss changes to the Cherry County Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Marvin informed the board almost all changes have been made. His recommendation to the board was to wait to adopt the Comprehensive Plan until the Planning & Zoning Board had the Zoning plan finished and ready to adopt. If the Comprehensive Plan is adopted before the Zoning Plan, it may require more changes to the Comprehensive Plan based on the Zoning Plan changes. The board would be able to

hold the public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Plan at the same time but adopt the Comprehensive Plan first after the public hearing. Mr. Marvin will look over the changes again the board sent via email after the workshop meeting and present more data and updates at the board's June 24, 2025 meeting.

At 2:32 p.m. Chairman McConaughey 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

*Samantha Leonard*

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Cherry County Clerk



*Mike McConaughey*

Mike McConaughey, Chairperson  
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES  
June 10, 2025

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on June 10, 2025 in the Commissioner Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published in the Valentine Midland News. The current agenda being on file in the office of the County Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman McConaughey. Present were Commissioners Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughey, Martin DeNaeyer, County Clerk Samantha Leonard, and County Assessor Staff Melissa Bancroft. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman McConaughey.

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

Assessor Bancroft discussed options for protest hearings in July for Bryan Hill with Lake Mac Assessments to be present. The board discussed holding all hearings at one meeting but will re-evaluate at the June 24, 2025 meeting after protests have been filed with the Clerk to see if there is potential for an additional meeting needed.

At 1:13 p.m. Chairman McConaughey adjourned the meeting.

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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 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

Samantha Leonard  
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Cherry County Clerk

Mike McConaughey  
Mike McConaughey, Chairperson  
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

