

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
Special Meeting
September 25, 2025

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in special session on September 25, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was published on September 17, 2025 in the Valentine Midland News. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chairman McConaughey. Roll call was taken. Present at the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Nina Nelson, Martin DeNaeyer, Mike McConaughey, Cherry County Deputy Clerk Jane Stolzenburg, and budget preparer Caleb Johnson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman McConaughey.

At 10:02 a.m. Chairman McConaughey opened the public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request. Caleb noted a difference in the bookmobile countywide valuation and later discovered that state statute states the city can be deducted from the value. Public comment was received at the allotted time. It was discussed to leave the hearing open and open the budget hearing.

At 10:16 a.m. Chairman McConaughey opened the public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2025-2026 budget. Public comment was received during the allotted time. Caleb advised the board the budget would be sent to the state by September 30th, and printed copies would be sent to the county. Public hearing closed for setting final tax request and FY 2025 – 2026 budget at 11:22 a.m.

At 11:22 a.m. Chairman McConaughey opened the budget meeting. After brief discussion DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve FY 2025 – 2026 Cherry County Budget. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to adopt Resolution 2025-13 Setting Final Tax Request. Roll call vote: Aye –DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried.

Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to adopt Resolution 2025-14 Adoption and Appropriations. Roll call vote: Aye –Nelson, McConaughey, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 11:32 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 30th day of September 2025.

Samantha Leonard
Cherry County Clerk

Mike McConaughey, Chairperson
Cherry County Board of Commissioner

