



Cherry County Board Minutes



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

January 10, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on January 10, 2023 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 AM by Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughey, and Clerk Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Clerk Longcor and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk Longcor shared information received regarding the general obligation of the Board to approve the minutes and create a permanent record of the prior meeting regardless of if the current Board was holding office when said meeting was held.

The Board of Commissioners regular meeting minutes from December 27, 2022 were read. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from December 27, 2022 were read. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from December 27, 2022 were read. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board conducted their annual reorganization for 2023.

McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to appoint Commissioner DeNaeyer as the Cherry County Board of Commissioners Chairman for 2023. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to appoint Commissioner McConaughey as the Cherry County Board of Commissioners Vice Chairman for 2023. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

Board committees and liaison assignments were discussed. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Board committee assignments for 2023 as follows: KPCC Housing Authority Board – DeNaeyer, Region IV/Northstar Development Board – Nelson, 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 – DeNaeyer, Northwest Community Action Board – DeNaeyer, North Central District Health Department – McConaughey, Central Nebraska Economic Development District Board – Nelson, Cherry County Safety Committee – DeNaeyer, Cherry County Emergency Management Liaison – McConaughey, Cherry County Justice Center Liaison – DeNaeyer, Cherry County Hospital Liaison – Nelson. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Sandhills State Bank Executive Vice President Kyle Arganbright and Sandhills State Bank Market President Zane Limbach were present to discuss their application for appointment as a county depository and to answer questions regarding securing and/or insuring deposits. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to designate the following institutions as depositories for Cherry County funds for 2023: Bank of the West, Union Bank & Trust, Security First Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, NPAIT, Pinnacle Bank, and Sandhills State Bank. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

McConaughey moved and Nelson 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 2023. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

Cherry County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith presented an agreement for highway superintendent services for the Board to review. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to reappoint Lloyd Smith as the Cherry County Highway Superintendent for the 2023 calendar year. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried. McConaughey moved and Nelson



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seconded to accept the Highway Superintendent Agreement as presented. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

From 11:06 AM to 11:13 AM the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization.

Superintendent Smith and Cherry County Road Supervisor Doug Boyer updated the Board on the status of road maintenance equipment, snow removal, road department employees, and fuel usage. Superintendent Smith also addressed the Board regarding a road issue and whether or not a county right-of-way exists.

Cherry County Surveyor Timothy Hanson presented an agreement for surveyor services. Said agreement and equipment rental rates, as included with the previously adopted budget, were discussed. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Cherry County Surveyor Agreement as presented. Roll call vote: Aye - McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Cherry County Noxious Weed Control Superintendent Dave Leonard presented the Board with noxious weed control reports and to discuss landowner notifications and forced control measures. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the 2022 Cherry County Noxious Weed Control Reports as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to appoint Brittney Longcor as the 2023 Cherry County budget making authority. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to appoint Brittney Longcor as the 2023 Cherry County health insurance plan administrator. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Semi-Annual Statement for the six months ending December 31, 2022 as submitted by Cherry County Treasurer Kathy Hammond. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the L. & B. Johnson Letter of Engagement re: KPCC Housing Corp. 2022 tax returns. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Clerk Longcor informed the Board that, due to low employee participation, the group rates could not be offered for the Madison National Life supplemental policies. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to cancel Madison National Life and reinstate Aflac as the Cherry County supplemental insurance policies offered through payroll deduction, effective for the January 2023 payroll. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of the District Court fee report for December 2022, Treasurer's fund balance listing for December 31, 2022, Operating Statement report of budget vs. actual spending for December 31, 2022, Sheriff's quarterly fee report for Q4 2022, Cherry County Hospital November 30, 2022 balance sheets and financial report, and the issued Cherry County financial statements, as audited by Contryman Associates, for fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

Larry Burbach and Tom Thompson, both with NMC Cat, met with the Board to discuss a powertrain reconditioning program, parts delivery services, and to meet the new Board members.

Deputy Cherry County Emergency Manager Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding the Motorola dispatch consoles project.

The Board discussed Cherry County employee cost-of-living adjustments and potential increases within budgeted amounts. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve a 3% cost-of-living-adjustment, effective January 23, 2023, for Cherry County employees. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

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



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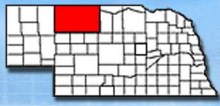


January 10, 2023 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 93,625.70 .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of \$ 93,625.70

GENERAL

Anderson Electric Inc	Services	\$71.99
Applied Connective Technologies	Services	\$4,189.52
Bob Barker Company	Services	\$1,053.22
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$74.93
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$50.86
Michael Borders	Services	\$3,187.62
Candlewood Suites	Lodging	\$479.80
Central Plains Valuation LLC	Services	\$25,000.00
Central Valley Ag Coop	Supplies	\$5,323.28
Centurylink	Telephone Service	\$186.42
Centurylink	Telephone Service	\$1,719.62
Cherry County District Court	Services	\$36.00
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$6,250.00
Cherry County Sheriff	Services	\$30.50
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees	\$5.00
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service	\$317.49
Consolidated Management Company	Services	\$29.20
Cummins Sales and Service	Services	\$294.51
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services	\$448.00
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services	\$83.54
Dish	Services	\$133.06
Encartele	Services	\$304.50
Firstnet/AT&T	Services	\$652.13
Galls LLC	Supplies	\$285.33
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$100.00
Kathy Hammond	Reimbursement	\$320.43
Heart City Drug	Supplies	\$152.42
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$298.62
Holiday Inn Kearney	Lodging	\$579.80
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,342.65
Journal Entry	Refund	-\$15.00
Justice Data Solutions Inc	Services	\$5,625.00
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$98.27
LA Quinta Inn & Suites	Lodging	\$455.40
Dave Leonard	Reimbursement	\$224.53
Lexisnexis Matthew Bender	Services	\$287.51
Lincoln County Detention Center	Services	\$1,050.00
Marco Technologies	Services	\$17.83
MIPS	Services	\$5,414.16
NACO	Services	\$165.00
National Sheriffs Association	Dues/Fees/Training	\$71.00
Nebraska State Fire Marshal Agency	Services	\$180.00
Nebraska State Library/Publications	Services	\$195.70
Office Products	Supplies	\$813.44



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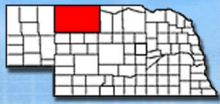


Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Services	\$216.00
The Parts Company	Supplies	\$6.59
PIP Marketing Signs Print	Services	\$662.37
Pit Stall	Services	\$645.97
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$815.66
Presto X	Services	\$96.05
Kenneth Provancial	Reimbursement	\$494.00
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$2,300.00
Region IV	Services	\$2,626.00
Region 4 Behavioral Health	Services	\$5,390.25
Ron's Quik Lube	Services	\$160.40
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$1,384.06
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$181.81
Cardmember Service	Supplies	\$87.51
Samuel Spain	Services	\$50.00
Timeclock Plus	Services	\$1,200.00
True Value	Supplies	\$88.32
Tyler Technologies	Services	\$449.00
US Cellular	Services	\$88.41
Valentine Dental	Services	\$85.50
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$482.52
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$3,844.21
Ward Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$67.50
Western Oil/Conoco	Fuel/Car Wash	\$20.00
Westfield Pharmacy	Supplies	\$276.18
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$1,324.11
	Total	\$93,625.70

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **135,859.89** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$ **135,859.89**

ROAD

Andersen & Sons NAPA Auto Parts	Supplies	\$256.61
Andy's Glass Shop	Services	\$675.00
Bacon Repair	Services	\$5,320.92
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$2,143.82
Douglas Boyer	Reimbursement	\$175.94
Brent Collier	Reimbursement	\$890.90
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$5,332.97
Central Valley Ag Cooperative	Services	\$16,514.76
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$326.28
Cody Oil Company	Services	\$34.30
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$392.31
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$178.78
D/W Machine & Manufacturing	Services	\$416.00
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services	\$27.70
Dooley Oil Inc	Services	\$2,159.38
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$213.90
Grimm's Pump & Industrial Supply	Services	\$1,954.40
Hoefs Skidloader Works	Services	\$3,762.50
Independent Salt Co	Supplies	\$2,057.85
Inland Truck Parts Company	Services	\$982.80
JM Parts and Equipment	Services	\$79.95
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$1,337.17
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$1,838.75



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Kirk Barnes Construction Inc	Services	\$4,200.00
Koinzan Trucking	Services	\$8,500.00
Tim Licking	Services	\$935.00
Marc/Mid American Research Chemical	Services	\$508.91
Martin Auto Parts	Supplies	\$63.55
Brent McIntosh	Reimbursement	\$221.52
Medical Enterprises Inc	Services	\$105.00
Village of Merriman	Services	\$62.27
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Motor Carrier Services Division	Services	\$0.25
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Services	\$1,153.58
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Company	Services	\$20,500.00
Neal Oil & Auto Center	Services	\$19,959.74
Nebraska Machinery Company	Services	\$147.90
Nebraska Motor Fuels Division	Services	\$933.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$202.82
Niobrara Lodge	Lodging	\$98.00
Office Products Center	Supplies	\$110.13
Perrett Construction	Services	\$605.73
Pit Stall	Services	\$8,593.21
Powerplan	Services	\$8,000.18
Prema	Services	\$70.31
Reese Inc	Services	\$6,715.46
Sandhill Oil Company Inc	Services	\$77.32
Sandhills Family Medicine	Services	\$56.00
Sandhills Ranch Supply	Supplies	\$640.38
Security First Bank	Services	\$3,985.21
Sheridan County Journal Star	Services	\$42.00
Tehrani Motor Company	Services	\$302.40
US Cellular	Services	\$72.53
Valentine Midland News and Printing	Services	\$443.84
City of Valentine	Services	\$1,027.26
Ward Plumbing & Heating LLC	Services	\$273.40
	TOTAL	\$135,859.89

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	40,459.78	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of			\$ 40,459.78

VISITOR PROMOTION

Great Plains Communications	Services	\$189.49
Tony Hanson	Services	\$79.00
Miles Partnership LLLP	Services	\$16,000.00
NRG Media, LLC/Broadcast House Media	Services	\$5,005.00
Quad Graphics	Services	\$18,588.15
South Sioux City Marriott	Lodging	\$294.00
City of Valentine	Services	\$304.14
	TOTAL	\$40,459.78

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	17,049.86	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of			\$ 17,049.86

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$17,049.86
	TOTAL	\$17,049.86



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Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	10,001.08	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of			\$	10,001.08

BOOKMOBILE

Valentine Public Library	Bookmobile		\$10,001.08
	TOTAL	\$	10,001.08

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,762.62	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of			\$	1,762.62

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Applied Connective Technologies	Services	\$520.95
Centurylink	Services	\$246.45
Office Products	Supplies	\$811.75
PREMA	Services	\$183.47
	TOTAL	\$1,762.62

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	4,926.80	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of			\$	4,926.80

INHERITANCE TAX

Houghton Bradford Whitted PC	Services	\$4,926.80
	TOTAL	\$4,926.80

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	275.33	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of			\$	275.33

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)

Geo-Comm Inc	Services	\$94.41
Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$24.50
OPTK Networks	Services	\$156.42
	TOTAL	\$275.33

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,495.03	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of			\$	1,495.03

911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)

Geo-Comm Inc	Services	\$535.01
Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$138.84
OPTK Networks	Services	\$821.18
	TOTAL	\$1,495.03

The Board toured the Justice Center and Courthouse from 2:25 PM to 3:27 PM. Deputy Cherry County Clerk Samantha Leonard took minutes from 3:12 PM for the remainder of the meeting. The Board toured the Cherry County Hospital from 3:38 PM to 3:52 PM.

At 3:58 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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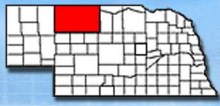
The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on January 10, 2023 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice in the Valentine Midland News January 4, 2023, with the agenda being on file in the office of the County Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 11:06 AM by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor, Cherry County Assessor Jackie Moreland, and Deputy Cherry County Assessor Andrea Andre. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Assessor Moreland presented information for three tax list corrections due to Property Assessment Division homestead exemption audits. Nelson moved and McConaughy moved to approve tax list correction #2020-24 Property ID: 160030714, tax list correction #2020-25 Property ID: 1600087356, tax list correction #2020-26 Property ID: 160004454. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Assessor Moreland introduced the Board to newly appointed Deputy Cherry County Assessor Andrea Andre.

At 11:13 AM Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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The Board of Commissioners minutes from January 10, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization minutes from January 10, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to appoint Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund as an authorized depository for Cherry County funds for 2023. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to appoint Commissioner Nelson to the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging Governing Board. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a memo from Michelle Garwood, 4-H Youth Educator regarding a vacancy on the Extension Board. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to appoint Laura Willert as the Cherry County 4-H Council representative to the Cherry County Extension Board for the 2023 term. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

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

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CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	249,213.79	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$	249,213.79	

GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,296.81
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$18,696.98
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,772.54
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding	\$5,071.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$35,217.00
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$33,365.53
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$11,485.02
Journal Entry	Refund	(\$604.00)
Journal Entry	Void Ck# 23010307	(\$216.00)
Journal Entry	Void Ck# 23010326	(\$85.50)
Darci Arnold	Services	\$35.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$2,550.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$5,282.72
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$8,344.89
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$463.44



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General Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$164,691.55
	GROSS TOTAL	\$289,366.98
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$40,153.19)
	NET TOTAL	\$249,213.79

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	170,365.10	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of	\$	170,365.10	

ROAD FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,530.96
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$25,089.36
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,376.00
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$935.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$18,412.40
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$24,608.62
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$5,853.54
Legal Shield	Services	\$101.70
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,300.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$4,104.58
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$186.77
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$115,339.44
	GROSS TOTAL	\$199,152.87
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$28,787.77)
	NET TOTAL	\$170,365.10

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	10,557.48	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of	\$	10,557.48	

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$5,724.08
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$60.82
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$924.33
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$113.17
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$28.17
Visitors Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$4,692.98
	GROSS TOTAL	\$11,640.92
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,083.44)
	NET TOTAL	\$10,557.48

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	84,470.84	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of	\$	84,470.84	

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Health Fund	Health Insurance Claims	\$84,470.84
	TOTAL	\$84,470.84

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	11,174.13	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of	\$	11,174.13	

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND



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Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$721.97
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$117.28
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$110.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$2,835.92
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,235.74
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$845.40
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$200.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$180.64
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$28.17
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$6,417.50
	GROSS TOTAL	\$12,692.62
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,518.49)
	NET TOTAL	\$11,174.13

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	53.71
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 2910 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of	\$	53.71
2910 EMERGENCY SERVICE FUND		
Centurylink	Telephone	\$53.71
	Total	\$53.71



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Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	304.33	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 2913 Wireless Services Fund in the amount of	\$	304.33	
2913 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND			
Centurylink	Telephone		\$304.33
	Total		\$304.33

Cherry County Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle informed the Board that there are three members of the Planning Commission whose terms have expired and that they are all willing to be reappointed. Prior appointment dates and meeting attendance were discussed. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to reappoint John M. Lee, Duane Kime, and Christopher Gentry to the Cherry County Planning Commission for 3-year terms set to expire on January 11, 2026. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Cherry County Sheriff Rusty Osburn met with the Board to discuss the possibility of replacing a patrol vehicle and the long process it has become. It was a consensus of the Board to grant Sheriff Osburn permission to start the process of looking for a replacement vehicle.

Sheriff Osburn stated that he would like to increase his staff from five to six members to allow for backup, for the safety of the deputies, and the size of the county. The potential effect on the budget was also discussed. There was no Board action on the agenda item regarding adding a Sheriff Deputy position.

At 10:45 AM the meeting was moved to the Sheriff's Conference Room.

Deputy Cherry County Emergency Manager Jessica Coyle met with the Board to discuss an MOU for the Valentine Community Schools emergency operations plan. Cherry County Attorney Eric Scott reviewed said MOU and had no objections. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the North Central Planning, Exercise & Training (PET) Region Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Chairman DeNaeyer stated that Brown County Attorney Andy Taylor was present and had been named by Eric Scott to guide the Board on procedure, as Mr. Scott has removed himself from the issue regarding the Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees. A discussion was had regarding the conduct of members of the Board of Trustees and concerns that the Board of Trustees is not functioning correctly. The removal of Deanna Scott and Andrew Ward from said Board, closed session procedures, the resignation of Kyle Kellum, Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees Bylaws, Statutes surrounding Hospital Board of Trustees appointments, and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act were also discussed. Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees members Roger Dunn, Tim Henderson, Ginny Lee, Andrew Ward, and Attorney David Domina (on behalf of Deanna Scott) provided comments to the Board. Employees of the Cherry County Hospital providing comments to the Board were: CEO Kyle Kellum, M.D. Michelle Mulligan-Witt, and R.N. Jessica Bowling. Members of the public providing comments to the Board were James Ward, Shane Daniels, Rowdy Kluender, and Janine Holmes. Roger Dunn and Tim Henderson also provided written comments. No Board action was taken on the Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees re: Hospital Board Member Conduct Issues agenda item.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:10 PM to 1:04 PM.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time. Duane Witte and Bill Ward provided written comments to the Board.

Cherry County Road Supervisor Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding equipment issues and the work done by road crews to reopen and widen roads due to ongoing snowfall. Cherry County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith spoke with the Board regarding the replacement of Anderson Road Bridge and ownership and right-of-way status of said bridge. The Board reviewed a report regarding the sale of surplus county road equipment.



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Potential uses for SLFRF grant funds were discussed.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 2:00 PM to 2:01 PM.

The Board toured the Sawyer Memorial Library from 2:09 PM to 2:26 PM.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 2:30 PM to 2:34 PM.

Deputy EM Coyle updated the Board regarding the Motorola dispatch consoles project and EMPG payments received to reimburse portions of EM payroll and benefits expenses.

At 2:56 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES
January 31, 2023



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The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on January 31, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published January 11, 2023 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 2:00 PM by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughey, and Cherry County Clerk Brittney Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

There was no business to come before the Board.

At 2:01 PM Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES January 31, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on January 31, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published January 11, 2023 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 2:30 PM by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughey, and Cherry County Clerk Brittney Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

The Board discussed the process for commissary payments received by the Justice Center. An agenda item regarding Cherry County Justice Center Commissary Funds Deposit Policy will be placed on the next Board of Corrections agenda.

At 2:34 PM Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

February 14, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on February 14, 2023 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 AM by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioners meeting minutes from January 31, 2023 were read. McConaughy 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 31, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from January 31, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Clerk Longcor provided the Board with information and prices for agenda and meeting management software from Civic Clerk. Video streaming and storage capabilities were also discussed. MIPS, the current website provider for the county, has indicated that they will be increasing functionality for the website in the future. It was agreed that the item will be revisited if the MIPS website functionality is not increased in a reasonable amount of time. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding Civic Clerk Agenda & Meeting Management Software.

Cherry County Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz presented the Board with a quote for a second microwave path for the Motorola dispatch consoles project. Prices and functionality of alternatives were discussed. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to purchase the microwave from Platte Valley Communications. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

EM Director Sandoz and Deputy EM Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding the Nenzel and Valentine communications towers, progress on Local Emergency Operations Plans for schools and Keya Paha County, and timeclock software. Deputy Coyle provided information to the Board regarding the National Flood Insurance Program. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding said program.

At 11:00 AM Chairman DeNaeyer opened the public hearing regarding the One- & Six-Year Highway Improvement Program. Cherry County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith and Cherry County Road Supervisor Doug Boyer reviewed planned projects throughout the county. There were no comments received from the public during the hearing. At 11:19 AM Chairman DeNaeyer closed the hearing. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to adopt Resolution #2023-01 Long-Range Six-Year Plan of Highway, Road, and Street Improvements for Cherry County. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Jeff McMurtry, Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. Service Department, met with the Board and Supervisor Boyer to discuss equipment repairs and service features.

Cherry County resident, Shane Daniels, met with the Board, Cherry County Attorney Eric Scott, Superintendent Smith, and Supervisor Boyer to discuss a portion of Marsh Lake Road and to request maintenance. Mr. Scott and Mr. Smith stated that they had both researched the issue and that there is not an easement, deeded access, or right-of-way on record for the portion of said road in question. All parties agreed that it is not a county road.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:00 PM to 1:01 PM.

Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees Chairperson Roger Dunn spoke with the Board via telephone and provided a brief update regarding the Board of Trustees most recent meeting.



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Comments from the public were received during the allotted time. Written comments were received from Bill Ward.

Valentine Public Library Director Anne Quigley provided the Board with the FY2022 Annual Report and library cards. The library's new branding; bookmobile utilization; and collection, borrowers, and circulation statistics were discussed.

A list of road department leased and financed equipment was reviewed. Potential uses of ARPA grant funds were discussed. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding SLFRF Qualifying Uses.

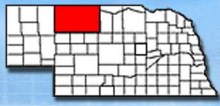
The Board discussed hours worked per week, rates of pay, and comp & gap time accrual for certain county employees with Mr. Scott, HR Representative Billie Brockley, and various county employees. Converting employees from salary to hourly pay rates and related labor laws were also discussed. The Board requested that Mr. Scott research the issue. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding Payroll Changes.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of the District Court fee report for January 2023, Treasurer's fund balance listing for January 31, 2023, Operating Statement report of budget vs. actual spending for January 31, 2023, the NIRMA 2022 Annual Report, and Zelle HR Solutions correspondence.

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

February 14, 2023 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	110,190.05	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$	110,190.05	
GENERAL			
Ainsworth Star Journal	Services	\$126.37	
Andrea Andre	Reimbursement	\$96.32	
Applied Connective Technologies	Services	\$4,196.72	
Black Hills Chemical	Services	\$2,076.37	
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$6.99	
Buckles Fuel Service Inc	Services	\$46.64	
Aisha Carr	Services	\$684.10	
Carrot Top Industries Inc	Services	\$209.06	
Central Valley Ag Coop	Supplies	\$4,750.03	
Centurylink	Telephone Service	\$187.59	
Centurylink	Telephone Service	\$1,717.20	
Cherry County Clinic	Services	\$656.30	
Cherry County Court	Services	\$474.75	
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$15,983.15	
Cherry County Sheriff	Services	\$30.50	
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees	\$5.00	
Circle K Motor Company	Services	\$751.25	
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service	\$317.49	
Comfort Inn	Lodging	\$588.00	
Contryman Associates PC	Services	\$16,000.00	
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services	\$470.00	
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services	\$61.54	
Dish	Services	\$153.12	
Firstnet/AT&T	Services	\$652.13	



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Grafix Shoppe	Services	\$512.87
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$100.00
Hampton Inn South	Lodging	\$294.00
Hampton Inn Kearney	Lodging	\$359.85
Timothy Hanson	Services	\$5,273.50
Heart City Drug	Supplies	\$85.15
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$217.20
Holiday Inn Kearney	Lodging	\$529.80
Holt County Clerk	Services	\$2,500.58
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,339.26
Journal Entry	Refund	-\$20.00
Dave Leonard	Reimbursement	\$70.00
Brittney Longcor	Reimbursement	\$285.91
Vince Lopez	Services	\$100.00
Loup Basin RC&D Council	Services	\$200.00
Marco Technologies	Services	\$185.78
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$272.00
Mid States Organized Crime Info Center	Dues/Fees/Training	\$100.00
Midwest Special Services	Services	\$530.25
MIPS	Services	\$3,858.80
Jackie Moreland	Reimbursement	\$203.09
NACO	Services	\$200.00
NACO Planning & Zoning	Dues/Fees/Training	\$40.00
National Association of Counties	Dues/Fees/Training	\$450.00
Nebraska Association of County Assessors	Dues/Fees/Training	\$60.00
Nebraska Association of County Treasurers	Dues/Fees/Training	\$50.00
Nebraska Association of County Clerk	Dues/Fees/Training	\$125.00
NIRMA	Services	\$119.00
NK Waste Management	Services	\$184.00
NPZA	Services	\$200.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$1,656.73
Old Mill Bulk Food	Services	\$119.60
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Services	\$443.75
Paper Tiger Shredding	Services	\$50.00
The Parts Company	Supplies	\$20.99
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$54.80
Pit Stall	Services	\$929.36
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$5,952.25
Premier Parts & Paint	Services	\$525.00
Presto X	Services	\$96.05
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$1,304.15
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$1,115.51
Quill Corporation	Services	\$55.91
Radiology Services	Services	\$46.95
Region 2 Weed Control	Dues/Fees/Training	\$50.00
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$4,432.92
Eric Scott	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$8,262.65
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$199.37
Cardmember Service	Supplies	\$73.28
Samuel Spain	Services	\$50.00
True Value	Supplies	\$81.42
UNL NE Extension Cherry County	Services	\$1,354.88
UNL Lincoln	Services	\$0.00
UNL Panhandle Research & Extension	Services	\$3,341.60
US Cellular	Services	\$88.64



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Valentine Midland News	Services	\$1,623.83
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$4,558.47
Ward Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$13.90
West Central Dist Assessor's Association	Dues/Fees/Training	\$25.00
Western Oil/Conoco	Fuel/Car Wash	\$436.30
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$1,560.08
	Total	\$110,190.05

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	160,781.81	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$

ROAD

Andersen & Sons NAPA Auto Parts	Supplies	\$109.98
Andy's Glass Shop	Services	\$175.00
Applied Connective Technologies	Services	\$1,992.00
Bacon Repair	Services	\$187.10
Big Boy Tools & Services	Services	\$81.75
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$7,083.23
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$79.00
Cherry County Clinic	Services	\$366.90
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$107.46
Cody Oil Company	Services	\$2,868.32
Village of Cody	Services	\$105.50
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$251.14
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$241.00
Daly Enterprises	Services	\$1,035.69
Danielski Farms	Services	\$17,597.75
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$213.90
Handyman Hardware	Services	\$197.82
Hidden Valley Ranches LLC	Services	\$9,044.19
Hinn's Gordon Auto Supply	Services	\$20.22
Independent Salt Co	Services	\$1,050.92
Interstate Battery System	Services	\$769.35
John Deere Financial	Services	\$376.21
Journal Entry	Void ck# 23010352	-\$982.80
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$605.68
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$1,442.13
Kohler Trailer Sales	Services	\$550.00
Medical Enterprises Inc	Services	\$40.00
Menards	Supplies	\$181.40
Village of Merriman	Services	\$61.82
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Nebraska Machinery Company	Services	\$15,240.19
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$168.16
Nebraska Truck Center	Services	\$1,152.37
Newman Signs/Traffic Signs	Services	\$233.50
NK Waste Management	Services	\$345.00
Office Products Center	Supplies	\$125.56
Outback Screenprinting	Services	\$17.00
The Parts Company	Supplies	\$1,669.15
Perrett Construction	Services	\$3,484.85
Pit Stall	Services	\$4,263.16
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$61.90
Powerplan	Services	\$26,602.55



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Prema	Services	\$167.69
Quadient Finance	Services	\$150.00
Reese Inc	Services	\$1,524.46
Sandhill Oil Company Inc	Services	\$45,854.04
Security First Bank	Services	\$3,985.21
Stuart Concrete	Services	\$7,320.00
US Cellular	Services	\$72.76
City of Valentine	Services	\$1,512.90
3S Fabrication & Repair	Services	\$771.00
	TOTAL	\$160,781.81

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	4,726.23	.	
and disallowed in the amount of			.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Bridge Fund in the amount of			\$	4,726.23
Emergency Bridge				
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$		4,726.23
	TOTAL			\$4,726.23

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	6,430.56	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of			\$	6,430.56
VISITOR PROMOTION				
Bob's Signs	Services			\$2,700.00
Cherry County Visitors Promo Board	Reimbursement			\$131.10
Cherry Street Rentals	Services			\$780.00
Great Plains Communications	Services			\$178.20
Hand Lawn Service	Services			\$706.50
Tony Hanson	Services			\$521.00
Hollman Media, LLC	Services			\$360.00
Hometown Lumber & Constructions Inc	Services			\$81.99
Journal Entry	Void Ck# 22109680			-\$405.00
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services			\$396.99
NK Waste Management	Services			\$99.00
Valentine Chamber of Commerce	Services			\$400.00
Valentine Rotary Club	Dues/Fees/Training			\$75.00
City of Valentine	Services			\$405.78
	TOTAL			\$6,430.56

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	4,879.93	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of			\$	4,879.93
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS				
Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims			\$4,879.93
	TOTAL			\$4,879.93

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	9,427.08	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of			\$	9,427.08
BOOKMOBILE				
Valentine Public Library	Bookmobile			\$9,427.08
	TOTAL		\$	9,427.08

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	11,728.25	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	



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A warrant was ordered drawn on the Covid American Rescue Plan Fund in the amount of \$ 11,728.25

COVID ARPF

Platte Valley Communications Inc	Services	\$11,728.25
	TOTAL	\$11,728.25

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	710.78	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ 710.78

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Centurylink	Services	\$246.56
KBR Rural Public Power	Services	\$91.69
NIRMA	Services	\$17.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$187.38
PREMA	Services	\$152.67
True Value	Supplies	\$15.48
	TOTAL	\$710.78

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	65.00	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of \$ 65.00

INHERITANCE TAX

Houghton Bradford Whitted PC	Services	\$65.00
	TOTAL	\$65.00

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	267.01	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	

A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of \$ 267.01

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)

Geo-Comm Inc	Services	\$94.41
Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$25.96
OPTK Networks	Services	\$146.64
	TOTAL	\$267.01

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,513.09	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	

A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of \$ 1,513.09

911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)

Geo-Comm Inc	Services	\$535.01
Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$147.12
OPTK Networks	Services	\$830.96
	TOTAL	\$1,513.09

At 3:41 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

February 28, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on February 28, 2023 in the Cherry County 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 AM by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioners meeting minutes from February 14, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

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

February 28, 2023 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	211,149.95	.		
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.		
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of				\$	211,149.95

GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,550.69
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$15,762.41
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,675.82
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding	\$1,983.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$36,634.96
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$27,079.91
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$11,907.72
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$2,750.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$3,848.96
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$463.44
General Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$138,983.49
	GROSS TOTAL	\$244,640.40
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$33,490.45)
	NET TOTAL	\$211,149.95

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	122,006.09	.		
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.		
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of				\$	122,006.09

ROAD FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,530.96
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$9,170.75
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,324.80
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$935.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$18,412.40
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$17,038.63
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$5,853.54
Legal Shield	Services	\$101.70

MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,500.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,593.36
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$186.77
Road Fund Payroll	General Wages & Salaries	\$84,056.07
	GROSS TOTAL	\$143,018.48
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$21,012.39)
	NET TOTAL	\$122,006.09

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **6,009.08**
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of \$ **6,009.08**

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$592.09
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$56.46
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,011.53
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$116.12
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$28.17
Visitors Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$5,262.98
	GROSS TOTAL	\$7,164.72
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,155.64)
	NET TOTAL	\$6,009.08

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **11,168.32**
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of \$ **11,168.32**

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$11,168.32
	TOTAL	\$11,168.32

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **11,390.03**
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ **11,390.03**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$743.63
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$112.92
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$110.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$2,835.92
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,284.26
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$845.40
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$200.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$190.10
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$28.17
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$6,610.02
	GROSS TOTAL	\$12,960.42
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,570.39)
	NET TOTAL	\$11,390.03

Jonnie Kusek Director of Transportation for Open Plains Transit, Cherry County Hospital CEO Kyle Kellum, City of Valentine Manager Shane Siewert, and Cherry County Tourism Director Regina Osburn met with the Board to discuss the expansion of public transportation services for the City of Valentine and surrounding area provided by Open

Plains Transit. The budget and proposed funding amounts, utilization & cost of services, and on demand services vs. set routes were also discussed. The local match requirement for federal and state funds currently totals \$116,169.81; to be split between the City of Valentine, Cherry County Hospital, and Cherry County. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to adopt Resolution #2023-02 Local Funding Match Commitment for FY 2024-2025. Roll call vote: Aye - McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Mike Bateman, Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. Territory Sales Manager, met with the Board and Cherry County Road Supervisor Doug Boyer to discuss current rental equipment, machine availability, and extended warranty information. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding the wheel loader rental purchase agreement.

Supervisor Boyer updated the Board regarding snow removal, informal bids on oil for road patching, and machinery bids.

Cherry County Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz and Deputy Emergency Manager Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding grant applications & awards, RapidTAG functionality, and the status of the Motorola Dispatch Consoles Project.

Clerk Longcor shared information received from the Secretary of State's Office about a new four-year matching grant program (IIJA) that can be used to help pay for future IT security projects. Two requirements to be considered for the grant program are to have Cyber Hygiene running through CISA and to have completed a Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR). Clerk Longcor stated that the NCSR had been completed. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the authorization to conduct continuous scans of public-facing networks and systems for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Cybersecurity Assessments Rules of Engagement between the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security and Cherry County. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:06 PM to 1:05 PM.

The Board reviewed the Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees meeting minutes from January 31, 2023 and the Cherry County Hospital Balance Sheets & Financial Report from December 31, 2022.

The Board spoke with Cherry County Attorney Eric Scott via telephone regarding the pay structure of certain county employees. Hourly and salary pay, job requirements, employees who are first responders, tracking for FEMA purposes, and comp & gap time were discussed. It was agreed that a review of the employee handbook and job descriptions needs to be completed and would be the most appropriate course of action to clarify and discrepancies. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding payroll changes.

Public comments were received during the allotted time. Written correspondence was submitted by Janine Holmes.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 2:03 PM to 2:04 PM.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 2:04 PM to 2:31 PM.

At 2:32 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

February 28, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on February 28, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published February 8, 2023 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 2:03 PM by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

There was no business to come before the Board.

At 2:04 PM Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

February 28, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on February 28, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published February 8, 2023 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 2:05 PM by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor, and Cherry County Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Administrator Hesse informed the Board that she had completed a demo of the TimeClock software and that it seemed like it worked well, and the scheduling platform that is currently utilized by the Justice Center is owned by the same company. The calculation of shift differentials and integration with the current payroll system were discussed. The Justice Center will test the system prior to it being implemented county-wide and the Board requested that Administrator Hesse ascertain if there is a grace period for adding employees to the system. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to authorize Administrator Hesse to proceed with the TimeClock Plus implementation and equipment ordering. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Cherry County Treasurer Kathy Hammond met with the Board to request that the Justice Center deposits be handled in the same manner as the other county offices and that a check with an itemized list be submitted to her office on the first of every month. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to authorize Administrator Hesse to open a Justice Center revenue account to be zeroed each month. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

At 2:31 PM Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

March 14, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on March 14, 2023 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 AM by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioners meeting minutes from February 28, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from February 28, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from February 28, 2023 were read. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of the District Court fee report for February 2023, Treasurer's fund balance listing for February 28, 2023, Operating Statement report of budget vs. actual spending for February 28, 2023, Cherry County Visitors Promotion Board minutes from February 7, 2023, and the Cherry County Hospital Balance Sheets & Financial Report from January 31, 2023.

Cherry County Veterans' Memorial Committee members, Don Nelsen and Bob Stetter, were present to provide an update to the Board regarding the Memorial Park project. There will be six new flagpoles placed, with brass plaques for each. The Committee requested permission to place a brass plaque on the existing flagpole and will return to update the Board prior to completion of the project.

CNEDD Deputy Director Carla Kimball met with the Board to provide information about the process for paying invoices and requesting funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program for the grant previously awarded to Cherry County to benefit Niobrara Valley Vineyards. Niobrara Valley Vineyards co-owner Greg Nollette updated the Board regarding construction progress for the project and matching funds. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the Authorization to Request Grant Funds for Grant Number 21TD0001. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Cherry County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith presented the Board with an agreement from Mark Kovar District 8 Engineer for a State Highway detour onto County Roads. The State will be replacing the bridge over the Minnechaduza Creek on Highway 12. The State will build the detour route to their standards, reimburse the County for maintenance, and the designated route will be returned to its prior condition upon completion of the Project. Local traffic not following the detour route was also discussed. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to accept Agreement No. XL2305 State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation Project No. STP-12-2(106) Minnechaduza Creek Bridge – State Highway Detour. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Cherry County Treasurer Kathy Hammond certified to the Board that on the 6th day of March 2023, all delinquent real estate taxes in Cherry County were offered for public auction. There were 26 parcels for sale totaling \$23,661.02. 20 parcels sold for \$23,233.26, leaving 6 parcels not sold for \$437.76.

Superintendent Smith presented the Board with Requests to Occupy County Right-of-Way from CenturyLink to construct fiberoptic cables & enclosures and telecommunications utilities along and crossing Berry Bridge Road on

the Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to Approve the Requests to Occupy County Right-of-Way submitted by CenturyLink. Roll call vote: Aye - McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Superintendent Smith and Greg Nollette spoke with the Board regarding a private road that provides access for several landowners and access to Niobrara Valley Vineyards. Increased truck traffic on the road has accelerated deterioration. Commissioner McConaughy will check into the issue.

Commissioner Nelson reported that she had attended a NIRMA webinar hosted by Woods Aitken employment law attorneys, Pam Bourne and Ashley Connell, regarding employee handbooks and best employment practices and is interested in services offered to review the County's handbook. The Board spoke with Pam Bourne via telephone regarding said services. An estimate of \$3,000 was provided to review, revise, and include compliance with state and federal law for the handbook. The timeline and process for handbook revision was discussed. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to have NIRMA attorney Pam Bourne revise the Cherry County Employee Handbook. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Cherry County Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz updated the Board regarding the recent widespread school shooter hoax, Motorola dispatch consoles project, upcoming Weather Service trainings, grants, and the relocation of the SEAT plane to Ainsworth.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:13 PM to 1:00 PM.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

Cherry County Road Superintendent Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding surplus equipment he would like to sell on Purple Wave, a signing workshop put on by NIRMA, restructuring the pay scale to add another tier for assistant shop foreman, equipment repairs, and road maintenance.

Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees member, Deanna Scott, met with the Board to provide an update regarding their most recent meeting.

Bids were opened for one (1) used wheel loader with minimum specifications or approved equal to a 2000 or newer with 6,000 hours or less.

- 1.) Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. submitted a bid totaling \$139,526 (\$160,526 - \$21,000 rental) for a 2018 John Deere 624K-II wheel loader with 5,916 hours.
- 2.) Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. submitted a bid totaling \$253,500 for a new 2023 John Deere 624P wheel loader.
- 3.) NMC, Inc. submitted a bid totaling \$256,500 for a 2015 Caterpillar 950M wheel loader with 2,637 hours.
- 4.) NMC, Inc. submitted a bid totaling \$170,000 for a 2019 Caterpillar 938M wheel loader with 8,560 hours.

Commissioner McConaughy stated that he would like to wait to purchase a wheel loader until next fiscal year and solicit bids for a new machine. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to reject all bids. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Bids were opened for one (1) 2011 or newer AWD motor grader with 6,000 hours or less.

- 1.) Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. submitted a bid totaling \$106,993 (\$140,743 - \$33,750 rental) for a 2011 John Deere 672G motor grader with 5,463 hours.
- 2.) Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. submitted a bid totaling \$381,003 for a new 2023 John Deere 772G motor grader.
- 3.) NMC, Inc. submitted a bid totaling \$196,540 (\$210,000 - \$13,460 rental) for a 2016 Caterpillar 12M3 motor grader with 3,412 hours.

Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to award the bid to Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. for a 2011 John Deere 672G motor grader in the amount of \$106,993 to be paid with LATCF money. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

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

March 14, 2023 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	85,711.94	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of			\$	85,711.94

GENERAL

Anderson Electric Inc	Services	\$1,658.72
Applied Connective Technologies	Services	\$5,589.07
Black Hills Chemical	Services	\$734.50
Boarders Inn & Suites	Lodging	\$288.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$122.73
Michael S Borders	Services	\$3,756.66
Boyd's Network Solutions	Services	\$1,710.00
Clint Burney	Services	\$40.61
Central Plains Valuation LLC	Services	\$10,000.00
Central Valley Ag Coop	Supplies	\$3,197.51
Centurylink	Telephone Service	\$187.59
Centurylink	Telephone Service	\$1,771.30
Cherry County Court	Services	\$221.00
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$6,095.00
Cherry County Sheriff	Services	\$158.38
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees	\$5.00
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service	\$317.49
Consolidated Management Company	Services	\$59.05
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services	\$448.00
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services	\$83.54
Dawson County Sheriff's Office	Services	\$18.69
Lorana Eggert	Reimbursement	\$419.93
Equature/DSS Corporation	Services	\$1,174.00
Firstnet/AT&T	Services	\$652.13
Michelle Garwood	Reimbursement	\$627.49
Government Forms & Supplies	Supplies	\$99.54
Grant County Sheriff	Services	\$65.00
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$100.00
GRP & Associates	Services	\$111.00
Hall County Sheriff	Services	\$8.74
Stephen Hamling	Services	\$50.00
Hampton Inn Kearney	Lodging	\$160.55
Timothy Hanson	Reimbursement	\$2,636.75
Edward Heinert	Reimbursement	\$23.58
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$162.42
Interstate All Battery Center	Services	\$137.00
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,185.47
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office	Services	\$18.69
Dave Leonard	Reimbursement	\$220.00
Lifeguard MD Inc	Services	\$202.00

Lincoln County Sheriff	Services	\$18.86
Angie Lincoln	Reimbursement	\$26.20
Vince Lopez	Services	\$300.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$136.00
Midwest Connect	Services	\$105.00
Midwest Portland LLC	Services	\$843.26
MIPS	Services	\$3,166.75
NACO	Services	\$105.00
Nebraska Assn of County Clerks	Dues/Fees/Training	\$50.00
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training	Dues/Fees/Training	\$20.20
Nebraska Safety & Fire Equip	Services	\$1,285.50
NK Waste Management	Services	\$368.00
NPZA	Services	\$110.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$3,442.26
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$123.60
Pit Stall	Services	\$95.17
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$250.00
Presto X	Services	\$96.05
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$1,546.78
Ramada Columbus Hotel & Conference	Lodging	\$192.00
Region 4 Behavioral Health System	Services	\$5,390.25
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$1,873.80
Eric Scott	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$8,580.92
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$94.09
Cardmember Service	Supplies	\$291.63
Sirchie	Services	\$100.15
Samuel Spain	Services	\$150.00
True Value	Supplies	\$19.76
UNL Lincoln	Services	\$1,200.00
US Cellular	Services	\$88.64
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$1,469.86
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$4,368.91
Ward Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$499.04
Western Oil/Conoco	Fuel/Car Wash	\$10.00
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$1,456.65
Laura Willert	Reimbursement	\$35.37
Wrenched Tire & Auto LLC	Services	\$265.11
3S Fabrication & Repair LLC	Services	\$20.00

Total **\$85,711.94**

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	203,128.86	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of	\$	203,128.86	

ROAD

AKRS Equipment	Supplies	\$1,932.59
Andersen & Sons NAPA Auto Parts	Supplies	\$1,019.18
Big Boy Tools & Services	Services	\$135.00
Earl Blizzard	Reimbursement	\$188.92
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$570.36
Boyd's Network Solutions	Services	\$2,575.00
Jordan Buechle	Reimbursement	\$165.06
Cherry County Clinic	Services	\$244.60

Cherry County Implement	Services	\$38.28
Village of Cody	Services	\$106.70
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$303.30
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$208.54
Daly Enterprises	Services	\$34.40
Danielski Farms	Services	\$36,308.27
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Dooley Oil	Services	\$1,360.05
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$213.90
Heart City Lock & Key	Services	\$5.00
Hinn's Gordon Auto Supply	Services	\$802.08
Huskerland Communications LLC	Services	\$229.98
Inland Truck Parts Company	Services	\$68.84
Interstate Battery System	Services	\$269.90
J&J Trailer Sales LLC	Services	\$75.56
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$572.88
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$474.34
Medical Enterprises Inc	Services	\$105.00
Village of Merriman	Services	\$63.21
Midwest Petroleum	Services	\$851.38
Mills Hardware	Services	\$499.00
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Modern Farm Equipment Corporation	Services	\$450.29
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Services	\$50.09
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Company	Services	\$13,750.00
Nebraska Machinery Company	Services	\$20,424.51
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$93.22
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$2,437.50
Office Products Center	Supplies	\$61.53
J.D. Osburn	Reimbursement	\$144.44
The Parts Company	Supplies	\$567.04
Perrett Construction	Services	\$682.35
Pit Stall	Services	\$359.94
Pomp's Tire Service Inc	Services	\$2,986.00
Powerplan	Services	\$30,999.08
Prema	Services	\$124.54
Reese Inc	Services	\$3,868.04
Kay Reese	Reimbursement	\$29.97
Sahling Kenworth Kearney	Services	\$2,118.67
Sandhill Oil Company Inc	Services	\$62,410.63
Sandhills Ranch Supply	Services	\$1,411.62
Security First Bank	Services	\$3,985.21
Sturdevant's Auto Parts	Supplies	\$48.32
City of Valentine	Services	\$1,455.85
Village of Thedford	Services	\$424.00
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$10.00
3S Fabrication & Repair	Services	\$4,607.00
	TOTAL	\$203,128.86

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,707.58	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of			\$
VISITOR PROMOTION			1,707.58

Great Plains Communications	Services	\$181.83
Tony Hanson	Services	\$75.00
J&J K Lawn	Services	\$143.00
Regina Osburn	Reimbursement	\$930.90
City of Valentine	Services	\$376.85
	TOTAL	\$1,707.58

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	27,563.73	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of			\$	27,563.73

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$27,563.73
	TOTAL	\$27,563.73

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	9,427.08	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of			\$	9,427.08

BOOKMOBILE

Valentine Public Library	Bookmobile	\$9,427.08
	TOTAL	\$ 9,427.08

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	165,435.57	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Grant Fund in the amount of			\$	165,435.57

GRANT FUND

Central Nebraska Economic Dev Dist	Administration	\$10,540.00
Niobrara Valley Vineyards LLC	Grant	\$154,895.57
	TOTAL	\$165,435.57

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	38,723.27	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Covid American Rescue Plan Fund in the amount of			\$	38,723.27

COVID ARPF

Senior Services Inc	Services	\$38,723.27
	TOTAL	\$38,723.27

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,187.64	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of			\$	1,187.64

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Capital One Trade Credit	Services	\$212.81
Centurylink	Services	\$247.68
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$57.98
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$92.83
Nebraska Assn/Emergency MGMT	Services	\$110.00
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$18.00
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Services	\$66.00
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$164.16
Prema	Services	\$218.18
	TOTAL	\$1,187.64

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	4,121.99	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of \$ 4,121.99

INHERITANCE TAX

Houghton Bradford Whitted PC	Services	\$3,309.49
Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Services	\$812.50
	TOTAL	\$4,121.99

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 2,090.49 .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -

A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of \$ 2,090.49

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)

Boyd's Network Solutions	Services	\$1,023.21
Equature/DSS Corporation	Services	\$704.40
Geo-Comm Inc	Services	\$188.82
Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$27.42
OPTK Networks	Services	\$146.64
	TOTAL	\$2,090.49

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 11,846.19 .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -

A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of \$ 11,846.19

911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)

Boyd's Network Solutions	Services	\$5,798.21
Equature/DSS Corporation	Services	\$3,991.60
Geo-Comm Inc	Services	\$1,070.02
Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$155.40
OPTK Networks	Services	\$830.96
	TOTAL	\$11,846.19

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 965.27 .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Courthouse (Special Building) Fund in the amount of \$ 965.27

Courthouse (Special Building)

Johnson Controls Inc	Services	\$965.27
	TOTAL	\$965.27

At 2:21 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

March 28, 2023

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The Board of Commissioners meeting minutes from March 14, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz and Deputy Emergency Manager Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding the Motorola dispatch consoles project, SEAT plane relocation, and CDBG status. Director Sandoz reported that he had attended the NAEM Poster Contest Ceremony and is attending the upcoming NAEM Conference. Deputy Coyle reported on the flood plain workshop she had attended and an upcoming grant writing conference.

Clerk Longcor informed the Board that the Nebraska Department of Transportation has requested a resolution authorizing the execution of the agreement that was approved at the March 14, 2023 meeting. Upon adoption of the resolution said agreement would be resigned. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to adopt Resolution #2023-03 authorizing the execution of Agreement No. XL2305 Minnechaduza Creek Bridge – State Highway Detour. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer reported to the Board regarding equipment repairs, armor coat gravel ordered for upcoming projects, changes to the county shops' phone systems, and road staff changes. The Board reviewed and signed Payroll Change Notices for a merit-based increase and a promotion. The job description for a new road department position will be added to the next agenda. The Board spoke with Mr. Boyer regarding an issue with Fawn Lake Road and the coordination of rock purchases between all districts. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to declare a 2004 2500HD Chevy pickup Unit #1-103 VIN 1GCHK24U84E106422 as surplus property. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, DeNaeyer. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from USPS regarding the Kilgore Post Office.

Judd Allen & Mike Boden, NACO Benefits Services, and Dennis Maggart, McInnes Group Executive Vice President, met with the Board to review the performance of the county's partially self-funded health insurance for the current plan year. Monthly claim amounts, network savings, and the upcoming renewal were discussed.

After review and approval via email by County Attorney Eric Scott, DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve a letter of engagement with Woods Aitken LLP for the review and revision of the Cherry County Employee Handbook. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

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

March 28, 2023

CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **215,270.44** .

and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of \$ **215,270.44**

GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,580.20
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$15,757.82
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,675.82
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding	\$2,000.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$36,634.96
CVSOAN Treasurer, Tom Reimers	Dues/Fees/Training	\$60.00
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$27,292.65
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$11,907.72
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$2,750.00
Midlands Choice	Health Insurance Funding	\$177.75
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$3,944.87
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$3,683.25
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$463.44
General Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$139,158.59
	GROSS TOTAL	\$249,087.07
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$33,816.63)
	NET TOTAL	\$215,270.44

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **116,328.66** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$ **116,328.66**

ROAD FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,530.96
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$8,589.28
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,285.68
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$935.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$18,412.40
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$15,773.33
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$5,853.54
Legal Shield	Services	\$101.70
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,400.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,351.50
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$186.77
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$79,196.26
	GROSS TOTAL	\$135,930.92
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$19,602.26)
	NET TOTAL	\$116,328.66

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **5,854.65** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of \$ **5,854.65**

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$576.90
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$56.46
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$990.89
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$112.31
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$28.17

Visitors Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$5,127.98
	GROSS TOTAL	\$6,990.08
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,135.43)
	NET TOTAL	\$5,854.65

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **4,940.76** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of \$ **4,940.76**

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$4,940.76
	TOTAL	\$4,940.76

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **11,390.03** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ **11,390.03**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$743.63
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$112.92
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$110.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$2,835.92
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,284.26
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$845.40
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$200.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$190.10
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$28.17
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$6,610.02
	GROSS TOTAL	\$12,960.42
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,570.39)
	NET TOTAL	\$11,390.03

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:06 PM to 1:00 PM.

The Board acknowledged receipt via email of Andrew Ward's resignation from the Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:15 PM to 1:19 PM.

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith informed the Board that he has been working with NDOT to post advanced warning about the weight limit for Borman Bridge. Nollett Road was discussed and Superintendent Smith recommended that the Board discuss their questions with the County Attorney.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:30 PM to 2:04 PM.

At 2:05 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

March 28, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on March 28, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published March 8, 2023 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 1:15 PM by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor, Cherry County Deputy Assessor Andrea Andre, and Cherry County Treasurer Kathy Hammond. Commissioner Nina Nelson had an excused absence. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Deputy Assessor Andre provided information for four tax list corrections to correct two inadvertent name changes, an omitted IOLL rollover, and a duplicated personal property schedule. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve tax list corrections #2022-4 Property ID: 160039606, #2022-5 Property ID: 160002419, #2022-6 Property ID: 160009855, and #2022-7 Property ID: 160249064 as presented by Deputy Assessor Andre. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, DeNaeyer. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

At 1:19 PM Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

March 28, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on March 28, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published March 8, 2023 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 1:30 PM by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor, and Cherry County Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse. Commissioner Nina Nelson had an excused absence. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

At 1:33 PM DeNaeyer moved to enter closed session to discuss policy and procedure security protocols, with the Board, Clerk Longcor, and Administrator Hesse to be present. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried. Chairman DeNaeyer restated the limitation of subject matter of the closed session to be policy and procedure security protocols. At 1:43PM the meeting room doors were reopened and the public was allowed to reenter. At 1:44 PM DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to return to open session. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, DeNaeyer. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the amendment to the Cherry County Justice Center Policies & Procedures Section No: D-200 AED Policy as presented by Administrator Hesse. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, DeNaeyer. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

Administrator Hesse informed the Board of issues with the current television service provider in the jail and provided a contract for CIDNET, the company that currently provides video visitation services for inmates. Providing television service satisfies certain jail standards requirements and CIDNET's services wouldn't cost anything for Cherry County. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to authorize Administrator Hess to execute the CIDNET Solutions Services Agreement to extend the current contract for five years. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

Potentially upgrading the electronic control system, security camera project, timeclock system, and employee retention were discussed.

At 2:04 PM Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

April 11, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on April 11, 2023 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 AM by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioners meeting minutes from March 28, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye - DeNaeyer, McConaughy. Abstain – Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from March 28, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye - DeNaeyer, McConaughy. Abstain – Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from March 28, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye - McConaughy, DeNaeyer. Abstain – Nelson. The motion carried.

Clerk Longcor provided background information regarding the fees for public records. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to change the charge for digital/electronic public records from \$15 to free. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to reappoint Edward Heinert to the Cherry County Extension Board – District 6 for a term set to expire December 31, 2025. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a list of people from which the Extension Board would like to make its recommendation for filling the District 3 vacancy. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Cherry County Extension Board – District 3 candidate list. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Cherry County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith updated the Board regarding available millings, armor coat project bid letting for N. Kilgore Rd and N. Cody Rd, and that signs have been ordered for Borman Bridge Rd.

McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the Cherry County Road Shop Manager job description. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried. Payroll change notices for promotions and merit-based increases were reviewed and signed by the Board. Commissioner McConaughy stated that he would like to purchase rock trailers with some of the LATCF money.

At 10:46 AM, McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to enter closed session for the purpose of updating and discussing current and future litigation and strategy regarding the Snake River/EPA matter with the Board, County Attorney Eric Scott, Superintendent Smith, and Clerk Longcor to be present. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried. Chairman DeNaeyer restated the limitation of subject matter of the closed session to be updating and discussing current and future litigation and strategy regarding the Snake River/EPA matter.

At 11:32 AM the meeting room doors were opened and the public was allowed to reenter. At 11:33 AM DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to return to open session. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to enter into the Mainelli Wagner Associates, Inc. Consultant Contract for phases 1-3 and designate Chairman DeNaeyer to sign said contract. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. Regarding the alleged EPA violation, Mr. Scott. stated that hopefully both parties will come to an agreement to avoid court, but the legal process cannot be avoided.

Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees member, Deanna Scott, updated the Board regarding their most recent meeting and special meeting.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:00 PM to 1:02 PM.

The Board received comments from the public during the allotted time. Josh Whipple provided the Board with liability insurance & mine license information and rock freight prices.

The Board met with Valentine City Council President Kyle Arganbright via Zoom, Cherry County Visitors Promotion Board, and Cherry County Tourism Director Regina Osburn to discuss a collaboration between the City of Valentine and Cherry County/Cherry County Visitors Promotion concerning the idea of a joint project for a wellness & convention center. The project would involve a feasibility study engaging an architect and a contractor; to include clear design & cost estimates, a financing plan, and community input prior to any further commitments from either subdivision.

At 1:28 PM Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to enter closed session for the purpose of discussing potential real estate purchases and/or strategy regarding potential real estate purchases with the Board; County Attorney Eric Scott; Clerk Longcor; Visitors Promotion Board members, Greg Nollette, Rich Mercure, Anne Clark; Tourism Director Regina Osburn, and City Council President Kyle Arganbright to be present. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried. Chairman DeNaeyer restated the limitation of subject matter of the closed session to be the discussion of potential real estate purchases and/or strategy regarding potential real estate purchases. At 1:45 PM Commissioner McConaughy was excused for the remainder of the meeting. At 1:57 PM City Council President Arganbright exited the closed session.

At 2:07 PM the meeting room doors were opened and the public was allowed to reenter. At 2:08 PM DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to return to open session. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer. Absent – McConaughy. The motion carried.

Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to authorize the Cherry County Visitors Promotion Board to proceed with partnering on a project feasibility study with the City of Valentine. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer. Absent – McConaughy. The motion carried.

There was no Emergency Management update due to the McCann Canyon Fire.

There was no Board action taken on the agenda item regarding the Regroup Mass Notification Subscription Agreement and it will be added to the next regular meeting agenda.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of the District Court fee report for March 2023, Treasurer's fund balance listing for March 31, 2023, Operating Statement report of budget vs. actual spending for March 31, 2023, and correspondence from NDOT regarding the Merritt Reservoir North project.

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

April 11, 2023
CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	60,293.28	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of			\$	60,293.28

GENERAL

Ainsworth Star Journal	Services	\$78.00
Black Hills Chemical	Services	\$85.39
Central Valley Ag Coop	Supplies	\$3,245.35
Centurylink	Telephone Service	\$181.05
Centurylink	Telephone Service	\$1,764.65
Cherry County Clinic	Services	\$329.70
Cherry County Court	Services	\$222.00
Cherry County District Court	Services	\$36.00
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$6,793.50
Cherry County Sheriff	Services	\$431.82
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees	\$5.00
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service	\$316.10
Cornhusker State Industries	Supplies	\$1,524.00
Jessica Coyle	Reimbursement	\$636.33
Crowne Plaza/IHG Hotel	Lodging	\$674.75
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services	\$448.00
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services	\$83.54
Firstnet/AT&T	Services	\$652.13
Michelle Garwood	Reimbursement	\$78.33
Government Forms & Supplies	Supplies	\$98.00
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$100.00
Kathy Hammond	Reimbursement	\$183.40
Timothy Hanson	Reimbursement	\$2,636.75
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$382.05
Holiday Inn Express-Lexington	Lodging	\$196.00
Johnson Controls Inc	Services	\$2,033.00
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,144.28
Dave Leonard	Reimbursement	\$218.17
Lifeguard MD Inc	Services	\$202.00
Brittany Longcor	Reimbursement	\$174.23
Vince Lopez	Services	\$150.00
Marco Technologies	Services	\$22.62
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$136.00
Midwest Radar & Equipment	Services	\$120.00
Midwest Special Services	Services	\$504.14
MIPS	Services	\$3,145.75
NE Clerks of District Court ASSN	Dues/Fees/Training	\$75.00
NACEB	Dues/Fees/Training	\$140.00
Nebraska ASSN of County Treasurers	Dues/Fees/Training	\$150.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue	Services	\$1,300.00
NK Waste Management	Services	\$184.00
North Platte Telegraph	Services	\$79.66
North Star Electric	Services	\$542.15
Office Products	Supplies	\$1,676.83
Paper Tiger Shredding	Services	\$50.00

Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$65.00
Presto X	Services	\$96.05
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$2,700.00
Quill Corporation	Services	\$26.87
Region IV	Services	\$2,626.00
Ron's Quik Lube	Services	\$218.45
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$1,689.92
Eric Scott	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,408.00
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$237.96
Cardmember Service	Supplies	\$372.24
Sennett, Duncan, Jenkins & Wickham	Services	\$4,468.94
Samuel Spain	Services	\$300.00
UNL Panhandle Research	Services	\$449.11
US Cellular	Services	\$177.28
Valentine Dental Clinic II	Services	\$197.25
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$4,160.76
Western Oil/Conoco	Fuel/Car Wash	\$161.90
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$1,707.88
	Total	\$60,293.28

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 155,569.85
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$ 155,569.85

ROAD

Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Withholdings/Retirement	\$395.98
Andersen & Sons NAPA Auto Parts	Supplies	\$152.77
Andy's Glass Shop	Services	\$90.00
Bacon Repair	Services	\$11,768.11
Baum Hydraulics Corporation	Supplies	\$221.55
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$1,861.94
Central Valley Ag Cooperative	Supplies	\$5,001.76
Cody Oil	Services	\$1,138.20
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$303.30
Crossroads Auto Repair Specialists	Services	\$46.98
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$177.23
D&L Sand & Gravel	Services	\$200.00
Danielski Farms	Services	\$1,236.38
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Dooley Oil	Services	\$2,190.25
EFTPS (Federal Tax Payment)	Taxes/Withholdings	\$643.86
Emerson Equipment	Services	\$350.52
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$213.90
Hometown Lumber & Construction Inc	Supplies	\$251.00
Independent Salt Co	Services	\$1,050.92
Inland Truck Parts Company	Services	\$7,752.09
Interstate Battery System	Services	\$1,079.60
J&J Trailer Sales LLC	Services	\$24.50
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$623.46
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$3,289.97
Roland Lamle	Gross Wages	\$3,519.88
Martin Auto Parts II	Services	\$110.22
Bentz Kenyon McWhirter	Reimbursement	\$18.52
Menards	Supplies	\$662.35

Village of Merriman	Services	\$62.23
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Services	\$77.32
Village of Mullen	Services	\$129.00
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Company	Services	\$20,500.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$92.11
Nebraska Machinery Company	Services	\$24,372.98
Nebraska Motor Fuels Division	Services	\$1,286.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$121.08
NK Waste Management	Services	\$345.00
Northern Safety Co	Supplies	\$572.04
Office Products Center	Supplies	\$67.05
The Parts Company	Supplies	\$430.54
Perrett Construction	Services	\$568.69
Pit Stall	Services	\$1,954.05
Powerplan	Services	\$13,190.15
Prema	Services	\$129.06
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$300.00
Reese Inc	Services	\$3,241.26
Sahling Kenworth Kearney	Services	\$704.71
Sandhill Oil Company Inc	Services	\$33,670.80
Sandhills Ranch Supply	Services	\$302.41
Security First Bank	Services	\$3,985.21
Sheridan County Journal Star	Services	\$63.00
Truck Center Companies	Services	\$183.05
US Cellular	Services	\$145.52
City of Valentine	Services	\$1,244.92
Vander Haag's Inc	Services	\$528.21
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$10.00
3S Fabrication & Repair	Services	\$3,335.61
Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings		(\$625.09)
TOTAL		\$155,569.85

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	2,263.76	.
and disallowed in the amount of			.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Bridge Fund in the amount of	\$	2,263.76	
Emergency Bridge			
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$	2,263.76
TOTAL			\$2,263.76

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	3,387.26	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of	\$	3,387.26	

VISITOR PROMOTION

Cherry County Visitors Promo Board	Reimbursement	\$10.45
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$182.57
Nebraska Travel Association	Services	\$125.00
Norfolk Daily News	Services	\$505.00
Valentine Chamber of Commerce	Services	\$2,200.00
City of Valentine	Services	\$364.24
TOTAL		\$3,387.26

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	11,603.41	.
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and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of			\$	11,603.41
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS				
Cherry County Clerk		Health Insurance Claims		\$11,603.41
		TOTAL		\$11,603.41

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	10,001.08	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of			\$	10,001.08
BOOKMOBILE				
Thomas County Library		Bookmobile	\$	574.00
Valentine Public Library		Bookmobile		\$9,427.08
		TOTAL	\$	10,001.08

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	106,993.00	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Grant Fund in the amount of			\$	106,993.00
GRANT FUND				
Murphy Tractor & Equipment		Services		\$106,993.00
		TOTAL		\$106,993.00

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	9,060.00	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Covid American Rescue Plan Fund in the amount of			\$	9,060.00
COVID ARPF				
Platte Valley Communications		Services		\$9,060.00
		TOTAL		\$9,060.00

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	2,111.80	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of			\$	2,111.80
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
Bomgaars		Supplies		\$255.99
Centurylink		Services		\$257.74
Grant Writing USA		Services		\$495.00
KBR Rural Public Power District		Services		\$96.95
Prema		Services		\$226.86
John Ravenscroft		Services		\$200.00
Matt Sandoz		Reimbursement		\$540.28
True Value		Supplies		\$38.98
		TOTAL		\$2,111.80

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	3,795.00	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of			\$	3,795.00
INHERITANCE TAX				
Houghton Bradford Whitted PC		Services		\$3,795.00
		TOTAL		\$3,795.00

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	27.42	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of			\$	27.42
911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)				

Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$27.42
	TOTAL	\$27.42

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	155.40	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of		\$	155.40

911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)

Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$155.40
	TOTAL	\$155.40

At 2:50 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

April 25, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on April 25, 2023 in the Cherry County 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 AM by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioners meeting minutes from April 11, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Cherry County Road Supervisor Doug Boyer met with the Board to update the Board regarding the purchase of rock trailers, available millings, updating dump trucks, and road maintenance. Mike Bateman, Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. Territory Sales Manager, also spoke with the Board about equipment repairs.

Cherry County Noxious Weed Superintendent Dave Leonard informed the Board of the score received by Cherry County for the Noxious Weed Program Evaluation. Organic farming and noxious weed control methods were also discussed. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the 2022 Nebraska Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Program Reports and Requirements Summary and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Cherry County Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz updated the Board regarding the Courthouse Emergency Action Plan, cyber security training, NIRMA Assist Grant, EMPG status, IS course completion, McCann Canyon Fire reimbursements for responsive departments and individuals, Motorola Dispatch Consoles Project, Nenzel Communications Tower, and the SEAT plane. The price difference between Code Red and Regroup was discussed. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Regroup Mass Notification Subscription Agreement. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Several elected officials and Billie Brockley, Clerk's Office-Human Resources, met with the Board to review and discuss the Cherry County Employee Handbook redline version received from Woods & Aitken LLP. No Board action was taken.

The Board recessed for lunch from 11:58 AM to 1:00 PM.

The Board received comments from the public during the allotted time. Bill Ward submitted written correspondence.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:19 PM to 1:20 PM.

Cherry County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith met with the Board to discuss Anderson Bridge. The Board requested that Superintendent Smith discuss said bridge with an engineer.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:38 PM to 2:50 PM.

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

April 27, 2023

CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	208,139.65	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$		208,139.65

GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,580.20
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$15,102.61
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,675.82
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding	\$1,986.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$36,634.96
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$25,923.81
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$11,907.72
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$2,700.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$3,657.76
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$3,832.77
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$463.44
General Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$133,040.56
	GROSS TOTAL	\$240,505.65
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$32,366.00)
	NET TOTAL	\$208,139.65

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	107,736.44	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of	\$		107,736.44

ROAD FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,530.96
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$8,095.64
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,172.76
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$880.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$16,994.44
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$14,957.42
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$5,430.84
Legal Shield	Services	\$101.70
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,300.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,229.07
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$158.60
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$73,292.04
	GROSS TOTAL	\$126,457.97
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$18,721.53)
	NET TOTAL	\$107,736.44

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	4,310.24	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of	\$		4,310.24

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$425.02
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$56.46
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$784.33
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$105.41
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$28.17
Visitors Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$3,777.98

	GROSS TOTAL	\$5,274.74
Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings		(\$964.50)
	NET TOTAL	\$4,310.24

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **35,144.68** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of \$ **35,144.68**

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$35,144.68
	TOTAL	\$35,144.68

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **11,497.87** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ **11,497.87**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$754.23
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$112.92
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$110.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$2,835.92
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,309.62
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$845.40
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$200.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$195.78
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$28.17
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$6,704.28
	GROSS TOTAL	\$13,096.32
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,598.45)
	NET TOTAL	\$11,497.87

At 3:05 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

April 25, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on April 25, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published April 12, 2023 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 1:19 PM by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

There was no business to come before the Board.

At 1:20 PM Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

April 25, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on April 25, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published April 12, 2023 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 1:38 PM by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Justice Center Sergeant David Stoeger met with the Board to discuss the Courthouse phone system and employee retention. Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse and Cherry County Sheriff Rusty Osburn spoke with the Board regarding the Courthouse phone system and the possibility of implementing a phone tree. Administrator Hesse also spoke with the Board regarding the Justice Center employee census and possible hiring and retention strategies. No Board action was taken.

At 2:50 PM Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

May 9, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on May 9, 2023 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 DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioners meeting minutes from April 25, 2023 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 April 25, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye - DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from April 25, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye - McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Cherry County Road Supervisor Doug Boyer met with the Board to discuss employee pay rates and potential increases, uses for millings, gravel trailers purchased, bonuses for foreman and hourly vs. salary pay structure, and motor grader payments. Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith updated the Board regarding the armor coat project bid opening at the end of May and that more millings may become available. Superintendent Smith stated that he had not heard back from the engineer concerning increasing the weight rating of Anderson Bridge.

Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the surplus of a 1997 160H Cat Motor Grader, Serial # 9EJ428. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Cherry County Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz and Deputy Emergency Manager Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding the McCann Canyon Fire paperwork, federal disaster designation for Cherry County due to drought, Motorola dispatch consoles project, and the burn ban. Director Sandoz stated that he is interested in acquiring some BK radios and starting an Emergency Management Facebook page to provide important information to the public.

Cherry County Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding the Comprehensive Plan draft and that the Planning Commission will begin reviewing the Zoning Regulations next.

Cherry County Sheriff Rusty Osburn met with the Board to discuss the availability of a patrol vehicle, state bid prices, and vehicle production lead times. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to authorize Sheriff Osburn to proceed with the purchase of a 2019 Dodge Ram pickup from Circle K Motors, for no more than \$43,500, to be paid for out of the Inheritance Tax Fund. Roll call vote: Aye - DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the renewal rates for the county's vision insurance, effective July 1, 2023. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the NACO VSP vision insurance plan renewal. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Clerk Longcor provided information to the Board regarding audit services and the shortage of firms willing to perform county audits. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to accept the Contryman Associates, P.C. Letter of Engagement for fiscal years 2023, 2024, 2025. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees member, Deanna Scott, provided an update to the Board regarding their most recent meeting and upcoming vacancies and reappointments on the Hospital Board.

Valerio Jansante, Community Liaison for Congressman Adrian Smith, provided a legislative update to the Board and discussed bills to improve home dialysis patient safety and expand seniors' health care options and homecare services.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:02 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

Susan Cook, Superintendent of the Niobrara National Scenic River in western Nebraska, and Travis Connot, Natural Resources Program Manager, both with the National Park Service, met with the Board to discuss a grant program that could be used to aid landowners in the Niobrara River corridor reduce the risk of wildfire by controlling cedar trees and creating fire breaks. The program would require cooperation of the four counties along the 76 miles of protected scenic river. The National Park Service would write the grant and assist in the landowner application process. The use of local contractors for tree removal and cost-share amounts were also discussed. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to authorize the National Park Service to proceed with writing the Community Wildfire Defense Grant for Cherry County's portion of the Niobrara River, with final approval reserved for the Board of Commissioners and review by the County Attorney. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board met with Pam Bourne, Woods Aitken, LLP Attorney, via telephone and Cherry County Attorney Eric Scott to discuss the Cherry County Employee Handbook. At 2:03 p.m. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to enter closed session for the purpose of legal advice related to personnel matters for the protection of the public interest with the Board, County Clerk, County Attorney, and Pam Bourne to be present. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried. Chairman DeNaeyer restated the limitation of subject matter of the closed session to be legal advice related to personnel matters. At 2:47 p.m. Pam Bourne exited the closed session. At 3:18 p.m. the meeting room doors were reopened at the public was allowed to reenter. At 3:19 p.m. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to return to open session. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Ms. Bourne and Mr. Scott will review the handbook prior to the next regular meeting. No Board action was taken on the Cherry County Employee Handbook Revision agenda item.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of the District Court fee report for April 2023, Treasurer's fund balance listing for April 30, 2023, Operating Statement report of budget vs. actual spending for April 30, 2023, Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees meeting minutes from March 28, 2023, and correspondence from Mrs. Kay Wolfenden.

The Board and Clerk Longcor toured the Cherry County Justice Center from 3:33 p.m. to 3:54 p.m.

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

May 9, 2023 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	49,483.07	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$		49,483.07
GENERAL			
Allen Monument Company	Services		\$285.00
Ameritas Life Insurance	Withholdings/Retirement		\$150.22

Anderson Electric Inc	Services	\$288.84
Axon Enterprise Inc	Services	\$621.20
Whitney Barnes	Reimbursement	\$100.00
Bob Barker Company	Services	\$89.20
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$21.96
Buckles Fuel Service Inc	Services	\$69.93
Centurylink	Telephone Service	\$193.89
Centurylink	Telephone Service	\$1,750.04
Cherry County Clinic	Services	\$283.10
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$6,718.20
Cherry County Sheriff	Services	\$217.92
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees	\$5.00
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service	\$316.10
Cobblestone Hotel & Suites	Lodging	\$285.00
Consolidated Management Company	Services	\$21.50
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services	\$448.00
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services	\$83.54
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$204.30
Lorana Eggert	Reimbursement	\$40.00
Encartele Inc	Services	\$300.00
Firstnet/AT&T	Services	\$652.13
Galls Parent Holding LLC	Services	\$52.99
Gempler's	Services	\$231.46
Gotschall & Sholes PC LLO	Services	\$1,374.32
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$120.00
Shawn Hamling	Reimbursement	\$187.34
Kathy Hammond	Reimbursement	\$308.97
Debra Hand	Reimbursement	\$410.12
Timothy Hanson	Reimbursement	\$2,636.75
Heart City Drug	Supplies	\$47.35
Heart City Lock & Key	Services	\$389.10
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$157.18
Holiday Inn Express	Lodging	\$509.85
Huskerland Communications LLC	Supplies	\$29.99
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Supplies	\$287.96
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,269.40
Dave Leonard	Reimbursement	\$70.00
Brittney Longcor	Reimbursement	\$402.18
Loup Basin RC&D Council	Services	\$536.76
Marco Technologies	Services	\$185.78
Ryan McSweeney	Reimbursement	\$25.99
Midwest Connect	Services	\$120.00
MIPS	Services	\$3,145.75
NE Dept of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$30.51
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training	Services	\$216.00
Nebraska Safety & Fire Equip	Services	\$325.00
NENA: The 9-1-1 Association	Services	\$299.00
Northeast NE Area Agency on Aging	Services	\$1,948.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$1,320.24
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Supplies	\$46.00
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$264.00
Pit Stall Inc	Services	\$687.87
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$3,102.97
Presto X	Services	\$96.05

Quadient Leasing	Services	\$1,304.15
Ron's Quik Lube	Services	\$141.40
RR Donnelley	Services	\$157.31
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$2,021.43
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$198.20
Cardmember Service	Supplies	\$514.35
Issis Shipley	Reimbursement	\$20.00
Samuel Spain	Services	\$50.00
Springview Herald	Services	\$63.00
True Value	Supplies	\$166.70
UNL c/o NE Extension	Reimbursement	\$22.92
UNL Panhandle Research & Extension	Services	\$428.92
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$1,355.00
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$4,043.17
Ward Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$212.99
Western Oil/Conoco	Fuel/Car Wash	\$20.00
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$1,783.58
	Total	\$49,483.07

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	173,288.65	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of	\$		173,288.65

ROAD

AKRS Equipment	Supplies	\$404.58
Ashby Lumber Company	Supplies	\$17.40
Bacon Repair	Services	\$922.95
Big Boy Tools & Services LLC	Supplies	\$486.50
Big State Industrial Supply	Supplies	\$149.99
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$904.39
Doug Boyer	Reimbursement	\$478.07
Buckles Fuel Services	Services	\$5,674.34
Central Valley Ag Cooperative	Supplies	\$6,926.44
Cherry County Clinic	Services	\$56.00
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$59.51
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$484.40
Crossroads Auto Repair Specialists	Services	\$397.98
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$168.22
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$1,050.00
Dooley Oil	Services	\$2,134.59
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$371.15
Hampton Well Drilling	Services	\$335.00
Handyman Hardware	Supplies	\$61.43
Huskerland Communications LLC	Services	\$749.98
Josh Whipple Trucking	Services	\$31,395.00
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$411.72
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$951.18
Martin Auto Parts II	Services	\$8.06
Medical Enterprises	Services	\$110.00
Menards	Supplies	\$59.96
Mills Hardware	Supplies	\$399.00
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Nebraska Dept of Correctional Service	Supplies	\$38,500.00

Nebraska Machinery Company	Services	\$148.54
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$69.29
Northstar Electric	Services	\$1,747.61
Northern Safety Co	Supplies	\$609.80
Office Products Center	Supplies	\$122.23
The Parts Company	Supplies	\$89.97
Perrett Construction	Services	\$657.43
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$10.00
Pit Stall	Services	\$126.62
Powerplan	Services	\$24,014.42
Frank Pravecsek	Services	\$16,500.00
Prema	Services	\$131.13
Reese Inc	Services	\$1,322.68
Sahling Kenworth Kearney	Services	\$593.71
Sandhill Oil Company Inc	Services	\$27,216.85
Security First Bank	Services	\$3,985.21
Thedford Lumber & Supply	Supplies	\$56.00
Truck Center Companies	Services	\$517.96
US Cellular	Services	\$92.01
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$141.60
City of Valentine	Services	\$1,183.55
3S Fabrication & Repair	Services	\$76.50
	TOTAL	\$173,288.65

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	4,462.77	.
and disallowed in the amount of			.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Bridge Fund in the amount of		\$	4,462.77
Emergency Bridge			
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$	4,462.77
	TOTAL		\$4,462.77

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,182.19	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of		\$	1,182.19
VISITOR PROMOTION			
Great Plains Communications	Services		\$180.89
Hollman Media LLC	Services		\$410.00
NK Waste Management	Services		\$89.00
True Value Hardware	Supplies		\$47.48
Valentine Rotary Club	Services		\$102.00
City of Valentine	Services		\$352.82
	TOTAL		\$1,182.19

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	9,427.08	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of		\$	9,427.08
BOOKMOBILE			
Valentine Public Library	Bookmobile		\$9,427.08
	TOTAL	\$	9,427.08

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	31,848.75	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Disaster Fund in the amount of		\$	31,848.75

DISASTER FUND

BOKF,NA

Interest Payment
TOTAL\$31,848.75
\$31,848.75

Claims were presented in the amount of

\$

1,766.23

and disallowed in the amount of

\$

-

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of

\$

1,766.23**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Centurylink

Services

\$253.69

Henderson's IGA

Supplies

\$44.92

KBR Rural Public Power District

Services

\$89.12

Office Products

Supplies

\$392.45

Peppermill Restaurant

Supplies

\$156.06

Platte Valley Communications

Services

\$126.00

Prema

Services

\$206.86

Ramada

Lodging

\$297.00

Matt Sandoz

Reimbursement

\$126.16

True Value

Supplies

\$73.97

TOTAL**\$1,766.23**

Claims were presented in the amount of

\$

5,657.50

and disallowed in the amount of

\$

-

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of

\$

5,657.50**INHERITANCE TAX**

Houghton Bradford Whitted PC

Services

\$2,345.00

Mainelli Wagner & Associates

Services

\$1,812.50

Marvin Planning Consultants

Services

\$1,500.00

TOTAL**\$5,657.50**

Claims were presented in the amount of

\$

258.63

and disallowed in the amount of

\$

-

A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of

\$

258.63**911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)**

Geo Comm Inc

Services

\$94.41

Great Plains Communications Inc

Services

\$17.58

OPTK Networks

Services

\$146.64

TOTAL**\$258.63**

Claims were presented in the amount of

\$

1,465.59

and disallowed in the amount of

\$

-

A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of

\$

1,465.59**911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)**

Geo Comm

Services

\$535.01

Great Plains Communications Inc

Services

\$99.62

OPTK Networks

Services

\$830.96

TOTAL**\$1,465.59**

At 4:23 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

May 30, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on May 30, 2023 in the Cherry County 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 Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioners meeting minutes from May 9, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson moved to approve the minute as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Building & Grounds Superintendent Pat Greenough met with the Board to provide an update regarding the sprinkler system, Justice Center roof repair, completion of the highway project and sod installation adjacent to the Courthouse, to discuss an area of grass in front of the ballot drop box, and the upcoming budget for salaries.

Cherry County Road Supervisor Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding road maintenance work, that material samples have been sent in for testing, prices of oil, remaining fiscal year spending authority, and the hours worked due to severe weather and road conditions that occurring during the preceding winter.

McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to give the three road foremen and the road supervisor a \$5,000 bonus, per individual, for the excessive amounts of overtime worked during the 2022-2023 winter season, due to extreme weather conditions. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried. The Board expressed their gratitude to the road crews for the hard work and long hours put in during the preceding winter.

A list of road department items to be declared as surplus was reviewed. No Board action was taken pending additional items to be added to the list.

At 11:07 AM Chairman DeNaeyer closed the acceptance of bids for the 2023 Armor Coat Project. Cherry County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith informed the Board that, in addition to the publication requirements for the project, he had also sent notice to 11 contractors. Sealed bids were opened for the 2023 Armor Coat Project, Cherry County, Nebraska. The contract provides for approximately: Alternate 1: North Cody Road 28,364 SY 12,156' (feet) x 21' (foot) wide, Alternate 2: North Kilgore Road 95,878 SY 32,440' (feet) x 26.6' (foot) average width. Bids were received as follows:

- | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1.) Figgins Construction | \$.58 SY | Alt 1. \$16,451.12 | Alt 2. \$55,609.24 |
| 2.) Topkote Inc. | \$.38 SY | Alt 1. \$10,778.32 | Alt 2. \$36,433.64 |
| 3.) Sta-Bilt Construction | \$.97 SY | Alt 1. \$27,513.08 | Alt 2. \$93,001.66 |

McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to award the bid to Topkote Inc. for the 2023 Armor Coat Project, Alternate 1. North Cody Road and Alternate 2. North Kilgore Road. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Superintendent Smith spoke with the Board regarding a public records request for Anderson Bridge Road correspondence and that he will seek guidance from the County Attorney regarding any disclosable records.

The Board spoke with Woods Aitken LLP attorney, Ashley Connell, via telephone regarding the Cherry County Employee Handbook. Issues discussed included the FMLA defined 12-month period, gap time vs. compensatory time, vacation and sick leave calculation rates, and harassment-free workplace reporting. No Board action was taken on the employee handbook revision agenda item.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:22 p.m. to 1:07 p.m. Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

The Board reviewed the Cherry County Hospital Balance Sheets and Financial Report from March 31, 2023 and written correspondence from Bill Ward. The Board acknowledged receipt of Virginia Lee's resignation from the Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees effective after the June 27, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:15 p.m. to 1:24 p.m.

No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding the GIS Tab Subscriptions.

Superintendent Smith spoke with the Board regarding the performance of a load rating on Anderson Bridge and several private road issues throughout the county.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:34 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Dennis Maggart, Mike Boden, and Judd Allen met with the Board to discuss the Cherry County employee health insurance renewal through NACO Blue Cross Blue Shield and McInnes Group. Aggregating and specific deductible options, plan year totals, stop loss company options, and renewal timing were discussed. No Board action was taken on the Cherry County employee health insurance renewal agenda item.

Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz and Deputy Emergency Manager Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding the McCann Canyon Fire paperwork, tornado alert system test, SEAT plane, and EM Facebook page.

Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding the Planning Commission's upcoming TK Angus CUP public hearing, notices sent to landowners, and the timing of the Commissioners' public hearing after the Planning Commission provides a recommendation.

Clerk Longcor provided background information regarding payments received from the Department of the Interior. Cherry County received \$77,769.32 from the Forest Reserve Fund and \$ 8.92 from the Public Grazing Fund. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to adopt Resolution #2023-4 Forest Reserve Funds Distribution to give one-fifth to the Road Fund and the remainder to the Bookmobile Fund. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to adopt Resolution #2023-5 Public Grazing Funds Distribution 2023. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to approve the Cherry County Extension Board – District 3 candidate list. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

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

May 31, 2023

CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	117,174.73	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$	117,174.73	
GENERAL FUND			
AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance		\$2,639.50
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement		\$17,703.89
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance		\$2,754.06
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding		\$1,980.00

Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$36,634.96
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$31,977.13
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$11,907.72
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$3,386.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$4,853.20
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$8,409.08
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$480.46
General Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$156,187.13
	GROSS TOTAL	\$278,913.13
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$39,012.40)
	NET TOTAL	\$117,174.73

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **124,623.64** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$ **124,623.64**

ROAD FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,530.96
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$9,640.60
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,172.76
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$880.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$16,994.44
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$18,486.64
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$5,430.84
Legal Shield	Services	\$101.70
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,300.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,983.28
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$158.60
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$88,118.11
	GROSS TOTAL	\$147,112.43
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$22,488.79)
	NET TOTAL	\$124,623.64

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **4,310.24** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of \$ **4,310.24**

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$425.02
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$56.46
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$784.33
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$105.41
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$28.17
Visitors Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$3,777.98
	GROSS TOTAL	\$5,274.74
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$964.50)
	NET TOTAL	\$4,310.24

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **11,497.87** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ **11,497.87**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$754.23
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$112.92
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$110.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$2,835.92
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,309.62
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$845.40
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$200.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$195.78
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$28.17
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$6,704.28

GROSS TOTAL \$13,096.32

Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings (\$1,598.45)

NET TOTAL **\$11,497.87**

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **43,500.00**

and disallowed in the amount of \$ -

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of \$ **43,500.00**

INHERITANCE TAX

Circle K Motors Company	Services	\$43,500.00
	TOTAL	\$43,500.00

The Board discussed the Courthouse hours, the possibility of adding an additional postage machine, and reviewed and signed Payroll Change Notices for merit-based increases for two Cherry County Road employees.

At 4:45 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

May 30, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on May 30, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published May 10, 2023 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 1:15 PM by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittney Longcor, Cherry County Treasurer Kathy Hammond, and Cherry County Deputy Assessor Andrea Andre. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Deputy Assessor Andre provided information for a tax list correction due to a data entry duplication. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve tax list correction #2022-8 Property ID: 160665832-PP. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughy. Abstain – DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

There wasn't an update of assessment actions for the 2023 tax year.

Assessor Hammond presented an application for exemption from motor vehicle taxes by qualifying nonprofit organizations. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the Application for Exemption from Sandhills Church of Hope for a 2002 GMC van. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

At 1:24 PM Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

May 30, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on May 30, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published May 10, 2023 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 1:34 PM by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittney Longcor, and Cherry County Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Administrator Hesse updated the Board regarding the jail and staff census. The Justice Center pay scale, hiring and retention incentives, and workforce ideas were also discussed. Sheriff Rusty Osburn met with the Board to discuss the potential of adding deputy sheriff positions with the intent for them to work some hours in the jail. The Board requested Administrator Hesse to conduct staff performance evaluations and return to the Board with wage increase suggestions. No Board action was taken.

At 2:30 PM Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

June 13, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on June 13, 2023 in the Cherry County 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 DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioners meeting minutes from May 30, 2023 were read. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from May 30, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from May 30, 2023 were read. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Cherry County Hospital Chief Financial Officer Amanda Davidson presented the Board with the Cherry County Hospital & Clinic 2023-2024 Operating Budget. Assumptions, departmental changes of note, patient statistics trend, net revenue & expense trend, and proposed & additional capital expenditures were reviewed. The Board of Trustees previously approved the Capital Expenditure Budget. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the Cherry County Hospital 2023-2024 Operating Budget as presented by Amanda Davidson. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board acknowledged receipt of Tim Henderson's resignation from the Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees effective June 27, 2023. The Board acknowledged receipt of Darci Lee's notification that she does not wish to be reappointed to the Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees after the expiration of her term, which expires on July 30, 2023. The Board reviewed the list of candidates received from the current Board of Trustees and it was stated that the Commissioners also had candidates in mind for the vacancies.

DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to appoint Jim Van Winkle to the Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees to fill the remainder of Tim Henderson's term, effective June 28, 2023, expiring July 30, 2023, and for a new six-year term expiring July 30, 2029. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to appoint Gregg Perrett to the Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees to fill the remainder of Virginia Lee's term, effective June 28, 2023, expiring July 30, 2023, and for a new six-year term expiring July 30, 2029. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to appoint Warren Arganbright to the Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees to fill the remainder of Andrew Ward's term, effective immediately, expiring July 30, 2027. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to appoint Mark Burchfield to the Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees for a new six-year term commencing August 1, 2023 and expiring July 30, 2029. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Dennis Maggart and Judd Allen met with the Board to discuss the Cherry County employee health insurance renewal through NACO Blue Cross Blue Shield and McInnes Group. Options for custom and standard plan designs, specific deductible amounts, aggregating specific deductible amounts, correlating premiums were discussed. Options for

employee wellness programs were also discussed. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to renew the Cherry County employee health insurance with the current custom plan design, \$35,000 specific deductible, \$75,000 aggregating specific deductible, and authorize the Clerk to sign the application for stop loss insurance with HM Insurance Group. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Clerk of District Court Lorana Eggert and County Court Clerk Magistrate Debra Hand met with the Board to discuss Courtroom equipment that has become obsolete due to statewide audio-visual equipment upgrades. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to surplus Courtroom equipment (Elmo P10 platform document camera serial #350511, Magnavox VHS/DVD player DV220MW99) and authorize Clerk of District Court Lorana Eggert to donate said surplus property to Grace Lutheran Church and School. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding the Cherry County Planning Commission public hearing that was held on June 6, 2023 regarding CUP #001/23 TK Angus Co. Swine Facility. The Planning Commission tabled the decision for said CUP until their next meeting. The Planning Commission's next meeting and CUP public hearings for Marvin Miller and James Yoder will be held on July 11, 2023.

Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz and Deputy Emergency Manager Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding the Motorola Dispatch Consoles Project, GeoComm & SoloComm service contracts, RapidTag, and that MOUs have been sent out for the SRS radio systems.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding routine road maintenance, upcoming armor coat project, gravel purchased, and milling projects.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 1:03 p.m. Comments from the public were received during the allotted time. Bill Ward submitted written correspondence.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of the District Court fee report for May 2023, Treasurer's fund balance listing for May 31, 2023, Operating Statement report of budget vs. actual spending for May 31, 2023, and the BSH Kilgore (CUP #003/18) Annual Update for 2023.

Assessor Jackie Moreland and Roads/Emergency Management Assistant Kay Reese met with the Board to discuss the gWorks GIS tabs and contracts. Service and support issues, setup costs, and yearly tab costs were discussed. A comparison between gWorks and Schneider Geospatial, including pricing and functionality, was briefly reviewed. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding GIS Tab Subscriptions.

At the request of Assessor Moreland, no Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding Central Plains Valuation Contract Renewal.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:34 p.m. to 3:18 p.m.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 3:19 p.m. to 4:07 p.m.

Whether or not County employees would receive a paid holiday and office closures for the federal and state holiday, Juneteenth National Independence Day, were discussed. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding Cherry County Employee Paid Holidays.

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

June 13, 2023 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	72,114.06	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$	72,114.06	
GENERAL			
Allen Monument Company	Services	\$300.00	
Andrea Andre	Reimbursement	\$133.03	
Applied Connective Technologies	Services	\$5,590.90	
Black Hills Chemical	Services	\$568.27	
Bob Barker Company	Services	\$140.00	
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$372.91	
Michael Borders	Services	\$4,608.48	
Boyd's Network Solutions	Services	\$105.00	
Heath Bristol	Reimbursement	\$276.41	
Centurylink	Telephone Service	\$193.89	
Centurylink	Telephone Service	\$1,764.38	
Cherry County Clerk	Supplies	\$30.00	
Cherry County Court	Services	\$730.69	
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$9,715.30	
Cherry County Sheriff	Services	\$209.25	
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees	\$5.00	
Cherry Street Nursery	Supplies	\$47.90	
Cidnet	Services	\$300.00	
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service	\$316.10	
CNA Surety	Services	\$100.00	
Consolidated Management Company	Services	\$527.75	
Jessica Coyle	Reimbursement	\$301.83	
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services	\$448.00	
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services	\$83.54	
Encartele Inc	Services	\$547.29	
Firstnet/AT&T	Services	\$652.13	
Galls Parent Holding LLC	Services	\$936.12	
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$100.00	
GRP & Associates	Services	\$57.00	
Hampton Inn-Kearney	Lodging	\$124.95	
Hampton Inn	Lodging	\$516.00	
Timothy Hanson	Reimbursement	\$2,636.75	
HD Arms LLC	Supplies	\$2,321.20	
Heart City Drug	Supplies	\$123.74	
Heart City Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$719.68	
Edward Heinert	Reimbursement	\$23.58	
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$248.74	
Huskerland Communications LLC	Supplies	\$59.98	
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$5,570.61	
Journal Entry	Training Refund	-\$350.00	
Justice Data Solutions	Services	\$2,900.00	
Dave Leonard	Reimbursement	\$371.63	
Vince Lopez	Services	\$100.00	
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$136.00	
Midwest Connect	Services	\$305.00	

Midwest Portland LLC	Services	\$177.87
MIPS	Services	\$3,038.75
Jackie Moreland	Reimbursement	\$145.28
Terry Murray	Net Wages	\$1,142.55
NACO	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$2,090.39
Nebraska Safety & Fire Equip	Services	\$1,235.45
Nebraska State Patrol	Services	\$84.00
NK Waste Management	Services	\$368.00
North Platte Telegraph	Services	\$77.66
Office Products	Supplies	\$2,116.67
Paper Tiger Shredding	Services	\$50.00
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$95.50
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$500.00
Postmaster	Services	\$432.00
Presto-X	Services	\$96.05
Quadient Leasing	Services	\$60.80
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$3,553.22
Quill Corporation	Supplies	\$68.43
Rosebud Office Solutions	Supplies	\$55.07
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$327.17
Andrea Schadel	Reimbursement	\$15.50
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$297.04
Cardmember Service	Supplies	\$268.11
Callie Sokol	Services	\$35.00
Samuel Spain	Services	\$100.00
Stanek Fire Protection	Services	\$167.00
True Value	Supplies	\$60.11
UNL Panhandle Research & Extension	Services	\$1,379.98
US Cellular	Services	\$88.24
Valentine Dental Clinic	Services	\$197.25
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$1,452.14
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$3,524.67
Ward Laboratories Inc	Services	\$8.15
Ward Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$1,085.47
Water Engineering Inc	Services	\$945.00
Western Oil/Conoco	Fuel/Car Wash	\$44.00
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$1,725.17
Laura Willert	Reimbursement	\$37.34
Total		\$72,114.06

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	274,149.25	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$

ROAD

Rex Adamson	Services	\$2,197.50
Ashby Lumber Company	Supplies	\$24.60
Bacon Repair	Services	\$619.50
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$926.30
Doug Boyer	Reimbursement	\$210.35
Breinig Truck & Trailer LLC	Services	\$55,000.00
Buckles Fuel Services	Services	\$3,573.99
Central Valley Ag Cooperative	Supplies	\$11,711.71
Cherry County Clerk	Supplies	\$30.00

Cherry County Clinic	Services	\$84.00
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$1,174.30
Cody Oil	Services	\$7,593.80
Village of Cody	Services	\$106.30
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$290.61
Croell Inc	Services	\$2,787.20
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$146.78
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Deere Credit Inc	Services	\$65,357.16
Garrett Egger	Reimbursement	\$206.39
Bradley Fernau	Reimbursement	\$222.45
Flat Creek Construction	Services	\$36,836.40
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$316.09
Hometown Lumber	Supplies	\$27.90
Interstate Battery System	Services	\$285.90
J&J Trailer Sales LLC	Services	\$226.40
John Deere Financial	Services	\$819.00
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$274.13
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$107.76
Lawson Products Inc	Services	\$110.28
Martin Auto Parts II	Services	\$13.31
Medical Enterprises	Services	\$35.00
Menards	Supplies	\$160.87
Village of Merriman	Services	\$124.36
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Modern Farm Equipment Corporation	Services	\$25,050.00
Nebraska Machinery Company	Services	\$803.16
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$42.49
Nebraska Truck Center	Services	\$6,699.75
Newman Signs Inc/Traffic Signs	Supplies	\$360.05
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$18.00
Office Products Center	Supplies	\$44.97
The Parts Company	Supplies	\$700.09
Perrett Construction	Services	\$1,219.86
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$20.00
Pit Stall	Services	\$900.43
Pomp's Tire Service Inc	Services	\$1,565.00
Powerplan	Services	\$2,596.70
Prema	Services	\$83.28
Reese Inc	Services	\$630.18
Sandhill Oil Company Inc	Services	\$5,772.84
Sandhill Ranch Supply	Services	\$1,430.81
Security First Bank	Services	\$31,063.18
LeRoy Songer	Reimbursement	\$106.99
Tehrani Motor Company	Services	\$643.04
Triple G Redimix LLC	Services	\$1,759.29
US Cellular	Services	\$143.91
Valentine Machine & MFG	Services	\$17.91
City of Valentine	Services	\$629.28
Western Oil Inc/Conoco	Services	\$40.00
	TOTAL	\$274,149.25

Claims were presented in the amount of
and disallowed in the amount of

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A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Bridge Fund in the amount of	\$	5,978.75
Emergency Bridge		
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$ 5,978.75
	TOTAL	\$5,978.75

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	5,362.21	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of	\$	5,362.21	

VISITOR PROMOTION

Great Plains Communications	Services	\$181.84
Holiday Inn Kearney	Lodging	\$119.95
L&J K Lawn	Services	\$125.00
NRG Media, LLC/Broadcast House Media	Services	\$3,305.00
Regina Osburn	Reimbursement	\$278.68
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Services	\$195.90
The Prairie Club	Services	\$300.00
Rosebud Office Solutions	Supplies	\$149.17
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$300.00
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$175.50
City of Valentine	Services	\$231.17
	TOTAL	\$5,362.21

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,152.50	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Register of Deeds P&M Fund in the amount of	\$	1,152.50	

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M

Spectra Associates	Supplies	\$ 1,152.50
	TOTAL	\$1,152.50

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	10,146.64	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of	\$	10,146.64	

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$10,146.64
	TOTAL	\$10,146.64

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	9,427.08	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of	\$	9,427.08	

BOOKMOBILE

Valentine Public Library	Bookmobile	\$9,427.08
	TOTAL	\$ 9,427.08

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	67,751.25	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Grant Fund in the amount of	\$	67,751.25	

GRANT FUND

BOKF, NA	Fund Correction	-\$31,848.75
Iowa Trailer Manufacturing LLC	Supplies	\$99,600.00
	TOTAL	\$67,751.25

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	31,848.75	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Disaster Fund in the amount of	\$	31,848.75
DISASTER FUND		
BOKF,NA	Fund Correction/Interest Payment	\$31,848.75
	TOTAL	\$31,848.75

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	2,631.60	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of	\$	2,631.60	

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Applied Connective	Services	\$293.04
Century Link	Services	\$257.90
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$94.37
Lifeguard MD	Services	\$362.00
Nebraska DAS/Surplus Property	Supplies	\$2.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$1,461.61
Prema	Services	\$137.53
True Value	Supplies	\$23.15
	TOTAL	\$2,631.60

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	6,710.00	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of	\$	6,710.00	

INHERITANCE TAX

Houghton Bradford Whitted PC	Services	\$2,170.00
Marvin Planning Consultants	Services	\$1,540.00
Woods & Aitken LLP	Services	\$3,000.00
	TOTAL	\$6,710.00

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	282.31	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of	\$	282.31	

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)

Geo Comm Inc	Services	\$94.41
Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$41.26
OPTK Networks	Services	\$146.64
	TOTAL	\$282.31

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,899.77	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of	\$	1,899.77	

911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)

Boyd's Network Solutions	Services	\$300.00
Geo Comm	Services	\$534.97
Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$233.84
OPTK Networks	Services	\$830.96
	TOTAL	\$1,899.77

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	115,000.00	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Hospital Operating/Maintenance Fund in the amount of	\$	115,000.00	

Hospital Operating/Maintenance

Cherry County Hospital	Operating Expense	\$115,000.00
	TOTAL	\$115,000.00

At 5:14 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

June 13, 2023

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Valentine Police Chief Dana Miller, Sheriff Rusty Osburn, and Administrator Hesse met with the Board to discuss challenges with the phone system automated call tree, transferring calls between departments, and the dispatch agreement between the city and county.

At 1:51 p.m. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to enter closed session for the purpose of discussing staffing and jail security with the Board, Clerk Longcor, Administrator Hesse, County Attorney Eric Scott, and Sheriff Osburn to be present. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried. Chairman DeNaeyer restated the limitation of subject matter of the closed session to be staffing and jail security. At 2:57 p.m. the meeting room doors were reopened and the public was allowed to reenter. At 2:58 p.m. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to return to open session. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board and Administrator Hesse discussed strategies for hiring and retaining jail staff, starting wages of surrounding area facilities, current staff census, bonus vs. hourly wage increases, and retention bonuses. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to increase the Justice Center starting wage to \$20.00 per hour and to raise current employees' pay rates by \$4.00 per hour, effective June 19, 2023. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to give Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse a \$5,000 bonus for her extensive overtime served in the jail and dispatch and to show our appreciation of her hard work. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board requested Administrator Hesse to advertise the new starting wage in the local newspaper and radio ads.

At 3:18 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

June 13, 2023

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Assessor Moreland presented information for a tax list correction due to a Property Assessment Division homestead exemption audit and a tax list correction due to a survey correcting the number of acres in a parcel. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve tax list correction #2020-27 Property ID: 160014077 and #2022-9 Property ID: 160045886 as presented by Assessor Moreland and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Assessor Moreland presented information for notices of valuation change for the Village of Wood Lake due to a computer glitch doubling the 30% increase that was applied to improved parcels. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the Report of Overvalued, Undervalued, and Omitted Property 2023 as submitted by Assessor Moreland. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Assessor Moreland reviewed assessment actions for the 2023 tax year including the required level of value notice publication, informal hearings with appraisers, plan of action, review of all classes of real property, and trainings & continuing education completed.

At 4:07 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

June 27, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on June 27, 2023 in the Cherry County 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 DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioners meeting minutes from June 13, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from June 13, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from June 13, 2023 were read. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Valentine Public Library Director Anne Quigley informed the Board that the Valentine Public Library Board of Trustees had met the previous day and recommended Dedee Markus to be appointed to said Board to represent Cherry County. Sheila Wheeler, the previous appointee, has served the maximum number of terms. The Board of Commissioners expressed appreciation to Sheila for her years of service. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to appoint Dedee Markus to the Valentine Public Library Board of Trustees to represent Cherry County to a term set to expire June 1, 2027. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding gravel trailers for District 3, road maintenance completion, oil patch formula, Kennedy Road milling project, overlay project completion, road patching crews, and a projected start date of September 1 for the armor coat projects on N. Kilgore Rd and N. Cody Rd.

Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the list and declare as surplus the following Cherry County Road equipment: 1989 International Tractor Truck VIN# 2HSFBX6R2KC031708, 2014 Freightliner Truck VIN# 3ALXA7CG4EDFZ2425, 2006 Load King Trailer VIN# 5LKD3723461025786, and 2006 Load King Trailer VIN# 5LKD3723X61025789. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the map of a Request to Occupy County Right-of-Way submitted by Kurt Stolzenburg. Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith informed the Board that he had inspected the site last week and would recommend approval. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the Request to Occupy County Right-of-Way by Kurt Stolzenburg for an underground water line running north and south from SE1/4 SW1/4 S6 T33 R30W to NE1/4 NW1/4 S7 T33 R30W. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Superintendent Smith stated that the armor coat contractor has requested a change in the type of oil and that he will check with the engineer.

Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz and Deputy Emergency Manager Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding an \$8,400 EOC grant received, North Central PET region meeting, McCann Canyon Fire and Bovee Fire paperwork, Motorola dispatch consoles project, FEMA required BISR completion, and that they will be assisting with the upcoming jury selection at the high school.

Clerk Longcor informed the Board that a vendor must be designated for the 2023 joint public hearing postcard printing. NACO coordinates with the State Print Shop and that the quoted price per postcard, including postage, is

\$.45. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to designate the NACO printing service for the joint public hearing postcard notice. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

The Board met with Schneider Geospatial representatives; Sarah Dickmeyer, Jeff Corns, and Jeffrey Lewis; via Zoom and Assessor Jackie Moreland to demo the Beacon GIS website. Data maintenance, functionality for FEMA reporting and address lists, flex support hours, monthly webinars, training, a press kit, implementation schedule, and website subscriptions were discussed. Assessor Moreland stated that there is not a current contract with gWorks and that the County Attorney has reviewed and has no issues with the Schneider contract. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Schneider Geospatial for a three-year term. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried. No Board action was taken on the gWorks GIS Tab Subscriptions agenda item.

Assessor Moreland informed the Board that Central Plains Valuation appraisers will be holding informal valuation protest hearings in her office for the next three days.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:01 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Board received comments from the public during the allotted time.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:18 p.m. to 1:35 p.m.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 2:00 p.m. to 2:04 p.m.

The Board and Clerk Longcor reviewed changes to the Cherry County Employee Handbook.

Nelson moved and McConaughey seconded to adopt the revised Cherry County Employee Handbook. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

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

June 30, 2023 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	335,591.51	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$	335,591.51	

GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,639.50
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$15,856.86
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,714.94
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding	\$1,925.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$36,634.96
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$29,573.89
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$11,907.72
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$2,750.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$4,428.67
NIRMA	Insurance	\$112,203.00
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$5,313.50
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$523.79
General Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$145,405.97
	GROSS TOTAL	\$371,877.80
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$36,286.29)

		NET TOTAL	\$335,591.51
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	200,185.12	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of		\$	200,185.12

ROAD FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,530.96
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$8,486.40
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,172.76
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$880.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$16,994.44
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$21,637.72
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$5,430.84
Legal Shield	Services	\$101.70
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,300.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$3,633.51
NIRMA	Insurance	\$66,341.00
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$193.37
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$97,326.67
	GROSS TOTAL	\$225,343.87
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$25,158.75)
	NET TOTAL	\$200,185.12

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	5,202.56	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of		\$	5,202.56

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$512.77
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$56.46
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$903.67
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$118.84
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Visitors Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$4,557.98
	GROSS TOTAL	\$6,278.93
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,076.37)
	NET TOTAL	\$5,202.56

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	7,798.54	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of		\$	7,798.54

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$7,798.54
	TOTAL	\$7,798.54

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	11,497.87	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of		\$	11,497.87

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$754.23
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$112.92

Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$110.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$2,835.92
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,309.62
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$845.40
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$200.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$195.78
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$6,704.28
	GROSS TOTAL	\$13,099.99
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,602.12)
	NET TOTAL	\$11,497.87

At 2:47 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

June 27, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on June 27, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published June 14, 2023 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 1:18 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor, and Cherry County Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

The Board and Administrator Hesse reviewed job applications received. The recent jail inspection, staff scheduling, and staff census were briefly discussed.

At 1:35 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

June 27, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on June 27, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published June 14, 2023 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 2:00 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor, and Cherry County Treasurer Kathy Hammond. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Treasurer Hammond presented an Application for Exemption from motor vehicle taxes by qualifying nonprofit organizations. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the Application for Exemption from Berean Bible Church Lakota Mission Department for a 1986 Chevrolet Bus and a 2014 Chevrolet Van. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 2:04 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

July 11, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on July 11, 2023 in the Cherry County 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 DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioners meeting minutes from June 27, 2023 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 Corrections meeting minutes from June 27, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from June 27, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith updated the Board regarding millings for road projects, asphalt millings testing, armor coat oil, and the Anderson Bridge load rating.

Deputy Emergency Manager Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding NEMA siren grants, EMPG completion, ARPA grant submissions, and IPAWS training & testing completion.

At 10:30 a.m., as published in the Valentine Midland News on June 28, 2023, Commissioner DeNaeyer opened the public hearing to consider an Application for Liquor License submitted by Niobrara Valley Vineyards, LLC for a Class I Liquor License located at 90254 State Spur 16F, Nenzel, NE. Niobrara Valley Vineyards owner, Greg Nollette, offered information regarding the current liquor license held by Niobrara Valley and the purpose for applying for the Class I license. Carolyn Semin and Merrial Rhoades spoke in support of the application. Chairman DeNaeyer closed the hearing at 10:38 a.m. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to recommend approval of the Application for Liquor License received from Niobrara Valley Vineyards to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Mr. Nollette updated the Board regarding the construction progress of the event space and RV park at Niobrara Valley. Construction completion, grand opening, and publicity of the project were also discussed.

Noxious Weed Control Superintendent Dave Leonard provided an update to the Board regarding a project on the North Loup River paid for with a grant from MNWAG, Ranch Expo booth attendance, leafy spurge prevalence, and follow up sprays for calls received. Leafy spurge infestation and spraying methods by Game & Parks on the Cowboy Trail were also discussed. Commissioner McConaughy will reach out to Game & Parks regarding this issue.

Treasurer Kathy Hammond presented the Board with the Semi-Annual Statement for the six months ended June 30, 2023 for their review. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the Semi-Annual Statement as presented. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the list of all delinquent 2021 and prior real estate taxes. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to direct the County Treasurer to issue county tax sale certificates upon any parcel which has delinquent real estate taxes 2021 and prior. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Three-Year Comparison Statement of Uncollected Taxes as of June 30, 2023. The following amounts are the uncollected real estate and personal taxes as shown by the records of the County Treasurer: 2020 - \$192.22, 2021 - \$2,061.72, 2022 - \$7,704,619.08.

The Board reviewed the Distress Warrant Report with sixty-four (64) distress warrants paid in the amount of \$17,925.59 and six (6) distress warrants unpaid in the amount of \$1,838.24.

The Board reviewed a letter from Veterans Service Officer Shawn C. Hamling regarding a nomination for reappointment to the Veterans Service Committee. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to reappoint Vince Lopez to the Cherry County Veterans Service Committee for a five-year term set to expire June 30, 2028. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of the District Court fee report for June 2023, Treasurer's fund balance listing for June 30, 2023, Operating Statement report of budget vs. actual spending for June 30, 2023, Sheriff's Quarterly Fee report for 2023-Quarter 2, and the Visitors Promotion Board May 2023 meeting minutes.

The Board met with several employees to discuss hourly vs. salary pay rates, workweek hours, and office hours. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded that the following county positions remain classified as salaried, exempt: Visitors Promotion Director, Veterans Service Officer, Noxious Weed Control Superintendent, and Deputy Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Nelson moved and McConaughey seconded to convert the Building & Grounds Superintendent position from salaried to hourly, based on a 40-hour workweek. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to convert the Roads/Emergency Management Administrative Assistant position from salaried to hourly, based on a 35-hour workweek, with Friday workday ending at 1:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey. Nay – Nelson. The motion carried.

Payroll Change Notices to reflect the two conversions were reviewed and signed.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:22 p.m. to 1:04 p.m.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

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

July 11, 2023 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	66,837.01	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$		66,837.01
GENERAL			
Applied Connective Technologies	Services		\$12,674.16
Whitney Barnes	Reimbursement		\$155.89
Black Hills Chemical	Services		\$367.77
Bob Barker Company	Services		\$333.30
Robert Bobek	Prior Service		\$84.00
Buckles Fuel Service	Services		\$78.38

Centurylink	Telephone Service	\$193.89
Cherry County Clinic	Services	\$984.11
Cherry County Court	Services	\$576.00
Cherry County District Court	Services	\$288.00
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$11,863.08
Cherry County Sheriff	Services	\$119.49
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees	\$5.00
Lila Churchhill	Prior Service	\$60.00
Cidnet	Services	\$600.00
Circle K Motor Company	Services	\$58.20
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service	\$316.18
Comfort Inn	Lodging	\$119.95
Consolidated Management Company	Services	\$334.50
Betty Copeland	Prior Service	\$132.00
Crowne Plaza/IHG Hotel	Lodging	\$419.85
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services	\$448.00
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services	\$83.54
Lorana Eggert	Reimbursement	\$549.64
Firstnet/AT&T	Services	\$652.13
Galls Parent Holding LLC	Services	\$35.53
Government Forms and Supplies	Supplies	\$91.92
Grafix Shoppe	Supplies	\$513.87
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$100.00
The Gun Cabinet	Supplies	\$271.00
Kathy Hammond	Reimbursement	\$1,100.69
Hampton Inn-Kearney	Lodging	\$149.95
Timothy Hanson	Reimbursement	\$2,636.75
Interstate All Battery Center	Supplies	\$161.25
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,142.64
K-Lawn	Services	\$153.00
KVSH Radio	Services	\$436.80
Dave Leonard	Reimbursement	\$70.00
Brittney Longcor	Reimbursement	\$271.01
Margaret Lutter	Prior Service	\$72.00
Lynn Peavey Company	Services	\$124.65
Marco Technologies LLC	Services	\$24.54
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$136.00
Midwest Portland LLC	Services	\$156.77
Midwest Special Services	Services	\$582.35
MIPS	Services	\$3,028.62
NACO	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$350.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$1,220.00
The Parts Company	Supplies	\$78.66
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$62.00
Pit Stall	Services	\$1,301.63
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$1,058.75
Presto-X	Services	\$103.73
Zale Quible	Services	\$84.00
Radiology Services	Services	\$100.55
Quill Corporation	Supplies	\$50.45
Region 4 Behavioral Health System	Services	\$5,379.75
Gloria Ritchey	Prior Service	\$180.00
Ron Lower Construction	Services	\$70.00

Rosebud Office Solutions	Supplies	\$55.19
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$176.88
Eric Scott Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$3,769.59
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$281.32
Cardmember Service	Supplies	\$83.70
Samuel Spain	Services	\$100.00
True Value	Supplies	\$260.31
UNL NE Extension/Cherry County	Services	\$9.48
UNL Panhandle Research & Extension	Services	\$404.89
US Cellular	Services	\$88.44
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$180.16
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$3,797.62
Western Oil/Conoco	Fuel/Car Wash	\$30.00
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$1,803.51
	Total	\$66,837.01

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	248,660.55	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of	\$	248,660.55	

ROAD

Ashby Lumber Company	Supplies	\$130.74
ATC Group Services	Services	\$2,400.00
Barco Municipal Products	Supplies	\$1,856.67
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$819.06
Collier, Brent	Reimbursement	\$167.32
Buckles Fuel Services	Services	\$5,500.56
Central Valley Ag Cooperative	Supplies	\$5,728.00
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$408.38
Cody Oil	Services	\$4,050.00
Village of Cody	Services	\$155.70
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$292.82
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$139.80
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Dooley Oil Inc	Services	\$2,222.66
Emerson Equipment	Services	\$1,053.76
Flat Creek Construction	Services	\$30,841.20
Merle Ford	Prior Service	\$300.00
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$316.09
Hoefs Skidloader Works LLC	Services	\$7,754.75
Hometown Lumber	Supplies	\$27.90
Dismal River Ranch	Services	\$87,500.00
Inland Truck Parts Company	Supplies	\$192.45
J&J Trailer Sales LLC	Services	\$290.00
JEBRO	Services	\$22,895.39
Josh Whipple Trucking	Services	\$49,855.20
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$330.22
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$274.40
L&L Gravel	Services	\$1,400.00
Lawson Products Inc	Services	\$119.04
Martin Auto Parts II	Services	\$121.08
Medical Enterprises	Services	\$35.00
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00

Mullen Auto & Diesel	Services	\$11.08
Nebraska Machinery Company	Services	\$398.91
Nebraska Motor Fuels Division	Services	\$2,729.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$46.27
Nebraska Truck Center	Services	\$450.71
Office Products Center	Supplies	\$183.88
The Parts Company	Supplies	\$276.06
Perrett Construction	Services	\$531.22
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$60.00
Pit Stall	Services	\$360.08
Powerplan	Services	\$2,370.35
Prema	Services	\$74.43
Sandhill Oil Company Inc	Services	\$11,919.46
Sandhill Ranch Supply	Services	\$582.94
Vernon Shears	Prior Service	\$72.00
Charles Smith	Prior Service	\$288.00
Truck Center Companies	Services	\$331.78
US Cellular	Services	\$106.22
City of Valentine	Services	\$270.27
Jim Weisbeck	Prior Service	\$192.00
Western Oil Inc/Conoco	Services	\$20.00
	TOTAL	\$248,660.55

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	2,325.00	.
and disallowed in the amount of			.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Bridge Fund in the amount of		\$	2,325.00
Emergency Bridge			
Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Services	\$	2,325.00
	TOTAL		\$2,325.00

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	14,881.25	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Highway Street/Bridge Buyback Fund in the amount of		\$	14,881.25
Highway Street/Bridge Buyback			
D&L Sand & Gravel	Services	\$	6,975.00
Hoefs Skidloader Works, LLC	Services	\$	7,906.25
	TOTAL		\$14,881.25

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	7,789.29	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of		\$	7,789.29
VISITOR PROMOTION			
Cherry County Ag Society	Services		\$1,250.00
Flagship Publishing	Services		\$1,000.00
Great Plains Communications	Services		\$186.61
Hand's Lawn Service	Services		\$135.00
Just 4 You	Services		\$948.56
KLKN TV	Services		\$1,280.00
KVSH	Services		\$315.00
Mike's Market	Supplies		\$450.00

Nebraska Travel Association	Services	\$500.00
Niobrara River Festival & Races	Grant	\$580.21
Office Products Center	Supplies	\$140.22
Regina Osburn	Reimbursement	\$569.79
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Supplies	\$101.45
Ron Lower Construction	Services	\$35.00
City of Valentine	Services	\$297.45
	TOTAL	\$7,789.29

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	12,973.90	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of			\$	12,973.90
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS				
Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims			\$12,973.90
	TOTAL			\$12,973.90

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	9,427.08	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of			\$	9,427.08
BOOKMOBILE				
Valentine Public Library	Bookmobile			\$9,427.08
	TOTAL		\$	9,427.08

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	74,976.18	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Grant Fund in the amount of			\$	74,976.18
GRANT FUND				
Central Nebraska Economic Dev	Grant			\$6,630.00
Niobrara Valley Vineyards LLC	Grant			\$68,346.18
	TOTAL			\$74,976.18

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	668.24	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of			\$	668.24
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
Century Link	Services			\$256.43
Jessica Coyle	Reimbursement			\$73.99
Henderson's IGA	Supplies			\$109.19
KBR Rural Public Power	Services			\$99.32
Office Products	Supplies			\$43.20
Prema	Services			\$86.11
	TOTAL			\$668.24

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	10,504.00	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of			\$	10,504.00
INHERITANCE TAX				
Houghton Bradford Whitted PC	Services			\$82.50

Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Services	\$9,690.00
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$225.00
Woods & Aitken LLP	Services	\$506.50
	TOTAL	\$10,504.00

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	162.76	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of		\$	162.76

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)

Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$16.12
OPTK Networks	Services	\$146.64
	TOTAL	\$162.76

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	922.30	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of		\$	922.30

911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)

Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$91.34
OPTK Networks	Services	\$830.96
	TOTAL	\$922.30

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:30 p.m. to 2:09 p.m.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 2:11 p.m. to 6:49 p.m.

At 6:50 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

July 11, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on July 11, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published June 28, 2023 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 1:30 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittney Longcor, and Cherry County Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse via telephone. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Administrator Hesse spoke with the Board regarding a potential new hire. At 1:37 p.m. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to enter closed session for the purpose of preventing needless injury to the reputation of a person with the Board, Administrator Hesse via telephone, Clerk Longcor, and County Attorney Eric Scott via telephone, if available. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried. Chairman DeNaeyer restated the limitation of subject matter of the closed session to be preventing needless injury to the reputation of a person. At 1:44 p.m. Mr. Scott joined the closed session via telephone.

At 1:53 p.m. the meeting room doors were reopened and the public was allowed to reenter. At 1:54 p.m. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to come out of closed session. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Applications received, new hires, upcoming interviews, and cross-training of dispatchers and corrections officers were discussed.

Commissioner DeNaeyer stated that it was the recommendation of Mr. Scott that Administrator Hesse put forth her expectations in writing regarding the Justice Center Administrator compensation. No Board action was taken regarding the Justice Center Administrator Job Description agenda item.

Starting wages and training raises for jail employees were discussed. The Board requested that Administrator Hesse put her ideas in writing regarding the Justice Center pay scale. No Board action was taken on the Justice Center Pay Scale agenda item.

Law enforcement 207(k) exemption for dispatchers and cross training between jail and dispatch were discussed.

At 2:09 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

July 11, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on July 11, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published June 28, 2023 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 2:11 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittney Longcor, Cherry County Assessor Jackie Moreland, and Cherry County Deputy Assessor Andrea Andre. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Protest #422-23-01 for Property ID: 160267722 was filed by Beatrice M. Jones, who was present. Mrs. Jones provided photos of the property and written comments in support of the protest. Assessor Moreland stated that improvements in the Village of Cody had received a 60% increase for statutory compliance in 2023, supporting sales information was provided, and that no change in value was recommended. No Board action was taken on Protest #01.

Protest #422-23-02 for Property ID: 160010500 was filed by Chuck and Judith Hensel, who were not present. Assessor Moreland recommended accepting a correction by Central Plains Valuation that the building's condition be adjusted from average to fair. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #02. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-03 for Property ID: 160155118 and Protest #422-23-04 for Property ID: 160648720 were filed by Dion P. & Mary C. Termin, with Mrs. Termin being present. Assessor Moreland recommended accepting a correction by Central Plains Valuation to neighborhood 280 and neighborhood 281 land values for Protest #03 and Protest #04 respectively. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendations for Protest #03 - #04. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-05 for Property ID: 160250706 was filed by Duane W. Hronek, who was not present. Assessor Moreland recommended accepting a correction by Central Plains Valuation to neighborhood 320 land values and no change on improvements. The property will be flagged for residential field review. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #05. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Protest# 422-23-06 for Property ID: 160013518 was filed by Margaret Figert, who was present, on behalf of the owner Wardens and Vestrymen of St. John's Episcopal Church. Assessor Moreland stated that after reviewing the record card data it was confirmed to be correct and no change in value was recommended. No Board action was taken on Protest #06.

Protest #422-23-07 for Property ID: 160008921 was filed by Brogan Arendt, who was not present. Assessor Moreland recommended no change in value and that the property's sale from 2021 is in the current study period. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #07. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-08 for Property ID: 160013275 was filed by Dona Valentine, who was present. Assessor Moreland recommended accepting a correction by Central Plains Valuation that the building's condition be adjusted from average to fair and changing 203 base square feet to enclosed porch. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #08. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-09 for Property ID: 160648206, Protest #422-23-10 for Property ID: 160026520, Protest #422-23-11 for Property ID: 160149940, Protest #422-23-12 for Property ID: 160025605, and Protest #422-23-13 for Property ID: 160026555 were filed by Mark Johnson, who was present. Mr. Johnson provided written comments in support of the protests. Assessor Moreland stated that her office is working on a tiered valuation system for irrigated acres. Based on recent sales of irrigated acres similar to those contained in the protests, she recommended no change for Protest #09, #10, #12, #13. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation of no change in value for Protest #09, #10, #12, #13. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried. No Board action was taken on Protest #11.

Protest #422-23-14 for Parcel ID: 160258553 and Protest #422-23-15 for Parcel ID: 160258626 were filed by Gary H. & Catherine E. Morris, with Mrs. Morris being present. Assessor Moreland recommended reclassifying 79 acres from irrigated to grassland for Protest #14 and reclassifying 63.4 acres from irrigated to grassland for Protest #15. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #14, #15. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-16 for Parcel ID: 160648333 was filed by Garrett & Samantha Leonard, with Mrs. Leonard being present. Assessor Moreland provided rural residential sales information and recommended no change in value. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation of no change in value for Protest #16. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-17 for Parcel ID: 160007615 was filed by Jennie & Brian Manning, with Mrs. Manning being present. Assessor Moreland recommended accepting a correction from Central Plains Valuation to adjust the effective age, change the quality from average to fair, and a change to the heating/cooling system. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #17. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-18 for Parcel ID: 160007305 was filed by Patricia E. Thomas, who was present. Assessor Moreland recommended accepting a correction from Central Plains Valuation to reclassify the property from residential to commercial. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #23. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-19 for Parcel ID: 160005256 was filed by Jerry Wester, who was present. Assessor Moreland recommended accepting a correction from Central Plains Valuation to adjust the property's condition from good to average plus. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #19. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-20 for Parcel ID: 160151260 was filed by Michael Danielski, who was not present. Assessor Moreland recommended no change in value. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation of no change in value for Protest #20. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-21 for Parcel ID: 160265266 was filed by Mark & Janell Stoeger, who were not present. Assessor Moreland recommended accepting a correction from Central Plains Valuation to adjust the property's effective age and finish. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #21. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-22 for Parcel ID: 160260396 was filed by David & Carol J. Leonard, with Mr. Leonard being present. Assessor Moreland provided rural residential sales information and recommended no change in value. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation of no change in value for Protest #22. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-23 for Parcel ID: 160056551, Protest #422-23-24 for Parcel ID: 160056578, Protest #422-23-25 for Parcel ID: 160056543, Protest #422-23-26 for Parcel ID: 160056535, Protest #422-23-27 for Parcel ID: 160056527,

Protest #422-23-28 for Parcel ID: 160056519, Protest #422-23-29 for Parcel ID: 160056500, Protest #422-23-30 for Parcel ID: 160056497, Protest #422-23-31 for Parcel ID: 160056489, Protest #422-23-32 for Parcel ID: 160056470, Protest #422-23-33 for Parcel ID: 160056462, Protest #422-23-34 for Parcel ID: 160056454, Protest #422-23-35 for Parcel ID: 160052858, Protest #422-23-36 for Parcel ID: 160052831, Protest #422-23-37 for Parcel ID: 160052823 were filed by Carol J. Leonard and Debra A. Ludwig, who were not present. Assessor Moreland recommended a 50% spot type reduction for Protest #23. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #23. Assessor Moreland stated that ag land had received a 7% increase for statutory compliance in 2023 and that no change in value was recommended for Protests #24-37. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation of no change in value for Protests #24-37. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-38 for Parcel ID: 160003229 was filed by Daniel C. Roshone Jr, who was present. Assessor Moreland recommended accepting a correction from Central Plains Valuation to adjust the cost data for the carport. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #38. McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-39 for Parcel ID: 160149746 and Protest #422-23-40 for Parcel ID: 160149673 were filed by Steven Senseney, who was present. Mr. Senseney provided written information in support of the protests. Assessor Moreland recommended accepting a correction from Central Plains Valuation to correct the neighborhood 280 & neighborhood 281 land values and to adjust the basement square footage and exterior wall data. No Board action was taken on Protests #39-40.

Protest #422-23-41 for Parcel ID: 160266165 was filed by Eric & Shannon Ravenscroft, who were not present. Assessor Moreland stated that improvements in the Village of Cody had received a 60% increase for statutory compliance in 2023, supporting sales were provided, and that no change in value was recommended. No Board action was taken on Protest #41.

Protest #422-23-42 for Parcel ID: 160148774, Protest #422-23-43 for Parcel ID: 160261791, Protest #422-23-44 for Parcel ID: 160000440, Protest #422-23-45 for Parcel ID: 160004888, Protest #422-23-46 for Parcel ID: 160004977, Protest #422-23-47 for Parcel ID: 160004950, Protest #422-23-48 for Parcel ID: 160004934, Protest #422-23-49 for Parcel ID: 160004853, Protest #422-23-50 for Parcel ID: 160004098 were filed by Edward Bacon, who was present. Mr. Bacon provided photos in support of some of the protests. Assessor Moreland recommended no change in value for Protest #42, accepting a correction from Central Plains Valuation to adjust the effective age and condition for Protests #43-45, accepting a correction from Central Plains Valuation to adjust the property to 50% functional for Protest #46, no change in value for Protest #47, accepting a correction from Central Plains Valuation to adjust the quality and condition for Protest #48, accepting a correction from Central Plains Valuation to adjust the age and quality for Protest #49, and accepting a correction from Central Plains Valuation to adjust the quality and condition for Protest #50. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendations for Protests #42-44, #46, and #48-50. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-51 for Property ID: 160249562 was filed by Michelle Conine, Trustee, who was present along with Bill Ward. Assessor Moreland did not have a recommendation at the time and no Board action was taken on Protest #51.

Protest #422-23-52 for Property ID: 160265002 was filed by Kelly & Linda Grimshaw, with Mrs. Grimshaw being present. Central Plains Valuation recommended some adjustments to the property. Assessor Moreland did not have a recommendation at this time and no Board action was taken on Protest #52.

Protest #422-23-53 for Property ID: 160148324, Protest #422-23-54 for Property ID: 160148294, Protest #422-23-55 for Property ID: 160148308, Protest #422-23-56 for Property ID: 160148316, Protest #422-23-57 for Property ID: 160148340, Protest #422-23-58 for Property ID: 160148359, Protest #422-23-59 for Property ID: 160148367, Protest #422-23-60 for Property ID: 160148332, and Protest #422-23-61 for Property ID: 160009383 were filed by RKM Investments, with Rowdy & Konnie Kluender being present. The Kluenders provided information for like properties

from other counties and appraisal reports for the protested properties. Central Plains Valuation provided values based on an income approach, which is not what is currently used in Cherry County. Assessor Moreland did not have recommendations at the time and no Board action was taken on Protests #53-61.

Protest #422-23-65 for Property ID: 160261538 and Protest #422-23-66 for Property ID: 160147913 were filed by Warren & Deborah Jackson, with Mr. Jackson being present. Central Plains Valuation recommended correcting the square footage for Protest #65. Assessor Moreland did not have recommendations at the time and no Board action was taken on Protests #65-66.

Protest #422-23-67 for Property ID: 160010748 was filed by Vicki H. Carini, who was present. Ms. Carini provided written information in support of the protest. Assessor Moreland did not have a recommendation at the time and no Board action was taken on Protest #67.

Protest #422-23-64 for Property ID: 160271576 was filed by Henry L. & Misty Renae Brown, who were not present. Assessor Moreland recommended no change in value. No Board action was taken on Protest #64.

Protest #422-23-62 for Property ID: 160248930 and Protest #422-23-63 for Property ID: 160248922 were filed by Phillip R. Francke, who was not present. Assessor Moreland did not have recommendations at the time and no Board action was taken on Protests #62-63.

Protest #422-23-68 for Property ID: 160163994 and Protest #422-23-69 for Property ID: 160163900 were filed by Josh Neill, on behalf of Sandhills Townhomes, who was not present. Assessor Moreland did not have recommendations at the time and no Board action was taken on Protests #68-69.

Assessor Moreland presented two Overvalued, Undervalued, and Omitted Property reports to correct adjustments made by Central Plains Valuation for neighborhood 280, 281, and 320 land values and for other adjustments to effective age, condition, and quality. Assessor Moreland presented an Overvalued, Undervalued, and Omitted Property report to reclassify some irrigated acres to grassland and to remove some buildings from a parcel. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the Overvalued, Undervalued, and Omitted Property Reports (CPV, CPV-Bacon, and Assessor's Office). Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

There were no tax list corrections.

The Board and Assessor Moreland discussed issues with the Central Plains Valuation contract and incomplete work. Use of ARPA money for EagleView pictometry was also discussed.

At 6:49 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

July 25, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on July 25, 2023 in the Cherry County 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 DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioners meeting minutes from July 11, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from July 11, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from July 11, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Sarah Twibell, Mindy Spencer, and Heidi Kuklis from the North Central District Health Department met with the Board to present information regarding the Health Department and the Miles of Smiles Program. Public health services and Miles of Smiles clinics, participation rates, and funding were discussed. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve funding for the Miles of Smiles Program for a five-year term, for a total of \$2,008.00 per year. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried. The appointment of a Cherry County public-spirited citizen to the Health Department's Board of Directors was also discussed.

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith provided information and maps to the Board for two requests to occupy county right-of-way. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the Request to Occupy County Right-of-Way by Consolidated Companies Inc. to construct fiber optic line north of Hyannis in southwest Cherry County, according to attached maps. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Superintendent Smith stated that the request submitted by Larry Turner is a line for a well located on the Keya Paha County Cherry County line. and that he sees no issues with said request. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the Request to Occupy County Right-of-Way by Larry Turner to construct an electrical line. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a Nebraska Department of Economic Development Drawdown Request totaling \$68,346.18 to reimburse Cherry County for a payment to Niobrara Valley Vineyards. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Request for Funds CDBG 21-TD-001. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding the Kennedy Rd project, updating an excavator in District #1, and oil & windrow prices.

Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to surplus a 2000 W900 Kenworth Tractor Truck VIN: 1XKWD69X4YR850002, 2005 F350 Ford Tug VIN: 1FDWF36P55EB48813, 12H Caterpillar CBK00663 Motor Grader VIN: 4ZF15212 and remove from surplus a 2014 CL120 Freightliner Truck VIN: 3ALXA7CG4EDFZ2425 and a 1997 160H Caterpillar Motor Grader VIN: 9EJ428. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz and Deputy Emergency Manager Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding the McCann Canyon Fire paperwork, 911 PSAP audit, Motorola dispatch consoles project, and Solacom service and training packages.

Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding upcoming Cherry County Planning Commission Open Houses, the Planning Commission's August 1st meeting will be held in the Valentine Public Library Meeting Room, and that no decision had been made regarding CUP #001/23 TK Angus Swine Facility. The Planning Commission Open Houses will be held on August 30th at 9:00 a.m. CT in Thedford at the Thomas County Fairgrounds, August 30th at 2:00 p.m. CT in Valentine in the Public Library Meeting Room, August 31st at 10:00 a.m. CT in Nenzel at the Community Hall, and August 31st at 3:00 p.m. CT in Hyannis at the Winter's Building.

Administrator Coyle previously provided minutes via email to the Board of the Planning Commission's July 11th meeting where the Commission held public hearings and unanimously recommended approval for both CUP #002/23 and CUP #003/23. No public testimony was received regarding either conditional use permit.

DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to set the public hearing for CUP #002/23 Marvin Miller for welding and sharpening bandsaw blades for portable saws etc., also sharpening other tools for farmers and homeowners to be at 11:30 a.m. on August 29, 2023 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to set the public hearing for CUP #003/23 James Yoder for manufacturing of portable log cabins and kits to be at 11:45 a.m. on August 29, 2023 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Justice Center call-in pay hours utilization and policy were discussed and revenue reports were reviewed.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:34 p.m. to 1:03 p.m.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

The Board reviewed the Cherry County Hospital Balance Sheets & Financial Report from June 30, 2023.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:15 p.m. to 1:46 p.m.

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

July 31, 2023 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	233,677.03	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$	233,677.03	

GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,537.10
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$16,511.68
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,714.94
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding	\$1,951.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$36,634.96
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$30,142.61
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$21,024.31
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$2,750.00

NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$4,530.39
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,883.56
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$491.95
General Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$146,498.91
	GROSS TOTAL	\$270,671.41
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$36,994.38)
	NET TOTAL	\$233,677.03

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **123,192.81** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$ **123,192.81**

ROAD FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,530.96
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$8,975.65
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,172.76
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$935.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$17,463.58
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$16,826.55
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$9,924.13
Legal Shield	Services	\$101.70
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,400.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,556.26
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$212.61
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$82,405.80
	GROSS TOTAL	\$143,819.50
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$20,626.69)
	NET TOTAL	\$123,192.81

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **5,713.07** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of \$ **5,713.07**

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$562.97
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$56.46
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$973.64
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$132.56
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Visitors Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$5,004.23
	GROSS TOTAL	\$6,859.07
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,146.00)
	NET TOTAL	\$5,713.07

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **11,271.31** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of \$ **11,271.31**

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$10,894.66
EFTPS Federal Excise Tax	PCORI Fees	\$376.65
	TOTAL	\$11,271.31

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	10,804.88	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of	\$	10,804.88	

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	9.43
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$754.23
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$112.92
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$55.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$1,417.96
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,546.10
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$756.52
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$100.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$250.71
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$63.68
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$7,504.28
	GROSS TOTAL	\$12,570.83
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,765.95)
	NET TOTAL	\$10,804.88

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 2:03 p.m. to 5:25 p.m.

At 5:28 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

July 25, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on July 25, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published July 12, 2023 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 1:15 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor, and Cherry County Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

New hires, interviews conducted, jail census, extenuating circumstances for one-time call-in pay usage, staff census, 8-hour vs. 12-hour shifts, resuming staff meetings, and the new timeclock system were discussed. The Board stated that standard operating procedures need to be followed regarding the dispatching of Valentine Fire if the Valentine ambulance gets dispatched to a car accident. Administrator Hesse stated that she would send out a memo and have all dispatchers sign it. The Board requested that advertising of employment opportunities continue until the facility is fully staffed.

At 1:46 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

July 25, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on July 25, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published July 12, 2023 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 2:03 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Reports of Destroyed Real Property #425-23-01 - #425-23-04 were filed by Mark Johnson, who was not present. Reports of Destroyed Real Property #425-23-05 - #425-23-13 were filed by Mark Johnson on behalf of Krajieski & Johnson Inc., with no one present on behalf of the company. Clerk Longcor read an email from Assessor Jackie Moreland in which no change in value was recommended and that her recommendation is based on the face that the reports do not refer to any buildings having burned and only indicates loss of use for a year due to forage damage. Guidance from the Nebraska Department of Revenue FAQ #8 "The loss of crop and/or livestock as a result of a calamity is not considered destroyed real property and is not to be considered by a CBOE in making a determination of destroyed real property" was reviewed. At 2:11 p.m. Assessor Moreland joined the meeting. The reports also indicated that trees and fence burned and Assessor Moreland stated that neither are considered real property and that Cherry County doesn't have a green belt assessment category.

DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to deny Reports of Destroyed Real Property #425-23-01 - #425-23-13, based on the Assessor's recommendations and for the current year's assessed values to remain the same. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

****All parcel numbers for the following Property Valuation Protests are recorded in the July 11, 2023 Board of Equalization minutes.**

Protest #422-23-53 - #422-23-61 were filed by RKM Investments, with Rowdy Kluender being present. Assessor Moreland recommended assessing the properties for Protests #53-60 based on an income approach due to Section 42 status. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendations for Protest #53-60. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried. Assessor Moreland recommended accepting a correction from Central Plains Valuation to change the property's condition to fair for Protest #61. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #61. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-39 - #422-23-40 were filed by Steven Senseny, who was present. Property values and agricultural vs. residential land classifications for close, similar properties were discussed. Assessor Moreland recommended accepting a correction from Central Plains Valuation for Neighborhood 280 land values, adjusting square feet in the basement, and correcting the sketch for #39. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #39. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried. Assessor Moreland recommended accepting a correction from Central Plains Valuation for Neighborhood 281 land values for #40. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #40. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-64 was filed by Henry L & Misty Renae Brown, who were present. Assessor Moreland provided a list of mobile homes in Merriman for comparable values. Based on a mobile home of average quality in fair condition, no change in value for Protest #64 was recommended by Assessor Moreland. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation of no change in value for Protest #64. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-65 - #422-23-66 were filed by Warren & Deborah Jackson, with Warren being present. Assessor Moreland recommended accepting a correction from Central Plains Valuation to correct the basement finish and stated that the property is currently listed 42% higher than assessed value, so no other adjustment to value is recommended for #65. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #65. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried. Assessor Moreland recommended accepting a correction from Central Plains Valuation for Neighborhood 320 land values and no other adjustment to value based on 2022 sale of property for #66. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #66. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the ratio of assessed value to sale price for properties within village limits. Assessor Moreland stated that properties in Cody had received a 60% increase to maintain statutory compliance since the majority of the village property sales were in Cody.

Protest #422-23-41 was filed by Eric & Shannon Ravenscroft. Assessor Moreland recommended accepting an adjustment of the quality to fair. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #41. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-01 was filed by Beatrice M. Jones. Assessor Moreland recommended no change in value since the value per square foot is within the range of sales of similar age, quality, and condition homes. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #01. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-06 was filed by Margaret Figert on behalf of owner, Wardens and Vestrymen of St. John's Episcopal Church. Assessor Moreland recommended no change in value and that data was confirmed to be correct on the property's record card. DeNaeyer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #06. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-11 was filed by Mark Johnson. Assessor Moreland recommended accepting an adjustment to the property's improvement value by removing all buildings except the pole building, but no adjustment to the value of irrigated acres. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #11. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-45 & #422-23-47 were filed by Edward Bacon. For #47 Assessor Moreland recommended no change in value because the property is currently valued at low quality & fair condition and has a 25% functional depreciation. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation of no change in value for Protest #47. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried. Assessor Moreland recommended accepting an adjustment by Central Plains Valuation to the effective age and condition for #45. Nelson moved and McConaughey seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #45. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-51 was filed by Michelle Conine, Trustee. Assessor Moreland recommended accepting an adjustment to remove the wood deck and add an open slab porch. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #51. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-52 was filed Kelly & Linda Grimshaw. Assessor Moreland recommended accepting a correction by Central Plains Valuating to the heating/cooling, adjusting the open slab porch condition to poor, and to fix the sketch. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #52. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-62 - #422-23-63 were filed by Phillip R Francke. For #62 Assessor Moreland recommended accepting a correction by Central Plains Valuation to roof covers, no-value building, and open slab porch. Nelson moved and McConaughey seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #62. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson,

DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried. Assessor Moreland recommended no change in value for #63 since the building is now correctly valued as a detached garage. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation of no change in value for Protest #63. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-67 was filed by Vicki H. Carini. Assessor Moreland recommended no change in value per comparison review. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation of no change in value for Protest #67. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

Protest #422-23-68 - #422-23-69 were filed by Josh Neill on behalf of Sandhills Townhomes, LP. Assessor Moreland recommended no change in value for either protest since they do not have an active Section 42 designation. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation of no change in value for Protest #68-69. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Assessor Moreland presented a report that contained adjustments to property values based upon review by the Assessor's Office. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Overvalued, Undervalued & Omitted Property Report – Jackie. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

Assessor Moreland presented a report that contained corrections to property values that occurred during the 2023 revaluation by Central Plains Valuation and an income approach valuation for Section 42 properties. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Overvalued, Undervalued & Omitted Property Report – CPV. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

Deputy Assessor Andrea Andre provided information to the Board regarding a late Homestead Exemption Application filing received from Tonja Critchfield. A letter regarding family medical issues that prevented timely filing and confirmation from the Department of Revenue of eligibility of the application to be considered were discussed. Nelson moved and McConaughey seconded to approve the Homestead Exemption Application late filing due to family medical issues. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Assessor Moreland presented her 3-Year plan of Assessment to the Board and discussed aspects of agricultural, commercial, and residential review and assessment that is planned for years 2023-2025. Information from Lake Mac Assessment for reassessments, EagleView pictometry, and potentially closing the Assessor's Office for all staff to attend the Assessor's Workshop in August were also discussed.

At 5:25 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

August 8, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on August 8, 2023 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 DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioners meeting minutes from July 25, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from July 25, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye - DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from July 25, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye - McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Jay Jenkins, UNL Extension Engagement Zone Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss the old Courthouse building and moisture & air quality issues. The intended temporary use of the building for office space, purchasing a commercial air purifier, and the need to plan for a long-term solution were discussed. Commissioner DeNaeyer will coordinate with a local business to potentially determine the source of the issues.

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith spoke with the Board regarding an agreement between Cherry County and Richard Minor for reimbursing the County for 50% of the consulting, engineering, design, construction, and professional costs of the Snake River remediation efforts. The agreement was received from County Attorney Eric Scott who negotiated for said agreement on behalf of the County. All Board members stated that they had spoken to Mr. Scott individually regarding the agreement. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the Site Access and Reimbursement Agreement with Richard Minor. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Superintendent Smith updated the Board regarding the Kennendy Road milling project and potentially armor coating said road, a projected start date in early September for the N Cody Rd & N Kilgore Rd armor coat projects, upcoming surplus auction on Purple Wave, District #1 has received a front-end loader with a lease-purchase option, and washout damage and repair of Merritt Dam Road.

DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to declare as surplus a 2016 homemade 4-wheel tilt bed trailer VIN: NET1036550. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz and Deputy Emergency Manager Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding the North Central 911 region, GeoComm and Solacom dispatcher training, Weather Service communication updates, Courtroom audio issues, Salamander training completion, Rapid Tag grant, and EM assistance at the Cherry County Fair and Cherry County Fly-In.

Noxious Weed Superintendent Dave Leonard updated the Board regarding control efforts of leafy spurge, the prevalence of purple loosestrife this year, certification of weed-free forage for several producers, Cowboy Trail spraying by Game & Parks, repairs needed for the spray pickup, and an upcoming conference in O'Neill for the leafy spurge working task force. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to authorize Dave to have the necessary repairs completed to make the noxious weed pickup roadworthy, with repairs to be paid out of the Inheritance Tax Fund. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Dates and notification requirements for a special meeting to conduct a budget workshop were discussed. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to set a special meeting for the budget workshop to be on Wednesday, August 16th at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Clerk Longcor reviewed the process and statutes for preliminary requests for levy authority received from Cherry County political subdivisions. Commissioner McConaughy stated that he is the Treasurer and budget preparer for Merriman Rural Fire District so he would abstain from voting. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to adopt Resolution #2023-06 Political Subdivision Levy Authority. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson. Abstain – McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of District Court fee report for July 2023, Treasurer's fund balance listing for July 31, 2023, Operating Statement report of budget v. actual spending for July 31, 2023, Visitors Promotion June 2023 minutes, and a Thank You received from the Miles of Smiles Program.

Clerk Longcor provided the Board with preliminary tax request amounts and budget requests received from county departments. Potential uses of grant funds, additional revenue necessary to pay for the road bond and increases to health insurance premiums, and the timing of certification of values were discussed.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:09 p.m. to 12:59 p.m.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

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

August 8, 2023 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	81,588.41	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of			\$	81,588.41

GENERAL

Applied Connective Technologies	Services	\$5,772.49
Black Hills Chemical	Services	\$410.74
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$254.77
Michael Borders	Services	\$977.88
Centurylink	Telephone Service	\$193.98
Centurylink	Telephone Service	\$3,448.48
Cherry County Court	Services	\$85.00
Cherry County Sheriff	Services	\$347.66
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees	\$5.00
Rhonda Cherry	Mileage	\$72.12
Circle K Motor Company	Services	\$385.43
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service	\$316.18
Consolidated Management Company	Services	\$641.75
CVSOAN Treasurer, Tom Reimers	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$60.00
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services	\$448.00
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services	\$83.54
Lorana Eggert	Reimbursement	\$119.44
Firstnet/AT&T	Services	\$652.13

Galls Parent Holding LLC	Services	\$472.43
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$100.00
The Gun Cabinet	Supplies	\$412.50
Timothy Hanson	Reimbursement	\$2,636.75
Heart City Drug	Supplies	\$156.33
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$337.99
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$8,646.42
Huskerland Communications	Services	\$9.99
Interstate All Battery Center	Supplies	\$161.25
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Supplies	\$6,769.43
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,142.64
Dave Leonard	Reimbursement	\$70.00
Madison's Great Western	Supplies	\$43.88
Marco Technologies LLC	Services	\$194.69
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$136.00
Midwest Connect	Services	\$54.00
MIPS	Services	\$3,776.62
NACO	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$300.00
Nebraska Assn of County Clerks	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$50.00
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$960.00
Nextoner	Supplies	\$92.59
NK Waste Management	Services	\$368.00
North Central District Health Dept	Services	\$2,008.00
North Central Nebraska RC&D	Services	\$200.00
North Platte Telegraph	Services	\$77.66
Office Products	Supplies	\$1,875.46
Albert Osburn	Reimbursement	\$380.00
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Supplies	\$206.80
Paper Tiger Shredding	Services	\$130.00
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$100.00
PIP Marketing Signs Print	Supplies	\$239.48
Pit Stall	Services	\$105.92
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$4,381.61
Presto-X	Services	\$103.73
Quadient Leasing USA	Services	\$1,587.80
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$2,500.00
Region IV	Services	\$2,626.00
Ron Lower Construction	Services	\$100.00
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$207.18
Amanda Schell	Mileage	\$98.60
Becky Schrunk	Services	\$80.00
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$289.85
Cardmember Service	Supplies	\$52.60
Sennett, Duncan, Jenkins & Wickham	Services	\$9,059.65
Samuel Spain	Mileage	\$50.00
True Value	Supplies	\$44.33
UNL Panhandle Research & Extension	Services	\$416.16
US Cellular	Services	\$88.45
USPS	Services	\$300.00
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$859.72
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$5,541.68
Ward Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$1,045.48
Western Oil/Conoco	Fuel/Car Wash	\$125.26

Wex Bank	Fuel	\$1,983.12
Erick Wickman	Reimbursement	\$100.77
Wrenched Tire & Auto LLC	Services	\$457.00
	Total	\$81,588.41

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	153,829.05	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$
			153,829.05

ROAD

Andersen & Sons Napa Auto Parts	Supplies	\$244.50
B's Enterprises Inc	Services	\$12,072.00
Bacon Repair	Services	\$5,273.11
Big State Industrial Supply	Supplies	\$668.94
Bill's Garage	Services	\$568.75
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$1,136.52
Douglas Boyer	Reimbursement	\$342.07
Cherry County Clinic	Services	\$28.00
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$196.77
Circle K Motor Company	Services	\$3,918.77
Cody Oil	Services	\$3,876.08
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$284.11
Cornhusker International	Services	\$3,911.26
Crossroads Auto Repair Specialist	Services	\$56.85
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$125.52
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
DAS State ACCTG Central Finance	Services	\$1,000.00
Dooley Oil Inc	Services	\$35.46
Flat Creek Construction	Services	\$32,306.60
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$316.09
Grimm's Pump & Industrial Supply	Services	\$648.57
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$4,626.47
Hoefs Skidloader Works LLC	Services	\$1,974.00
Hometown Lumber	Supplies	\$256.53
Hooker County Tribune	Services	\$25.00
Hooker Truck & Trailer LLC	Services	\$840.00
Inland Truck Parts Company	Supplies	\$360.52
J&J Trailer Sales LLC	Services	\$50.00
JEBRO	Services	\$42,212.87
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$320.64
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$1,471.17
L&L Gravel	Services	\$4,308.60
Martin Auto Parts II	Services	\$251.34
Mathis Equipment	Services	\$65.00
Medical Enterprises	Services	\$35.00
Village of Merriman	Services	\$124.43
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Services	\$38.43
Village of Mullen	Services	\$129.00
Nebraska Dept of Correctional Service	Supplies	\$6,500.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$54.51
Nebraska Truck Center	Services	\$912.92
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$6,041.10

NK Waste Management	Services	\$345.00
Office Products Center	Supplies	\$49.79
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Supplies	\$280.94
The Parts Company	Supplies	\$364.97
Perrett Construction	Services	\$701.82
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$40.00
Pit Stall	Services	\$2,268.88
Powerplan	Services	\$891.03
Prema	Services	\$64.63
Sandhill Oil Company Inc	Services	\$7,810.32
Tehrani Motor Company	Services	\$2,254.55
Thedford Lumber & Supply	Services	\$537.24
US Cellular	Services	\$106.23
City of Valentine	Services	\$204.95
Vinton Feed Store	Supplies	\$80.00
3s Fabrication & Repair	Services	\$13.50
	TOTAL	\$153,829.05

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	2,362.45	.
and disallowed in the amount of			.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Bridge Fund in the amount of	\$		2,362.45
Emergency Bridge			
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$	2,362.45
	TOTAL		\$2,362.45

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	5,899.75	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Highway Street/Bridge Buyback Fund in the amount of	\$		5,899.75
Highway Street/Bridge Buyback			
D&L Sand & Gravel	Services	\$	2,927.00
Hoefs Skidloader Works, LLC	Services	\$	2,972.75
	TOTAL		\$5,899.75

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	8,290.22	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of	\$		8,290.22
VISITOR PROMOTION			
Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities	Grant		\$4,000.00
Cox/Johnson Corporation	Services		\$430.00
Great Plains Communications	Services		\$182.22
Henderson's IGA	Supplies		\$26.62
Holloman Media	Services		\$360.00
Kelo TV	Services		\$2,540.00
KVSH	Services		\$300.00
NK Waste Management	Services		\$89.00
Valentine Rotary Club	Dues/Fees/Training		\$102.00
City of Valentine	Services		\$260.38
	TOTAL		\$8,290.22

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	19,638.33	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Employee Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of	\$		19,638.33
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS			

Cherry County Clerk		Health Insurance Claims		\$19,638.33
		TOTAL		\$19,638.33
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	10,085.08	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of			\$	10,085.08
BOOKMOBILE				
Thomas County Library		Bookmobile	\$	658.00
Valentine Public Library		Bookmobile		\$9,427.08
		TOTAL	\$	10,085.08
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	59,106.20	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Grant Fund in the amount of			\$	59,106.20
GRANT FUND				
Niobrara Valley Vineyards LLC		Grant		\$59,106.20
		TOTAL		\$59,106.20
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	68,669.00	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Covid American Rescue Plan Fund in the amount of			\$	68,669.00
COVID ARPF				
Control Masters		Services		\$68,669.00
		TOTAL		\$68,669.00
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	9,509.02	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of			\$	9,509.02
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
Century Link		Services		\$254.20
HM Life Insurance		Health Insurance Funding		\$667.64
Huskerland Communications		Supplies		\$5,821.78
KBR Rural Public Power		Services		\$94.99
Office Products		Supplies		\$84.49
Prema		Services		\$85.92
Regroup		Services		\$2,500.00
		TOTAL		\$9,509.02
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	6,122.50	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of			\$	6,122.50
INHERITANCE TAX				
Houghton Bradford Whitted PC		Services		\$5,565.00
Niobrara Valley Consultants		Services		\$450.00
Woods & Aitken LLP		Services		\$107.50
		TOTAL		\$6,122.50
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	3,721.58	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of			\$	3,721.58
911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)				
Geo Comm Inc		Services		\$1,356.90
Great Plains Communications Inc		Services		\$26.52

OPTK Networks	Services	\$303.06
Solacom Technologies	Services	\$2,035.10
	TOTAL	\$3,721.58

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	20,172.09	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of	\$		20,172.09

911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)

Geo Comm	Services	\$7,689.10
Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$146.56
OPTK Networks	Services	\$1,652.14
Solacom Technologies	Services	\$10,684.29
	TOTAL	\$20,172.09

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	2,165.42	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Courthouse (Special Building) Fund in the amount of	\$		2,165.42

Courthouse (Special Building)

Hand's Lawn Service	Services	\$2,165.42
	TOTAL	\$2,165.42

Tom Davis, Cort Dewing, Ruben Miller, Superintendent Smith, and District #3 Foreman Brent Collier met with the Board to discuss Anderson Bridge and Anderson Bridge Road. The most recent fracture critical bridge inspection and load rating of said bridge were discussed. Superintendent Smith stated that if the bridge were rebuilt on the same abutments, it wouldn't meet new construction requirements. Machinery and material to repair the road on the north side of the bridge and routes to get the machinery to the site were discussed. The Board requested that Superintendent Smith obtain cost estimates for an alternate route for Anderson Bridge Road, designing a new bridge, and construction of a new bridge. Commissioner McConaughey will inspect the site and the Board agreed that material to repair the road will be provided. Mr. Davis and Mr. Miller agreed to use their own equipment to move the material from a stockpile site. No Board action was taken.

The Board, Clerk Longcor, and Brian Perrett toured the old Courthouse building from 2:33 p.m. to 2:54 p.m.

At 2:55 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

August 16, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in special session on August 16, 2023 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice conspicuously posted on August 8, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. at the following public places: Valentine Public Library, Valentine Post Office, Cherry County Clerk's Office, Cherry County Courthouse front door, and the Public Notices section of the Cherry County website. The current agenda being on file in the office of the County Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittney Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The purpose of the special session was to conduct a budget workshop. The Board reviewed Cherry County budget requests for fiscal year 2023-2024 and met with some elected officials and department heads to discuss their submitted requests. Appointed 2023 Cherry County Budget Making Authority, Clerk Longcor, reviewed the Road Bond amortization schedule, historical tax requests, and budget changes from the prior year.

Clerk Longcor will call a special session on August 22, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a budget workshop.

At 3:59 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

August 22, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in special session on August 22, 2023 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice conspicuously posted on August 17, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at the following public places: Valentine Public Library, Valentine Post Office, Cherry County Clerk's Office, Cherry County Courthouse front door, and the Public Notices section of the Cherry County website. 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 DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittney Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The purpose of the special session was to conduct a budget workshop. The Board reviewed Cherry County budget requests for fiscal year 2023-2024 and met with road department employees to review expense requests. Adjustments to capital expenditures to allow for interfund transfers to the Disaster (Road Bond) Fund were discussed.

At 2:56 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

August 29, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on August 29, 2023 in the Cherry County 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 Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. 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 August 8, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Commissioners special meeting minutes from August 16, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Commissioners special meeting minutes from August 22, 2023 were read. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed emails from Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle and Chris Gentry regarding his resignation from the Planning Commission. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to accept Chris Gentry's resignation from the Cherry County Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter submitted by Marla Shelbourn expressing interest in being appointed to the Planning Commission and allowed time for Marla to discuss her qualifications. The Board discussed geographical consideration of members of the Planning Commission, upcoming expiring appointments, and that Commissioner McConaughy has contact information for people to consider from the western side of the county. Commissioner DeNaeyer and Clerk Longcor discussed the addition and removal of items from the agenda.

Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to appoint Marla Shelbourn to the Cherry County Planning Commission, effective immediately, to the term vacated by Christopher Gentry and set to expire on January 11, 2026. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson. No – DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The agenda item regarding Keya Paha County – EMPG Discussion will be postponed until the October 31, 2023 meeting.

Valentine Public Library Director Anne Quigley and Assistant Director Caroline Graham met with the Board to provide an overview of the Library and Bookmobile's budget. Bookmobile services, utilization, and maintenance were discussed. The prior year's property tax request, PILT payment funding, and interlocal agreement amounts were also discussed.

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith presented the Board with an engineering estimate from Mainelli Wagner for the relocation of a portion of Anderson Bridge Rd and the replacement of Anderson Bridge. County Attorney Eric Scott was present to discuss the potential replacement of said bridge and the NDOT County Bridge Match Program. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding Anderson Bridge & Anderson Bridge Rd Quotes for Engineering and Structure Replacement.

The Board met with Patrick Moore, Good Life Architecture, via Zoom and with Kyle Arganbright, Valentine City Council; Regina Osburn, Cherry County Tourism Director; and members of the Visitors Promotion Board, Greg

Nollette, Anne Clarke, and Rich Mercure, to discuss the results of the feasibility study for a joint Convention Center. Site evaluation, community input meetings, plan design scenarios, and funding sources were discussed. It was reiterated that the City of Valentine and Cherry County have no intent to utilize property taxes to fund said Convention Center. Estimations for revenues and expenses, uses of office space, weekly committee meetings, and the next steps for the project were also discussed. No Board action was required at this time.

At 11:35 a.m. Chairman DeNaeyer opened the public hearing regarding CUP #002/23 Marvin Miller – Welding and Sharpening Bandsaw Blades for Portable Sawmills, Etc. Also Sharpening Other Tools for Farmers and Homeowners. Mr. Miller stated that the use of the permit would be for the production of and sharpening of bandsaw blades and will also be open to the public for sharpening blades.

Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle stated that under the current Zoning Regulations welding is considered industrial, there was no testimony received from the public during the Planning Commission's public hearing, the Planning Commission had voted unanimously to recommend approval of the CUP, and that Conditional Use Permits do go with the land. John Ravenscroft offered testimony in support of the application. At 11:41 a.m. Chairman DeNaeyer closed the public hearing.

Administrator Coyle provided the Board with Zoning Resolution #Z-90 to approve the application for a Conditional Use Permit #002/23 as submitted by Marvin Miller. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve Zoning Resolution #Z-90. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 11:45 a.m. Chairman DeNaeyer opened the public hearing regarding CUP #003/23 James Yoder – Manufacturing of Portable Log Cabins and Kits. Mr. Yoder stated that he has experience building log cabins and kits and that it will be a family-sized business as he has two older boys. The lumber to be used will be hauled in from several sources and will consist of lodgepole pine, spruce, and white cedar. There is no intent to use local trees; they are not suited for the use. The truck traffic, on average, will be one to two trucks per week.

Administrator Coyle stated that there was no testimony received from the public during the Planning Commission's public hearing and that the Commission had voted unanimously to recommend approval of the CUP. Written testimony from Carolyn Semin was read by Merrial Rhodes. Catherine Morris questioned the size of trucks that would be used to haul the lumber and the potential for an increase in truck traffic. Mr. Yoder confirmed that a semi-truck and flatbed trailer would be used. Sam Day spoke in support of managing the trees to prevent fire hazard in the area. Bob Goodwin stated that his concern as a local resident and landowner was an increase in traffic. At 12:01 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer closed the hearing.

Administrator Coyle provided the Board with Zoning Resolution #Z-91 to approve the application for a Conditional Use Permit #003/23 as submitted by James Yoder. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve Zoning Resolution #Z-91. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Administrator Coyle spoke with the Board regarding dates and procedures for a public hearing regarding CUP #001/23. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to set the public hearing regarding CUP: 001/23 TK Angus Co. New Construction of a Confined Animal Feeding Operation – Swine Finisher Housing 4,999 Head Over 55 Lbs to be on October 10, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Cherry County Courthouse, with a speaking time limit for testimony of three (3) minutes per present individual. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Administrator Coyle extended an invitation for the Commissioners to attend the upcoming Planning Commission Open Houses.

Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz and Deputy Emergency Manager Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding Salamander RapidTag training, grant money has been received for the Owl and Smart Board, 'swatting' calls are happening again across the state, LEOP update for the Courthouse, the Motorola dispatch consoles project is in the final stages, the SEAT plane is down for the year, they are looking for grants for SRS radios, hazard mitigation

update is due in 2026, setting a burn ban, communications trailer preparation, and upcoming EMPG required Capstone training.

After speaking with Sheriff Rusty Osburn and Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse regarding the Equature quote, Director Sandoz doesn't recommend the upgrade for the PSAP recording device at this time. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding the Emergency Management Equature Quote.

Commissioner McConaughey stated that Road District #3 wants to buy a used payload loader during an upcoming auction.

McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Request for Funds CDBG #21-TD-001. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Clerk Longcor reviewed portions of Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1633 regarding the property tax request and joint public hearing. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to designate Clerk Longcor as the representative to attend the joint public hearing on behalf of Cherry County. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

The Board received comments from the public during the allotted time.

Superintendent Smith confirmed that the program compliance requirements for Highway Allocation funds have been met. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to adopt Resolution #2023-07 Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2023. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

Superintendent Smith informed the Board that the Kennedy Rd project is complete and that he will contact Game & Parks and the Forest Service regarding Anderson Bridge Rd before the next meeting.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:20 p.m. to 1:34 p.m.

Nelson moved to accept the residential appraisal training bid from Bryan Hill, Lake Mac Assessment, contingent upon an acceptable contract to be reviewed by the County Attorney. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

Superintendent Smith spoke with the Board regarding striping N Kilgore Rd. The Board requested pricing for said striping.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:49 p.m. to 2:36 p.m.

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

August 31, 2023 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	275,062.73	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$	275,062.73	
GENERAL FUND			
Accelerated Receivables Solutions	Garnishment		\$250.47
AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance		\$2,537.10
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement		\$19,725.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance		\$2,832.30

Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding	\$2,010.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$39,070.50
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$37,679.82
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$22,038.45
Journal Entry	Refund	(\$58.46)
Journal Entry	Refund/Training Cancelled	(\$350.00)
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$2,950.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$5,948.97
Quadient Finance USA	Postage	\$516.00
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$8,219.45
SD Child Support Payment Center	Garnishment	\$1,293.00
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$517.90
General Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$176,702.95
	GROSS TOTAL	\$321,633.35
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$46,570.62)
	NET TOTAL	\$275,062.73

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **145,807.06**
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$ **145,807.06**

ROAD FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,697.87
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$11,555.96
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,172.76
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$935.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$17,463.58
Credit Management	Garnishment	\$460.40
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$21,750.55
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$9,924.13
Legal Shield	Services	\$101.70
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,350.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$3,569.56
Quadient Finance	Postage	\$84.00
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$202.99
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$101,948.09
	GROSS TOTAL	\$172,531.09
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$26,724.03)
	NET TOTAL	\$145,807.06

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **6,434.51**
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of \$ **6,434.51**

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$633.92
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$56.46
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,134.68
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$155.62
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Visitors Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$5,634.86
	GROSS TOTAL	\$7,744.75

Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings		(\$1,310.24)
NET TOTAL		\$6,434.51

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	29,681.72	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of			\$	29,681.72

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims		\$29,681.72
	TOTAL		\$29,681.72

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	11,025.61	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of			\$	11,025.61

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance		9.43
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement		\$775.94
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance		\$112.92
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding		\$55.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding		\$1,417.96
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings		\$1,599.14
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding		\$756.52
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding		\$100.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings		\$263.65
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance		\$63.68
Emergency Management Fund	Gross Wages & Salaries		\$7,697.23
	GROSS TOTAL		\$12,851.47
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings		(\$1,825.86)
	NET TOTAL		\$11,025.61

The Board discussed the 2023-2024 budget. Additional Inheritance Tax interfund transfers and decreasing the Health Insurance Fund funding amounts were discussed.

At 3:45 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

August 29, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on August 29, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published August 9, 2023 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 1:20 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor, and Cherry County Assessor Jackie Moreland. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Assessor Moreland presented Tax List Correction #2022-10 Property ID: 160249132 for the acceleration of 2023 taxes per sale and Tax List Correction #2022-11 Property ID: 160665337 for the acceleration of 2023 taxes per request. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve Tax List Corrections #2022-10 and #2022-11 as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Bryan Hill, Lake Mac Assessment, met with the Board to discuss a bid and the scope of services for appraisal and training. Multi-year contract discount, terms of payment, and contract completion dates were discussed. Assessor Moreland stated that after the completion of the contract, the goal is for the Assessor's Office to be trained to complete the revaluation work in the future. Board action was taken on Lake Mac bid during regular session.

At 1:34 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

August 29, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on August 29, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published August 9, 2023 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 1:49 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor, and Cherry County Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Administrator Hesse, Clerk Longcor, and Payroll Clerk Billie Brockley discussed the issues with timecard totals caused by the current 28-day overtime calculation period. In order to fully utilize the TimeClock Plus software, a switch from a 28-day to a 7-day period was discussed. Administrator Hesse agreed that scheduling can be adjusted to allow for the change and to keep overtime as minimal as possible. The 7-day period will run from 12:00 a.m. on Monday to 11:59 p.m. on Sunday. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to adjust the work period for Justice Center employees for overtime calculation from a 28-day period to a 7-day period, effective October 16, 2023 at 12:00 a.m.

Requirements to qualify for the law enforcement overtime calculation exemption were discussed. The jail & staff census and LiveScan maintenance contract were also discussed.

At 2:36 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

September 12, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on September 12, 2023 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 DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. 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 August 29, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from August 29, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from August 29, 2023 were read. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to set the time and date for the 2023-2024 Cherry County budget hearing to be on September 26, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Noxious Weed Control Superintendent Dave Leonard presented the Board with a Sandhills Weed Management Area (SWMA) Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. The SWMA's purpose, membership dues, and meetings were discussed. No Board action was taken on said Interlocal Agreement pending revision to include dues amount and review by the County Attorney.

Superintendent Leonard updated the Board regarding repairs to and mileage of the spraying pickup, days per week spent inspecting and spraying, inspection of the Cowboy Trail, and SWMA meeting attendance.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding the completion of armor coat projects on Kennedy Rd, N Kilgore Rd, and N Cody Rd, striping N Kilgore Rd, equipment purchased, payments received for the sale of surplus equipment, and an issue with the excavator in District 3. Travel expenses submitted by Mr. Boyer for reimbursement were discussed.

Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz and Deputy Emergency Manager Jessica Coyle presented the Board with an interlocal agreement to authorize Director Sandoz and Deputy EM Coyle to represent the county regarding the preparation of a hazard mitigation plan in coordination with participating public agencies. Said interlocal provides for grant applications for 87.5% of the plan preparation costs, with the remainder of the cost to be covered by in-kind contributions by participants. No Board action was taken pending review of the interlocal agreement by the County Attorney.

Director Sandoz and Deputy Coyle updated the Board regarding the recent statewide 911 outage, Motorola dispatch consoles project is nearing completion, rescinding the burn ban, coordination with Dispatch for Solacom trouble ticket creation, and phone line issues.

Assessor Jackie Moreland presented the Board with a two-year contract for appraisal services from Lake Mac Assessment, LLC. Assessor Moreland stated that County Attorney Eric Scott had no objection to the form of the contract and that it will be submitted to Property Tax Administrator Ruth Sorensen to confirm regulatory compliance.

Payment terms, liability insurance, and in-house preparation for the contracted work were also discussed. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Lake Mac Assessment, LLC Contract for Appraisal Services. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried. Assessor Moreland updating the Board regarding the Cherry County Beacon GIS website.

McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Request for Funds CDBG #21-TD-001. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried. Clerk Longcor relayed information from CNEDD Deputy Director, Carla Kimball, regarding a ribbon cutting ceremony for Niobrara Valley Vineyards.

The Board and Clerk Longcor discussed the procedure for the upcoming Joint Public Hearing on September 18, 2023.

Deputy EM Coyle informed the Board that County Attorney Eric Scott had reviewed the Hazard Mitigation Plan Interlocal Agreement and had no issues with it. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for an Update to the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of District Court fee report for August 2023, Treasurer's fund balance listing for August 31, 2023, Operating Statement report of budget v. actual spending for August 31, 2023, and Visitors Promotion Board July 7, 2023 meeting minutes.

Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle informed the Board that the Planning Commission's meeting scheduled for that afternoon had been cancelled due to lack of quorum. After review of an invoice from Marvin Planning Consultants and contract from 2019, the Board requested that Administrator Coyle obtain an updated contract from Keith Marvin.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time. Ann Warren and Stan Schneider submitted written comments to the Board.

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

September 12, 2023 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	124,311.56	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of		\$	124,311.56
GENERAL			
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement		143.92
Anderson Electric Inc	Services		354.65
Applied Connective Technologies	Services		\$4,627.32
Kristina Blackford	Mileage		\$69.43
Daniel Bauer	Reimbursement		\$62.78
Richard Bauer	Services		\$51.44
Black Hills Chemical	Services		\$554.89
Bob's Signs	Services		\$218.25
Bomgaars	Supplies		\$43.97
Michael Borders	Services		\$2,320.68
Centec Cast Metal Products	Services		\$772.24
Centurylink	Telephone Service		\$186.21
Centurylink	Telephone Service		\$1,725.69
Charm Tex Inc	Services		\$322.80

Cherry County District Court	Services	\$36.00
Cherry County Sheriff	Services	\$22.50
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees	\$5.00
Cidnet	Services	\$300.00
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service	\$316.21
Coachlight Inn	Services	\$595.15
Comfort Inn Kearney	Lodging	\$924.60
Consolidated Management Company	Services	\$93.25
Brittany Covey	Services	\$82.88
Jessica Coyle	Reimbursement	\$239.88
Creative Printers	Supplies	\$60.00
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services	\$448.00
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services	\$358.55
Kelly Deibler	Services	\$1,307.30
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$295.74
Firstnet/AT&T	Services	\$652.13
Fyr-Tek Inc	Services	\$89.50
Galls	Supplies	\$557.31
Galls Parent Holdings, LLC	Supplies	\$224.96
Michelle Garwood	Reimbursement	\$309.96
Dustina Goodrich	Reimbursement	\$28.20
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$139.78
GRP & Associates	Supplies	\$57.00
Debra Hand	Reimbursement	\$38.55
Timothy Hanson	Equipment	\$2,636.75
Heart City Drug	Supplies	\$201.85
Heart City Lock and Key	Services	\$95.40
Heart City Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$2,622.25
Edward Heinert	Mileage	\$23.58
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$248.63
Crystal Homan	Gross Wages	\$1,279.31
Hooker County Tribune	Services	\$80.00
Interstate All Battery Center	Supplies	\$366.00
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,372.64
Journal Entry	Refund	-\$68.43
Jury Duty	Services	\$6,230.00
Jury Mileage	Mileage	\$7,549.52
K Lawn	Services	\$125.00
Kelly Kilmer	Services	\$20.00
Makayla Lamprecht	Services	\$20.00
Rachel Larson	Services	\$282.00
Dave Leonard	Reimbursement	\$299.68
Lifeguard MD Inc	Supplies	\$85.00
Lincoln County Detention Center	Services	\$2,200.00
Angie Lincoln	Mileage	\$26.20
Brittney Longcor	Reimbursement	\$271.08
Michael Malone	Services	\$20.00
Ryan McSweeney	Reimbursement	\$43.18
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$176.00
Midwest Connect	Services	\$15.00
MIPS	Services	\$3,177.62
Sally Monroe	Services	\$182.64
Jackie Moreland	Reimbursement	\$683.24

Kay Morrison	Services	\$125.00
NACO	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$575.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$15.87
Nebraska Safety & Fire Equip	Services	\$425.00
NENA: The 911 Association	Services	\$299.00
Niobrara Lodge	Lodging	\$4,094.00
NK Waste Management	Services	\$184.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$2,624.97
Albert Osburn	Reimbursement	\$60.73
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Supplies	\$183.60
Paper Tiger Shredding	Services	\$50.00
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$137.00
Pit Stall	Services	\$321.86
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$975.90
Premier Parts & Paint	Services	\$595.00
Presto-X	Services	\$103.73
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$351.00
Ron Lower Construction	Services	\$35.00
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$569.28
Schneider Geospatial	Services	\$27,748.00
Rebecca Schroeder	Services	\$1,000.00
Eric Scott	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$8,427.00
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$380.44
Cardmember Service	Supplies	\$87.95
Samuel Spain	Mileage	\$100.00
Tony's Tire & Auto Repair	Services	\$1,753.59
Trade Winds Motel	Lodging	\$496.00
True Value	Supplies	\$354.87
UNL Panhandle Research & Extension	Services	\$406.40
UNL Haskell Ag Lab	Services	\$95.00
US Cellular	Services	\$88.45
Valentine Dental Clinic LLC	Services	\$72.75
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$1,065.21
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$6,735.80
Veterans Information Service	Services	\$30.00
Western Oil/Conoco	Fuel/Car Wash	\$30.00
Westfield Pharmacy	Supplies	\$138.67
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$2,160.91
Laura Willert	Mileage	\$36.03
Brown County Sheriff's Office	Services	\$8,400.00
3S Fabrication & Repair	Services	\$819.00
911 Custom	Services	\$530.00
	GROSS TOTAL	\$124,582.87
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	\$271.31
	NET TOTAL	\$124,311.56

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	259,940.33	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of		\$	259,940.33
ROAD			
American Crane & Tractor	Supplies	\$73.87	
Arrowcraft	Services	\$11,250.00	

B's Enterprises Inc	Services	\$15,140.00
Bacon Repair	Services	\$1,447.46
Big State Industrial Supply	Supplies	\$445.00
Big Iron Auction	Supplies	\$35,925.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$1,053.35
Douglas Boyer	Reimbursement	\$110.65
Brad White Equipment	Supplies	\$19,900.00
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$6,515.14
Cherry County Clinic	Services	\$28.00
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$410.79
Circle K Motor Company	Services	\$983.49
Cody Oil	Services	\$8,323.35
Village of Cody	Services	\$156.50
Colonial Research Chemical Company	Services	\$625.74
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$284.11
Croell Inc	Services	\$7,462.03
Crossroads Auto Repair Specialist	Services	\$937.39
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$145.19
D&L Sand & Gravel	Services	\$359.00
Danielski Farms	Services	\$11,028.16
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Deere Credit Inc	Services	\$3,100.08
ESRI Inc	Services	\$770.00
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$316.11
Kevin Heath	Services	\$500.00
Hoefs Skidloader Works LLC	Services	\$21,964.75
Huskerland Communications	Supplies	\$34.98
Inland Truck Parts Company	Supplies	\$3,969.08
Interstate Battery System	Services	\$496.80
JEBRO	Services	\$22,458.48
John Deere Financial	Services	\$3,633.52
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$335.27
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$1,096.69
Kirk Barnes Construction	Services	\$6,420.00
Koinzan Trucking	Services	\$12,395.63
L&L Gravel	Services	\$20,012.25
Lawson Products	Supplies	\$104.64
Medical Enterprises	Services	\$110.00
Village of Merriman	Services	\$60.79
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Services	\$3,798.21
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Company	Services	\$11,995.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$46.06
Nebraska Truck Center	Services	\$1,093.79
Newman Signs Inc	Services	\$340.20
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$5,887.50
No Limit Power	Services	\$1.84
Northern Safety Co	Services	\$697.96
Office Products Center	Supplies	\$253.95
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Supplies	\$1,824.00
The Parts Company	Supplies	\$919.83
Perrett Construction	Services	\$31.99
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$135.00
Pit Stall	Services	\$1,035.34

Powerplan	Services	\$10,062.67
Prema	Services	\$62.37
Quadient Finance	Postage	\$99.00
Sandhills Family Medicine	Services	\$56.00
Thedford Lumber & Supply	Services	\$399.99
Shawn Thompson	Reimbursement	\$219.24
US Cellular	Services	\$106.23
Valentine Midland News & Printing	Services	\$78.76
City of Valentine	Services	\$184.41
Western Oil	Services	\$20.00
	TOTAL	\$259,940.33

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	320,791.91	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Highway Street/Bridge Buyback Fund in the amount of		\$	320,791.91
Highway Street/Bridge Buyback			
D&L Sand & Gravel	Services	\$	19,000.00
JEBRO	Services	\$	225,972.79
Topkote	Services	\$	75,819.12
	TOTAL		\$320,791.91

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	37,375.99	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of		\$	37,375.99
VISITOR PROMOTION			
Cox/Johnson Corporation	Services		\$400.00
Great Plains Communications	Services		\$183.65
Howard Johnson	Lodging		\$231.00
Kelo TV	Services		\$17,020.00
KLKN TV	Services		\$5,200.00
Nebraska Tourism Conference	Dues/Fees/Training		\$275.00
News Channel Nebraska 35	Services		\$3,200.00
NRG Media, LLC	Services		\$10,055.00
Regina Osburn	Reimbursement		\$429.99
City of Valentine	Services		\$381.35
	TOTAL		\$37,375.99

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	9,000.00	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Improvement Fund in the amount of		\$	9,000.00
VISITOR IMPROVEMENT (995)			
City of Valentine	Services		\$9,000.00
	TOTAL		\$9,000.00

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	28,805.17	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of		\$	28,805.17
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS			
Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims		\$28,805.17
	TOTAL		\$28,805.17

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	9,427.08	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of	\$	9,427.08	
BOOKMOBILE			
Valentine Public Library	Bookmobile	\$9,427.08	
	TOTAL	\$	9,427.08
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	77,177.36	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Grant Fund in the amount of	\$		77,177.36
GRANT FUND			
Niobrara Valley Vineyards LLC	Grant	\$77,177.36	
	TOTAL		\$77,177.36
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	3,889.73	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Covid American Rescue Plan Fund in the amount of	\$		3,889.73
COVID ARPF			
Applied Connective Technologies	Services	\$3,889.73	
	TOTAL		\$3,889.73
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	4,730.19	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of	\$		4,730.19
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			
Century Link	Services	\$245.30	
Grant Management USA	Services	\$495.00	
KBR Rural Public Power	Services	\$101.99	
Office Products	Supplies	\$759.74	
Page My Cell	Services	\$3,000.00	
Prema	Services	\$98.16	
Callie Sokol	Services	\$30.00	
	TOTAL		\$4,730.19
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	4,160.63	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of	\$		4,160.63
INHERITANCE TAX			
Circle K Motor Company	Services	\$1,933.63	
Marvin Planning Consultants	Services	\$1,540.00	
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$300.00	
Woods & Aitken LLP	Services	\$387.00	
	TOTAL		\$4,160.63
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,002.55	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of	\$		1,002.55
911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)			
Antelope County 911	Services	\$545.00	
CenturyLink	Services	\$283.49	
Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$27.42	
OPTK Networks	Services	\$146.64	
	TOTAL		\$1,002.55
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	5,681.14	.

and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of	\$		5,681.14
911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)			
Antelope County 911	Services		\$3,088.34
CenturyLink	Services		\$1,606.44
Great Plains Communications Inc	Services		\$155.40
OPTK Networks	Services		\$830.96
	TOTAL		\$5,681.14

At 1:26 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

September 26, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on September 26, 2023 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 DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Corrections regular meeting minutes from September 12, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Building & Grounds Superintendent Pat Greenough met with the Board to discuss amounts budgeted for wages, years of service, and hours worked. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to set the Building & Grounds Superintendent's wage to \$22.50 per hour, effective September 18, 2023. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith provided the Board with quotes from Husker Steel for the replacement of the Elsmere Rd Bridge over Goose Creek and a wing extension for the Seneca Rd Bridge over the North Loup River. The Board requested that Superintendent Smith get the Elsmere Rd Bridge load rated to see if it does need to be replaced and for plans to be drawn up for bid letting of the Seneca Rd Bridge wing extension. Both projects would qualify for use of the Bridge Buyback funds.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding a delay in the striping of N Kilgore Rd, breakdown issues for two loaders and an International semi, mix design is complete for District #3 to begin mixing, there is more equipment to be declared surplus, and the possibility of acquiring more millings. Superintendent Smith and Supervisor Boyer informed the Board that signing had been evaluated and upgraded on S Cody Rd due to heavy truck traffic and that all Districts need signing upgraded.

Nebraska Registered Land Surveyor Lloyd Smith presented the Board with a Replat of "Block 1, Snake River Homesites" in Sections 14 & 15, T32N, R30W, Cherry County, NE. Mr. Smith explained that replat had been requested by the owner because of the relocation of a road and identification of a trail road. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Replat of "Block 1, Snake River Homesites" and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a contract extension received from Keith Marvin for consultant services. The Board spoke with Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle via telephone regarding said contract. There was no Board action taken on the Marvin Planning Consultants Contract Extension agenda item.

Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz updated the Board regarding an SRS radio grant, satellite phone costs, Motorola dispatch consoles project, GeoComm mapping is complete in Keya Paha County, and the hazard mitigation plan update meetings will be starting soon.

The Board reviewed correspondence received from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy regarding Valentine Feeders CAFO.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:13 p.m. to 12:55 p.m.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:18 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.

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

September 29, 2023 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	239,022.64	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of			\$	239,022.64

GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,280.90
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$17,666.35
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,832.30
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding	\$2,212.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$39,070.50
Credit Management Services Inc	Withholdings/Garnishment	\$643.06
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$30,689.52
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$22,038.45
Journal Entry	Void Ck#23081688	(\$161.25)
Journal Entry	Refund	(\$60.82)
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$2,950.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$4,607.78
Quadient Leasing	Postage	\$308.21
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$517.90
General Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$151,684.89
	GROSS TOTAL	\$278,279.79
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$39,257.15)
	NET TOTAL	\$239,022.64

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	168,717.30	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$	168,717.30

ROAD FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,697.87
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$8,432.18
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,285.68
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$935.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$18,781.54
Cornhusker International	Services	\$11,793.39
Credit Management	Garnishment	\$289.38
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$15,318.50
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$10,680.65
Journal Entry	Void Ck# 23092183	(\$3,100.08)
Legal Shield	Services	\$101.70
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,350.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,251.56
Northern Tool	Supplies	\$697.96
Panhandle Collection/Dawes County	Withholding/Garnishment	\$400.09

Sandhill Oil	Services	\$41,251.98
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$202.99
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$76,129.50
	GROSS TOTAL	\$188,814.39
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$20,097.09)
	NET TOTAL	\$168,717.30

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **5,867.09** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of \$ **5,867.09**

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$578.12
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$56.46
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,009.24
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$138.54
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Visitors Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$5,138.87
	GROSS TOTAL	\$7,050.44
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,183.35)
	NET TOTAL	\$5,867.09

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **8,867.05** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of \$ **8,867.05**

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$8,867.05
	TOTAL	\$8,867.05

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **10,659.90** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ **10,659.90**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	9.43
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$739.97
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$112.92
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$55.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$1,417.96
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,513.58
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$756.52
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$100.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$244.43
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$63.68
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$7,377.56
	GROSS TOTAL	\$12,391.05
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,731.15)
	NET TOTAL	\$10,659.90

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:30 p.m. to 2:32 p.m.

At 2:33 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer opened the public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2023-2024 Cherry County budget. Anne Warren

had questions concerning the funds contained in the COVID American Rescue Plan Fund. Catherine Morris had questions concerning the Inheritance Tax Fund revenues and actual vs requested operating expense amounts. At 3:07 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer closed the public hearing.

Clerk Longcor reviewed the calculation of restricted funds authority, interlocal agreement lid exceptions, and unused restricted funds authority.

DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to adopt Resolution #2023-08 Allowable Increase of Restricted Funds. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Clerk Longcor informed the Board that the budget software had a rounding issue that caused the levy published in the hearing notice to be incorrect by .000001. After manual calculation, the error was corrected and the resolution contains the correct levy of .193390.

McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to adopt Resolution #2023-09 Resolution Setting the 2023 Property Tax Request. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to adopt Resolution # 2023-10 Cherry County Budget Document Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

At 3:30 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

September 26, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on September 26, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published September 13, 2023 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 1:18 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

The Board reviewed a Notice of Appeal from the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission and the 2023 Reports and Opinions of the Property Tax Administrator – Cherry County. There was no business to come before the Board.

At 1:20 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

September 26, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on September 26, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published September 13, 2023 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 1:30 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittney Longcor, and Cherry County Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Administrator Hesse, Clerk Longcor, Payroll Clerk Billie Brockley, and Dispatch Sergeant Gary Jackson met with the Board to discuss the overtime calculation period and issues caused with scheduling, 8-hour vs 12-hour shifts, 207(k) exemption qualification, flexibility for covering shifts, and functionality of the TimeClock Plus system. Administrator Hesse requested that the Board indefinitely postpone the switch from a 28-day to a 7-day period for overtime calculation. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to change the effective date for the Justice Center overtime calculation period to be November 13, 2023 at 12:00 a.m., with necessary legal clarification from the County Attorney. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy. No – Nelson. The motion carried.

There was no discussion or Board action taken on the agenda item regarding the Justice Center Pay Scale Revision.

At 2:32 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

October 10, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on October 10, 2023 in the Cherry County 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 DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. 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 September 26, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from September 26, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from September 26, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Building & Grounds Superintendent Pat Greenough and Andrew Ward, Heart City Plumbing & Heating, met with the Board to discuss the boiler in the old Courthouse. Mr. Ward stated that the boiler is not safe to operate and parts are no longer available to repair it. An estimate for asbestos removal and a new boiler total \$130,000 and the replacement boiler wouldn't be available until at least February 2024. The process for winterizing the building and offices that would need relocated were discussed. Deputy Emergency Manager Jessica Coyle stated that there were grants available for historic buildings, but that the deadline was March of 2023 and the potential for a similar grant in the future is uncertain. The Board requested that Mr. Greenough move forward with winterizing the old (north) Courthouse.

Deputy EM Coyle updated the Board regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan, an issue with the backup microwave for the Motorola dispatch consoles, EMPG status, fire watch and forecasted weather, fall checks on towers will begin soon, LEOP progress, and Wildfire Defense Grants.

Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle informed the Board that she and several Planning Commission members will be attending the NPZA Conference via Zoom later in the week. Administrator Coyle spoke with the Board regarding the contract extension for Keith Marvin and reviewed information clarifying items contained in the extension. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc. Contract Extension. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Valentine City Council member, Kyle Arganbright; Cherry County Tourism Director Regina Osburn; County Attorney Eric Scott; and Visitors Promotion Board members, Sara Renning and Rich Mercure, met with the Board to discuss the proposed joint Wellness/Convention Center. An overview of the ownership/lease structure, buildout expenses and timing of payments, expenses during operation and dark period, estimated revenues, additional lodging tax revenue, staffing, and use of office spaces were discussed. Mr. Scott indicated that he would do some research to ascertain the legal authority regarding uses of Visitor Improvement funds. The next step for the project is the City Attorney preparing a draft lease document. No Board action was required at this time.

The Board informed Mr. Scott regarding the estimate for repairs and timing regarding the boiler in the old Courthouse. The requirement of providing office space for Veterans' Service, Extension, and DHHS was discussed. The possibility of de-winterizing the Sawyer Library building as a temporary solution was also discussed.

At 11:22 a.m. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategic real estate acquisition for Courthouse employees, with the Board, Clerk, and County Attorney present. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried. Chairman DeNaeyer restated the limitation of subject matter of the closed session to be the discussion of real estate acquisition. At 12:02 p.m. the meeting room doors were reopened, and the public was allowed to enter. At 12:03 p.m. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to return to open session. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Noxious Weed Control Superintendent Dave Leonard met with the Board to discuss the Beacon GIS class he had attended and the SWMA Interlocal Agreement. Said agreement was reviewed by the County Attorney. SWMA dues and cancellation terms contained in the Interlocal Agreement were discussed. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the Sandhills Weed Management Area Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of District Court fee report for September 2023, Treasurer's fund balance listing for September 30, 2023, Operating Statement report of budget v. actual spending for September 30, 2023, Sheriff's Fee Report for 3rd Quarter 2023, correspondence from Central Nebraska Economic Development District and their Annual Conference, and a Thank You from Governor Jim Pillen regarding the National Guard deployment of a county employee. Commissioner DeNaeyer reported regarding the West Central District meeting he attended last week.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding trailers for District #2, MSHA training, the completion of center line striping and no passing zones on N Kilgore Rd, equipment to be declared as surplus, equipment repairs, and millings acquired to be used on Loup River Rd.

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith met with the Board to review Requests to Occupy County Right-of-Way received from CenturyLink. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve Requests to Occupy County Right-of-Way for CenturyLink to construct fiber optic cable and enclosures at the following locations: 14,364' of cable along Chaduza Ridge Rd, Chaduza Canyon Rd, and Cedar Lane; 23,634' of cable along Borman Bridge Rd and Pine Heights Dr; and 7,653' of cable in NE1/4 S1 T33 R28 Cherry County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Superintendent Smith stated that he had inspected the site contained in the Request to Occupy received from Kurt Stolzenburg and recommended approval. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Request to Occupy County Right-of-Way for Kurt Stolzenburg to construct a 2" waterline crossing S Kilgore Rd at S6 T33 R30 south across road to S7 T33 R30. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

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

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:30 p.m. to 1:41 p.m.

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

October 10, 2023 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	79,848.45	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$		79,848.45
GENERAL			
Anderson Electric Inc	Services		272.41
Applied Connective Technologies	Services		\$6,391.61
Axon Enterprise Inc	Services		\$499.80

Whitney Barnes	Reimbursement	\$298.72
Black Hills Chemical	Services	\$769.57
Bob Barker Company	Services	\$323.78
Bob's Signs	Services	\$21.50
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$34.04
Michael Borders	Services	\$4,029.74
CenturyLink	Telephone Service	\$186.21
CenturyLink	Telephone Service	\$1,716.47
Cherry County Clinic	Services	\$134.00
Cherry County District Court	Services	\$72.00
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$6,150.00
Cherry County Sheriff	Services	\$34.50
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees	\$5.00
Cidnet	Services	\$300.00
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service	\$318.25
Consolidated Management Company	Services	\$196.00
Country Inn & Suites by Radisson	Lodging	\$249.00
Jessica Coyle	Reimbursement	\$293.42
Craftmaster Hardware	Supplies	\$352.91
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services	\$448.00
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services	\$220.55
Firstnet/AT&T	Services	\$652.13
Galls Parent Holdings, LLC	Supplies	\$415.19
Michelle Garwood	Reimbursement	\$381.07
Genesis Psychiatric Group	Services	\$266.36
Grant County News	Services	\$84.00
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$166.53
The Gun Cabinet	Supplies	\$600.00
Shawn Hamling	Reimbursement	\$417.90
Timothy Hanson	Equipment	\$2,636.75
Heart City Drug	Supplies	\$127.87
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$645.89
Huskerland Communications	Supplies	\$71.96
Idemia Identity	Services	\$5,259.00
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,135.25
Dave Leonard	Reimbursement	\$145.00
Brittney Longcor	Reimbursement	\$239.88
Vince Lopez	Services	\$100.00
Loup Basin RC&D	Services	\$556.99
Marco Technologies	Services	\$24.76
Midwest Special Services	Services	\$1,469.55
MIPS	Services	\$3,177.62
NACO	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$6,623.38
Nebraska Safety & Fire Equip	Services	\$100.00
NK Waste Management	Services	\$179.00
NPZA	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$60.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$1,444.45
Old Mill Bulk Foods	Supplies	\$172.80
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$14.20
Pit Stall	Services	\$109.66
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$480.40
Presto-X	Services	\$103.73
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$1,358.00

R Kruger Extinguishers	Services	\$1,044.00
Reese Inc	Services	\$1,133.10
Region 4 Behavioral Health System	Services	\$5,379.75
Ron's Quik Lube	Services	\$191.74
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$157.46
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$150.11
Camilla Searby	Reimbursement	\$183.60
Cardmember Service	Supplies	\$178.10
Sennett, Duncan, Jenkins & Wickham	Services	\$2,904.41
Sheridan County Journal Star	Services	\$231.00
Samuel Spain	Services	\$100.00
Stuntcams	Supplies	\$870.00
True Value	Supplies	\$38.74
UNL c/o NE Extension Cherry County	Services	\$9.76
UNL Panhandle Research & Extension	Services	\$406.14
US Cellular	Services	\$88.45
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$1,182.56
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$6,646.05
Ward Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$619.36
Western Oil/Conoco	Fuel/Car Wash	\$48.05
Westfield Pharmacy	Supplies	\$84.78
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$2,413.52
Wrenched Tire & Auto LLC	Services	\$250.97
	Total	\$79,848.45

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	195,130.86	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$

ROAD

Allard Precast	Supplies	\$1,560.00
Andersen & Sons NAPA Auto Parts	Supplies	\$76.98
Bacon Repair	Services	\$914.39
Big State Industrial Supply	Supplies	\$305.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$969.94
Breinig Truck & Trailer	Services	\$21,500.00
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$7,684.13
Chemsearch	Services	\$534.95
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$134.10
Cody Oil	Services	\$5,175.74
Colonial Research Chemical Company	Services	\$312.32
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$299.72
Cornhusker International	Services	\$4,035.00
Croell Inc	Services	\$1,094.86
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$140.82
D&L Sand & Gravel	Services	\$864.00
Daly Enterprises	Services	\$110.00
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Elevate Agronomics	Services	\$450.00
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$316.11
Great Plains Health	Services	\$56.00
Grimm's Pump & Industrial Supply	Services	\$277.22
Hoefs Skidloader Works LLC	Services	\$10,860.00

Hometown Leasing	Services	\$6,000.00
Inland Truck Parts Company	Supplies	\$137.80
J&J Trailer Sales	Services	\$902.00
JEBRO	Services	\$22,764.20
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$276.07
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$219.72
L&L Gravel	Services	\$6,001.02
Licking Redi Mix	Supplies	\$7,722.40
Light & Siren	Services	\$2,414.12
Martin Auto Parts II	Services	\$7.12
Mathis Equipment	Supplies	\$10,773.92
Medical Enterprises	Services	\$70.00
Menards	Supplies	\$58.65
Village of Merriman	Services	\$61.83
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Services	\$168.12
Neal Oil & Auto Center	Services	\$428.40
Nebraska Machinery Company	Services	\$1,589.06
Nebraska Motor Fuels Division	Services	\$3,703.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$48.07
Nebraska Truck Center	Services	\$2,388.08
NK Waste Management	Services	\$340.00
Northern Safety Co	Services	\$246.88
Office Products Center	Supplies	\$183.50
Terry Pearman	Reimbursement	\$1,265.24
Perrett Construction	Services	\$179.83
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$10.00
Pit Stall	Services	\$999.50
Powerplan	Services	\$58,028.89
Prema	Services	\$60.30
Quadient Finance	Postage	\$42.00
Sandhill Oil Company	Services	\$9,200.02
Sandhill Ranch Supply	Services	\$214.77
Unitech Inc	Services	\$427.50
US Cellular	Services	\$106.23
City of Valentine	Services	\$203.64
Western Oil	Services	\$10.00
	TOTAL	\$195,130.86

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	44,081.03	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of		\$	44,081.03

VISITOR PROMOTION

AJ Abbott	Grant	\$1,000.00
Cherry County Visitors Promo Board	Reimbursement	\$315.00
Great Plains Communication	Services	\$183.90
Kelo TV	Services	\$29,270.00
KVSH	Services	\$300.00
News Channel Nebraska 35	Services	\$6,450.00
NRG Media, LLC	Services	\$5,228.00
Regina Osburn	Reimbursement	\$618.59
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$449.87
City of Valentine	Services	\$265.67

		TOTAL		\$44,081.03
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	6,250.58	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of			\$	6,250.58
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS				
Cherry County Clerk		Health Insurance Claims		\$6,250.58
		TOTAL		\$6,250.58
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	9,427.08	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of			\$	9,427.08
BOOKMOBILE				
Valentine Public Library		Bookmobile		\$9,427.08
		TOTAL	\$	9,427.08
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	526.48	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of			\$	526.48
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
Century Link		Services		\$244.67
KBR Rural Public Power		Services		\$94.99
Office Products		Supplies		\$86.58
Prema		Services		\$100.24
		TOTAL		\$526.48
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	3,853.65	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of			\$	3,853.65
INHERITANCE TAX				
Circle K Motor Company		Services		\$773.65
Marvin Planning Consultants		Services		\$3,080.00
		TOTAL		\$3,853.65
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	203.58	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of			\$	203.58
911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)				
CenturyLink		Services		\$29.52
Great Plains Communications Inc		Services		\$27.42
OPTK Networks		Services		\$146.64
		TOTAL		\$203.58
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,153.63	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of			\$	1,153.63
911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)				
CenturyLink		Services		\$167.27
Great Plains Communications Inc		Services		\$155.40
OPTK Networks		Services		\$830.96
		TOTAL		\$1,153.63
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,955.00	.	

and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Courthouse (Special Building) Fund in the amount of	\$		1,955.00
Courthouse (Special Building)			
Green Clean	Services		\$1,955.00
	TOTAL		\$1,955.00

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 2:00 p.m. to 3:02 p.m.

The Board recessed from 3:03 p.m. to 3:54 p.m. The remainder of the meeting was relocated to the Courtroom of the Cherry County Courthouse with the Board, Clerk Longcor, County Attorney Eric Scott, and Zoning Administrator Coyle being present.

At 4:03 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer opened the public hearing regarding Conditional Use Permit #001/23 TK Angus Co. – New Construction of a CAFO – Swine Finisher Housing 4,999 Head Over 55lbs located in the SW1/4 SW1/4 Section 13, T33N, R27W, Cherry County, Nebraska.

Zoning Administrator Coyle reviewed the information shared previously with the Board: Planning Commission's public hearing minutes from June 6, 2023, Planning Commission's minutes from August 15, 2023 and their decision to recommend approval to the Board, and that the CUP application is complete.

The Board allowed time for CUP applicant Tim Marlatt and Rick Marlatt to provide information regarding their backgrounds, how they hope to replace commercial fertilizer with organic fertilizer to minimize costs and grow their operation, and their goal is to make production agriculture sustainable long-term to prevent the turnover of land ownership.

Dean Settje, Settje Agri-Services and Engineering Consultant, explained the livestock system design services offered by his company and an overview of the design for the proposed swine finishing facility. The proposed project is composed of two buildings totaling approximately 42,000 square feet and it is an aerobic deep pit facility with 365 days of manure storage. The manure will be used to fertilize the land contained in the permit and will be knifed into the ground. NDEE permitting and approval, third party oversight, groundwater monitoring, soil testing, and the odor footprint tool were discussed. The reversal of the application/permit process with the county and NDEE was addressed.

Rick stated that the transportation route for all hogs, feed, and employees for the facility will be on a private road that was built and is maintained by them.

The Board, applicants, and Mr. Settje engaged in conversation regarding the protocol if a test well fails, soil testing before and after application of manure, soil makeup at the proposed application sites, who bears the liability if there is a facility failure, depth to groundwater, and residences in the proposed area. Questions concerning employees, ownership of the facility, and ownership of the hogs were asked.

Planning Commission members present at the public hearing, Duane Kime and Sherri Bacon, were asked to provide information to the Board regarding the CUP application. The Planning Commission's vote to recommend approval, findings of fact, and tour of the proposed facility site were discussed. It was clarified by Mr. Scott that the Planning Commission only provides a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners and cannot adopt any restrictions or allowances for the permit.

Written testimony was submitted prior to the public hearing by Mark Kovar, Gerald & Jane Grooms, Ed Brown, David & Reba Prasch, an anonymous individual, Susan J. Cook, Kevin Grooms, and Twyla Gallino.

During the public hearing written testimony was submitted by Robert Shelbourn, Carolyn Semin, LeRoy Semin, Jennifer Suhr, Marla Shelbourn, Gordon Suhr, Frank Patterson, Christina Wickett, Ann Warren, and Jay Simon.

Approximately 17 individuals provided oral testimony during the public hearing including: Robert Shelbourn, Carolyn Semin, LeRoy Semin, Jerry Grooms, Jennifer Suhr, Marla Shelbourn, Gordon Suhr, Frank Patterson, Christina Wickett, Ann Warren, Casey King, John Gross, Steve Martin, Tim Larson, Jay Simon, Howard White, and Susan Cook.

At 6:31 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer closed the public hearing.

Mr. Scott indicated that it was not necessary for the Board to act on the agenda item regarding Zoning Resolution #Z-92. It was a consensus of the Board that they would like more time to review all information received and that a vote concerning Zoning Resolution #Z-92 re: CUP #001/23 TK Angus Co. will take place on November 14, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

At 6:37 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

October 10, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on October 10, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published September 27, 2023 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 1:30 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittney Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

The Board reviewed Cherry County political subdivision levies for 2023 presented by Clerk Longcor, as compiled by Clerk Longcor and Treasurer Kathy Hammond. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to set the 2023 Cherry County political subdivision levies as presented. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

LEVIES FOR CHERRY COUNTY 2023

COUNTY

General Fund	0.087798
Road Fund	0.082740
Emergency Bridge Fund	0.004192
Disaster (Road Bond) Fund	0.011779
Hospital Operating/Maintenance Fund	0.002096
Courthouse (Special Building) Fund	0.002934

TOTAL COUNTY LEVY 0.191539

Bookmobile	0.001851
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TOTAL COUNTY LEVY INCLUDING BOOKMOBILE 0.193390

Cherry County Agricultural Society	General Fund	0.003437
	Sinking Fund	0.000657
	TOTAL	0.004094

Cherry County Historical Society	General Fund	0.000501
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HIGH SCHOOLS

Valentine Community Schools	General Fund	0.557328
	Special Building Fund	0.012940
	TOTAL	0.570268

Cody Kilgore Unified Schools	General Fund	0.758940
	Special Building Fund	0.119133
	TOTAL	0.878073

CITIES AND VILLAGES

Village of Cody	General Fund	0.246228
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Village of Crookston	General Fund	0.173640
Village of Kilgore	General Fund	0.255602
Village of Merriman	General Fund	0.450000
Village of Nenzel	General Fund	0.000000
Village of Wood Lake	General Fund	0.379464
City of Valentine	General Fund	0.191771

FIRE DISTRICTS

Barley Rural Fire District	General Fund	0.006503
Cody Rural Fire District	General Fund	0.012466
	Sinking Fund	<u>0.009340</u>
	TOTAL	0.021806
Kilgore Rural Fire District	General Fund	0.020122
	Sinking Fund	<u>0.003485</u>
	TOTAL	0.023607
Merriman Rural Fire District	General Fund	0.010230
Mid-Cherry Rural Fire District	General Fund	0.007319
Purdum Rural Fire District	General Fund	0.005714
Valentine Rural Fire District	General Fund	0.016745
Wood Lake Rural Fire District	General Fund	0.025841
	Sinking Fund	<u>0.003387</u>
	TOTAL	0.029228

Natural Resources Districts

Middle Niobrara NRD	General Fund	0.036574
	Sinking Fund	<u>0.000815</u>
	TOTAL	0.037389
Upper Loup NRD	General Fund	0.012792

Educational Service Units

ESU 17	General Fund	0.015000
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At 1:41 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

October 10, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on October 10, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published October 4, 2023 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 2:00 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittney Longcor, Cherry County Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse, Cherry County Attorney Eric Scott, and Cherry County Clerk employee Billie Brockley. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Administrator Hesse briefly updated the Board regarding the jail census and staff numbers.

Cross-training of Justice Center employees, qualifications for the 207(k) exemption, corrections officer and dispatcher job descriptions, and overtime calculation periods were discussed. The capability of employees to perform both jobs and scheduling requirements for 12-hour shifts were also discussed.

Mr. Scott, Commissioner Nelson, and Administrator Hesse will coordinate to form a policy regarding employees who would qualify for the 207(k) exemption and those who would be subject to the 40-hour workweek. Said policy will be placed on the Board of Corrections agenda for October 31st.

No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding the Justice Center Overtime Calculation.

At 3:02 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

October 25, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in special session on October 25, 2023 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published in the Valentine Midland News on October 18, 2023. 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 DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittney Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

At 1:02 p.m. the meeting was moved to the Sheriff's Conference Room.

The Board met with Valentine City Council member, Kyle Arganbright, and County Attorney Eric Scott to discuss a Memorandum of Understanding and Lease Agreement for the joint Convention/Wellness Center. The relationship structure, timing of closing on the real estate, costs while the building is dark, and next steps of the project were discussed. Mr. Scott discussed the statutory payment cap for grants per year, concerns regarding the ownership and payment structure, and the formation of an entity whose primary purpose is to own the Convention/Wellness Center. The Board expressed their support for the project, but there are questions that need addressed to ensure that it is done right. There was no Board action on the agenda item regarding City of Valentine – Interlocal Agreement re: Convention Center.

The Board met with Building & Grounds Superintendent Pat Greenough and employees currently working in the old Courthouse to discuss a short-term plan for work arrangements.

At 1:30 p.m. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to enter closed session for the purpose of discussion regarding strategic real estate acquisition with the Board, County Clerk, and County Attorney present. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried. Chairman DeNaeyer restated the limitation of subject matter of the closed session. At 2:19 p.m. the Conference Room doors were opened and the public was allowed to reenter. At 2:20 p.m. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to return to open session. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to authorize County Attorney Eric Scott to negotiate a purchase agreement within the parameters discussed. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board's intent is to move as quickly as possible to secure an alternate space for offices and that individuals should work from home, if necessary.

At 2:22 p.m. the meeting returned to the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz, Deputy Emergency Manager Jessica Coyle, and Niobrara National Scenic River Superintendent Susan Cook met with the Board and County Attorney to discuss the Community Wildfire Defense Grant. Qualifying uses of grant funds, landowner concerns regarding burning of slash piles, timing of tree removal, landowner application process, and involvement of the Nebraska Forest Service were discussed. Middle Niobrara NRD Manager Mike Murphy was present to discuss the possibility of the NRD's involvement with the grant. Personnel required for the administration of the grant and large equipment necessary for tree removal were also discussed.

McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to table the agenda item regarding the Community Wildfire Defense Grant until October 31, 2023. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

At 3:39 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

October 31, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on October 31, 2023 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 DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittney Longcor. 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 October 10, 2023 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 October 10, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from October 10, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board of Commissioners special meeting minutes from October 25, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

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

October 31, 2023 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	279,198.30	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$	279,198.30	
GENERAL FUND			
AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,037.37	
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$20,943.80	
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,832.30	
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding	\$2,121.00	
Cherry County Sheriff	Reimbursement	\$47.17	
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$38,601.36	
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$38,953.26	
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$22,035.28	
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$2,900.00	
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$6,432.98	
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$35.00	
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$8,262.91	
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$517.90	
General Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$180,080.10	
	GROSS TOTAL	\$326,800.43	
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$47,602.13)	
	NET TOTAL	\$279,198.30	

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	134,306.13	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$	134,306.13

ROAD FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,697.87
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$10,035.69
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,285.68
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$990.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$18,781.54
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$18,833.92
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$10,680.65
Legal Shield	Services	\$101.70
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,450.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,990.75
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$266.67
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$90,170.35
	GROSS TOTAL	\$157,599.32
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$23,293.19)
	NET TOTAL	\$134,306.13

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	6,224.53	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of			\$	6,224.53

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$613.27
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$56.46
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,086.88
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$148.15
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Visitors Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$5,451.32
	GROSS TOTAL	\$7,485.29
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,260.76)
	NET TOTAL	\$6,224.53

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	41,924.61	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of			\$	41,924.61

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$41,924.61
	TOTAL	\$41,924.61

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	10,887.22	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of			\$	10,887.22

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	9.43
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$762.33
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$112.92
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$55.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$1,417.96

EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,025.52
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$756.52
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$100.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$305.35
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$63.68
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$7,576.26
	GROSS TOTAL	\$13,184.97
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$2,297.75)
	NET TOTAL	\$10,887.22

Valentine Public Library Director Caroline Graham and Library Board member, Maureen Johnson, met with the Board to present an Interlocal Agreement Renewal. The renewal contains a 3% increase from the prior year and was included in the adopted 2023-2024 Cherry County budget. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Valentine Public Library Interlocal Agreement Renewal and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

NACO Deputy Director Candace Meredith updated the Board regarding the NACO Legislative Conference, NACO December Conference, cybersecurity grant opportunities, ARPA funds, NACO West progress, and a statewide salary study that will be sent to all County Clerks.

The Board met with Kathy Nellor, Judd Allen, Mike Boden, and Dennis Maggart to discuss BlueCross BlueShield Wellness Solutions. Information was presented on an interactive platform to promote and incentivize employee participation in their health and wellness. The previous wellness program was discussed and the Board indicated that they would prefer something similar to that.

The Board reviewed the certification submitted by Treasurer Kathy Hammond of the distress warrants issued to the Cherry County Sheriff. 48 distress warrants were delivered, totaling \$14,415.43 in taxes due.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding equipment repairs, inspection of the striping on N. Kilgore Rd, and the completion of video documentation of Lehrman Road.

DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to declare the following Road Department equipment as surplus and authorize Mr. Boyer to consign the equipment as appropriate. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

2-203	GMC	DUMP TRUCK	2001	C7H064	1GDS7H4C81J506092
3-202	INTERNATIONAL	TRUCK	2011		1HSDJ SJ T6BJ 400670
3-204	INTERNATIONAL	TRACTOR TRUCK	2011		1HSDJ STXBJ 400669
9-200	TRAILBLAZER	BELLY DUMP	1996	S-4202	1C9SS4225T1424467
9-208	LOAD KING	TRAILER	2006	2066D	5LKD3723661025790
9-209		FUEL TRAILER	1990		
9-211	LOAD KING	BOTTOM DUMP	2006	PULL TYPE	5LKD3723061025784
9-215		BOX TRAILER	1968		
9-216		BOX TRAILER	1954		16491
18-204	CASE	DISC & TRAILER			522429
18-407	HAY BUSTER	BALE BUSTER	1983	256	33689

DIST #2	PICK UP BOX TRAILER
DIST #2	2 WHEEL CAR DOLLY
DIST #2	SEED SPREADER ON 2 WHEELS
DIST #2	JD UTILITY TRACTOR BLADE
DIST #2	2 MISC OLD PICK UP PLOWS
DIST #2	MISC FOLD OUT RAMPS
DIST #2	MISC BUCKET FORKS (SCREW TO LOADER BUCKET)
DIST #2	SCARIFIER THAT CAME ON MOTOR GRADER
DIST #2	6-RECAPED 285-75X24.5
DIST #2	4-20.5 X 25 OLD LOADER TIRES
DIST #2	23.5 X 25 OLD LOADER TIRES
DIST #2	HANDICAP LIFT

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith met with the Board to discuss engineering costs and estimates for the replacement of Anderson Bridge.

Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to adopt Resolution #2023-11 Signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent 2023. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed documents needed to complete the process of reimbursing Cherry County for repairing underground sprinklers that were damaged during construction of the highway project. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve State of Nebraska Department of Transportation Catch All Contract re: Project #83-4(117) Tract #3 & Tract #35 and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz and Deputy Emergency Manager Jessica Coyle met with the Board to discuss a siren grant for the Village of Merriman. The Hazard Mitigation Plan will be updated to include the grant and no Board action is needed until the grant is applied for. No Board action was taken on the Emergency Management Grant re: Merriman Siren agenda item.

Director Sandoz and Deputy Coyle provided an EM update regarding SRS radio grants, an issue with one of the microwaves for the Motorola dispatch consoles project, EMPG has been submitted, and upcoming NG911 ESInet installation.

Director Sandoz spoke with the Board regarding costs for satellite phones and that they aren't utilized. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to not renew the contract with Global Star for satellite phones. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to designate Chairman DeNaeyer as the person casting the ballot for Cherry County and Commissioner Nelson as the alternate during the December 2023 NACO Election. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

Veterans Service Officer Shawn Hamling met with the Board to discuss Operation Greenlight to bring awareness to hardships faced by veterans and their families transitioning from active service. Nelson moved and McConaughey seconded to adopt Resolution #2023-12 Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:15 p.m. to 1:17 p.m.

Correspondence from the Nebraska State Fire Marshal Agency Boiler Inspection Division was reviewed. Commissioner DeNaeyer reported regarding the quarterly safety meeting and the NIRMA conference he had attended.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:30 p.m. to 2:04 p.m.

Keya Paha County Commissioners: Corey Nilson, Mike Tuerk, John Frederick, County Attorney Eric Scott, EM Director Sandoz, Deputy EM Coyle, and Keya Paha County Deputy EM Timothy Wyrick met with the Board to discuss the Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services between the counties of Keya Paha and Cherry. The possibility of a new interlocal agreement with changes to the payment terms was discussed. Mr. Scott will draft a new interlocal agreement for consideration by both Boards.

The Board, Keya Paha County Board, Mr. Scott, Director Sandoz, Deputy EM Coyle, and Deputy EM Wyrick spoke via Microsoft Teams with John Ericson of the Nebraska Forest Service and Katie Reinmiller, UNL Grants Specialist, regarding the Community Wildfire Defense Grant. The disposal of slash piles, wildfire risk assessment portals, administration of the grant, and timing of the grant award were discussed. The possibility of restructuring and rewriting the grant for next year with the direct involvement of the Forest Service was agreed by all present to be the best route to take. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding the Community Wildfire Defense Grant.

Pursuant to the strategy discussed during the October 25th special meeting, Mr. Scott presented a purchase agreement, with a tentative December 1 closing date. The agreement is contingent upon a building inspection, with an inspector of the county's choosing. If the inspection comes back unfavorably there is an option to allow the seller to cure or the agreement is voided. The agreement allows for partial possession prior to closing and upon a satisfactory inspection allows for immediate access to finished offices and ADA compliant restrooms. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to authorize the Chairman to enter into the purchase agreement as provided by the County Attorney. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

From 3:26 p.m. to 4:03 pm the Board, County Attorney, and Keya Paha County Board toured the KPCC New Generations building.

The Board reviewed and signed a Payroll Change Notice as presented by Supervisor Boyer. Supervisor Boyer requested that the Board consider shortening the hours that road employees work per week from 45 to 40 and increasing the hourly wage.

At 4:18 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

October 31, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on October 31, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published October 11, 2023 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 1:15 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittney Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

There was no business to come before the Board.

At 1:17 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

October 31, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on October 31, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published October 11, 2023 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 1:30 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittney Longcor, Cherry County Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse, and Cherry County Attorney Eric Scott. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Mr. Scott presented a draft resolution for the Board to review concerning the policy of training Justice Center employees as both corrections officers and dispatchers. Administrator Hesse stated that there are some current employees who might be averse to such a requirement. The Board discussed adopting the policy to leave the terms and conditions of employment for current employees unchanged and to implement the requirement for employees hired after this date.

Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to adopt Resolution #2023-13. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Resolution #2023-13

It is the policy, as of this date, of the Cherry County Board of Corrections that all new employees of the Cherry County Justice Center shall be trained as both corrections officers and dispatchers and each employee shall demonstrate a competence to perform both functions. The Cherry County Justice Center Administrator shall implement such programming as is necessary to promote and ensure compliance and implementation of this policy.

At 2:04 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

November 14, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on November 14, 2023 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 Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittney Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioner regular meeting minutes from October 31, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from October 31, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from October 31, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a memo from NIRMA regarding the annual membership meeting, a dividend distribution in the amount of \$8,941, and a recommitment agreement to extend participation in the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association through June 30, 2027. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to adopt Resolution #2023-14 For Amendment and Addendum to NIRMA/NIRMA II Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding an opportunity for CDL testing, reimbursement for said testing, advertising for bids for a mid-sized excavator, and that he will work with the foremen to upgrade and update signing. The Board discussed the excavators in each district and Commissioner McConaughy stated that he would like to check with District #3 Foreman prior to declaring any as surplus. There was no Board action taken on the agenda item regarding Surplus Road Department Equipment.

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith spoke with the Board regarding the upcoming One- and Six-Year Plan. The Board confirmed that they would like Superintendent Smith to work with Supervisor Boyer and the foremen to create said plan for 2024.

Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz and Deputy Emergency Manager Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding Hazard Mitigation Plan progress, coordination with the schools on their safety planning, an ongoing issue with the microwave for the Motorola dispatch consoles project, road repair necessary to get propane to the tower north of town, tower checks, and that a burn ban may be put in place soon.

Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle informed the Board that, after holding a public hearing, the Planning Commission had voted 6-2 to recommend approval of CUP #004/23 – Bow & Arrow Ranch LLC Conservation Easement. Potential dates for a public hearing were discussed and Administrator Coyle stated that the CUP application was the same as the one applied for in 2021 with less acres included. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to set the public hearing re: CUP #004/23 – Bow & Arrow Ranch LLC Conservation Easement to be on December 12, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of District Court fee report for October 2023, Treasurer's fund balance listing for October 31, 2023, and Operating Statement report of budget v. actual spending for October 31, 2023.

Claim #23112588 payable to Eric Scott from the General Fund was adjusted from \$749.64 to \$656.65. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve claims. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

November 14, 2023 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	60,301.91	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of			\$	60,301.91
GENERAL				
Allen Monument Company	Services			\$95.00
Andrea Andre	Reimbursement			\$88.74
Andy's Glass Shop	Services			\$55.00
Applied Connective Technologies	Services			\$6,447.13
Arrow Hotel	Lodging			\$594.73
Daniel Bauer	Reimbursement			\$662.37
Black Hills Chemical	Services			\$528.25
Bob Barker Company	Services			\$618.58
Bomgaars	Supplies			\$134.99
Buckles Fuel Service	Services			\$65.66
Centurylink	Telephone Service			\$199.83
Centurylink	Telephone Service			\$1,800.21
Cherry County Clinic	Services			\$134.00
Cherry County Court	Services			\$806.00
Cherry County District Court	Services			\$36.00
Cherry County Implement	Services			\$103.45
Cherry County Sheriff	Services			\$159.49
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees			\$5.00
Cidnet	Services			\$300.00
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service			\$318.25
Comfort Inn Kearney	Lodging			\$284.60
Country Fabric & Craft	Supplies			\$4.25
Crowne Plaza/IGH Hotel	Lodging			\$243.90
Cummins Sales and Service	Supplies			\$1,381.37
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services			\$537.60
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services			\$220.55
Daugherty Construction	Services			\$1,500.00
Firstnet/AT&T	Services			\$652.13
Galls, LLC	Supplies			\$824.19
Galls Parent Holdings, LLC	Supplies			\$69.61
Michelle Garwood	Reimbursement			\$49.78
Dustina Goodrich	Reimbursement			\$109.73
Government Forms and Supplies	Supplies			\$210.68
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement			\$100.00
Timothy Hanson	Equipment			\$2,636.75
Heart City Plumbing	Services			\$250.00
Henderson's IGA	Supplies			\$310.20
Holiday Inn Kearney	Lodging			\$229.90
Interstate All Battery Center	Services			\$131.25
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment			\$6,767.34
Journal Entry	Refund			-\$53.92
K Lawn	Services			\$177.00

L&B Johnson PC	Services	\$601.75
Legal and Liability Risk Management	Services	\$150.00
Dave Leonard	Reimbursement	\$220.00
Samantha Leonard	Reimbursement	\$269.86
Lincoln County Detention Center	Services	\$1,950.00
Brittney Longcor	Reimbursement	\$273.61
Madison's Great Western	Supplies	\$38.53
Marco Technologies	Services	\$194.69
William Marshall	Services	\$50.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$40.00
MIPS	Services	\$3,177.62
Jackie Moreland	Reimbursement	\$289.35
NACO	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$2,090.39
NACVSO	Services	\$50.00
NE APCO/NENA	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$165.00
Nebraska Sheriff's Association	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$350.00
Nebraska State Fire Marshal Agency	Services	\$180.00
NENA: The 9-1-1 Association	Services	\$598.00
NK Waste Management	Services	\$184.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$1,337.49
Paper Tiger Shredding	Services	\$50.00
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$90.55
Presto-X	Services	\$103.73
Pronto Parts Company	Supplies	\$126.46
Quadient Leasing USA	Services	\$1,304.15
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$350.00
R Kruger Extinguishers	Services	\$308.00
Region IV Inc	Services	\$2,626.00
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$140.11
Andrea Schadel	Reimbursement	\$255.84
Eric Scott	Reimbursement	\$656.65
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$341.73
Cardmember Service	Supplies	\$220.62
Sennett, Duncan, Jenkins & Wickham	Services	\$2,385.90
Samuel Spain	Services	\$50.00
True Value	Supplies	\$80.18
UNL Panhandle Research & Extension	Services	\$515.77
US Cellular	Services	\$88.75
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$1,136.63
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$4,949.58
Western Oil/Conoco	Fuel/Car Wash	\$48.41
Westfield Pharmacy	Supplies	\$111.67
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$2,244.50
Wrenched Tire & Auto LLC	Services	\$116.80
	Total	\$60,301.91

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	224,451.54	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of		\$	224,451.54
ROAD			
Allard Precast	Supplies	\$3,900.00	
Andersen & Sons NAPA Auto Parts	Supplies	\$8.99	

Bacon Repair	Services	\$133.17
Barco Municipal Products	Supplies	\$1,743.83
Bill's Garage	Services	\$300.00
Earl Blizzard	Reimbursement	\$50.45
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$1,432.04
Brad White Equipment	Services	\$545.22
Breinig Truck & Trailer LLC	Services	\$31,199.89
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$6,411.95
Cherry County Clinic	Services	\$28.00
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$1,207.11
Circle K Motor Company	Services	\$268.70
Cody Oil	Services	\$4,166.92
Village of Cody	Services	\$155.80
Brent Collier	Reimbursement	\$70.58
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$304.24
Contractor Services	Services	\$4,320.00
Croell Inc	Services	\$10,454.27
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$141.23
D&L Sand & Gravel	Services	\$2,700.00
Daly Enterprises	Services	\$68.85
Danielski Farms	Services	\$6,090.56
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Dooley Oil	Services	\$8,397.27
Galaway Field Repair LLC	Services	\$6,199.86
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$316.11
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$79.15
Hoefs Skidloader Works LLC	Services	\$9,798.00
Hometown Lumber & Construction Inc	Services	\$83.70
Inland Truck Parts Company	Supplies	\$2,949.39
Interstate Battery System	Services	\$730.80
Iowa Trailer Manufacturing	Services	\$0.00
JEBRO	Services	\$280.00
Josh Whipple Trucking	Services	\$36,442.50
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$241.77
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$2,438.23
MARC/Mid American Research Chemical	Services	\$275.11
Medical Enterprises	Services	\$145.00
Village of Merriman	Services	\$61.14
Mid Nebraska Welding & Lineboring	Services	\$1,500.00
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Motor Carrier Services Division	Services	\$18.00
Neal Oil & Auto Center	Services	\$568.92
Nebraska Machinery Company	Services	\$3,478.81
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$45.00
Nebraska Truck Center	Services	\$541.67
Newman Signs Inc/Traffic Signs	Services	\$7,552.06
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$9,861.77
Northern Safety Co	Services	\$1,007.34
Office Products Center	Supplies	\$38.50
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Services	\$269.38
The Parts Company	Supplies	\$545.11
Perrett Construction	Services	\$1,127.97
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$40.00
Pit Stall	Services	\$871.48

Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$73.45
Pomp's Tire Service	Services	\$7,536.16
Powerplan	Services	\$17,990.91
Prairie Fabrication LLC	Services	\$12,896.00
Prema	Services	\$53.71
Quadient Finance	Postage	\$50.00
R Kruger Extinguishers	Services	\$2,700.00
Reese Inc	Services	\$449.30
Kay Reese	Reimbursement	\$60.00
Roll Rite LLC	Services	\$407.01
Sandhill Oil Company	Services	\$5,337.39
Sandhills Family Medicine	Services	\$56.00
SMS Powertrain & Hardware	Supplies	\$900.45
Leroy Songer	Reimbursement	\$224.65
Surplus Center	Supplies	\$3,524.70
Tehrani Motor	Services	\$30.30
Tony's Tire & Auto Repair	Services	\$20.00
US Cellular	Services	\$106.43
City of Valentine	Services	\$191.54
Western Oil	Services	\$30.00
	TOTAL	\$224,451.54

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	46,446.77	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of		\$	46,446.77

VISITOR PROMOTION

Cherry County Visitors Promo Board	Reimbursement	\$498.00
Great Plains Communication	Services	\$180.15
Hand's Lawn Service	Services	\$758.00
Harmony Inn & Suites	Lodging	\$98.00
Hollman Media LLC	Services	\$360.00
Kelo TV	Services	\$33,930.00
KVSH	Services	\$600.00
Little Outlaw Canoe & Tube Rental	Services	\$148.00
The Nebraska Star Party	Grant	\$4,000.00
NK Waste Management	Services	\$89.00
NRG Media, LLC	Services	\$5,114.00
Regina Osburn	Reimbursement	\$288.20
Peppermill Restaurant	Services	\$47.20
Valentine Rotary Club	Dues/Fees	\$102.00
City of Valentine	Services	\$234.22
	TOTAL	\$46,446.77

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,187.50	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Register of Deeds P&M Fund in the amount of		\$	1,187.50

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M

Spectra Associates	Supplies	\$	1,187.50
	TOTAL		\$1,187.50

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	18,940.43	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of		\$	18,940.43

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS

Cherry County Clerk

Health Insurance Claims

\$18,940.43

TOTAL**\$18,940.43**

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 10,650.70 .

and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of \$ 10,650.70

BOOKMOBILE

Thomas County Library Bookmobile \$ 658.00

Valentine Public Library Bookmobile \$9,992.70

TOTAL \$ 10,650.70

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 99,600.00 .

and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Grant Fund in the amount of \$ 99,600.00

GRANT FUND

Iowa Trailer Manufacturing LLC Supplies \$99,600.00

TOTAL \$99,600.00

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 521,848.75 .

and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Disaster Fund in the amount of \$ 521,848.75

DISASTER FUND

BOKF,NA Principal & Interest Payment \$521,848.75

TOTAL \$521,848.75

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 450.15 .

and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ 450.15

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Century Link Services \$221.92

Henderson's IGA Supplies \$46.59

KBR Rural Public Power Services \$92.52

Prema Services \$89.12

TOTAL \$450.15

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 20,979.06 .

and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of \$ 20,979.06

INHERITANCE TAX

Arrow Hotel Lodging \$561.00

Houghton Bradford Whitted PC, LLO Services \$1,375.00

Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc Services \$19,043.06

TOTAL \$20,979.06

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 212.78 .

and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .

A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of \$ 212.78

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)

CenturyLink Services \$30.40

Great Plains Communications Inc Services \$25.96

OPTK Networks Services \$156.42

	TOTAL	\$212.78
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,140.56
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of	\$	1,140.56
911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)		
CenturyLink	Services	\$172.26
Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$147.12
OPTK Networks	Services	\$821.18
	TOTAL	\$1,140.56

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:17 p.m. to 1:01 p.m.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

County Attorney Eric Scott met with the Board to discuss issues with the old Courthouse building. Costs and timeline of repairing the boiler, roof repairs needed after a recent large rain, and foundation/structural issues were discussed. Statutory and moral obligations of providing office spaces for Veterans Service, Department of Health and Human Services, Cherry County Extension, and Niobrara Council were also discussed. The old Courthouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and Mr. Scott reviewed some of the first steps that would need to be taken if it were to be removed from the Register. Mr. Scott stated that the utility or economic life of the building is gone and that it is not unique since the Sheridan County Courthouse is the same building. The possibility of obtaining estimates from architects & engineers and involving the public in the process were discussed. Winterization of the building, finding alternative spaces for the offices contained in the building, and information gathering concerning the building will continue. No Board action was taken.

At 1:35 p.m. the meeting moved to the Courtroom. Chairman DeNaeyer acknowledged the Open Meetings Act located on the back wall of the room. TK Angus Co owners, Tim & Rick Marlatt, were asked if they had any additional information to add regarding their Conditional Use Permit application and they had none.

Commissioner McConaughy expressed concerns regarding the foundation of the tank and if there was a crack in the foundation in the future. Dean Settje, Settje Agri-Services and Engineering President stated that the proposed facility is designed and located in an area to ensure there aren't issues with the freeze-thaw cycle and/or settling. Design elements highlighted were the placement of rebar in the concrete to prevent gaps, use of Waterstop at the cold joint between the floor and the wall if there is a separation, and manure level monitoring. Mr. Settje stated that the placement of groundwater monitoring wells would be determined under the jurisdiction of the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy.

Commissioner Nelson expressed concerns with the location of the facility, including the soil, proximity to groundwater, and proximity to the Niobrara River. Concerns were also raised by Commissioner Nelson that if/when something goes wrong that there a lot of people whose lives would be affected and that there would be contamination of the groundwater and river water.

Administrator Coyle stated that the Planning Commission had voted 4-1 to recommend approval of the CUP. The public hearing was properly advertised and held, the property is located in the cattle country ag district, and the compatibility issues are outlined in the management plan.

Commissioner DeNaeyer submitted the following Statement of Finding of Facts for approval of CUP #001/23:

1. Tk Angus filed an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to construct a swine finishing facility for 4999 head over 55 lbs. on their property as legally described as SW1/4 SE1/4 Section 13, Township 33N, Range 27W Cherry County Nebraska.
2. All adjoining landowners within a set distance of the project were properly notified.

3. The Cherry County Planning Commission held a public hearing on the CUP application on June 6, 2023, which was properly advertised as required and decided to recommend approval on August 15, 2023, with findings of fact.
4. The Cherry County Commissioners held a properly advertised public hearing on October 10, 2023.
5. The CUP application is consistent with the current Cherry County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations as adopted on December 30, 2008.
6. Testimony was received from the applicant and witnesses in support of the CUP.
7. Testimony was received from witnesses in opposition to the CUP.
8. The property is not located in a wetland, subject to flooding or a location in the Niobrara River Corridor.
9. The property is located within the Cattle Country Agricultural District whose intent is to "implement the policies and objectives of the Cherry County Nebraska Comprehensive Plan by maintaining agricultural crop and livestock production which is compatible with the natural environment and promote other and new forms of agricultural production which is compatible with existing ranch and farm uses and the environment."
10. Compatibility issues of traffic generation, noise, odor, dust, water or soil pollution, radiation, or explosion hazards were outlined in the accompanied management plan prepared for TK Angus by Settje Agri-Services & Engineering, Inc.
11. Testimony, information, and studies received by the Commissioners from the public contained no verifiable facts to support the belief CUP application doesn't meet the Zoning Regulations of Cherry County, Nebraska as adopted December 30, 2008, and will result in harm to the county.

With the following provisions: Granting of the Conditional Use Permit is contingent upon the construction and operation permit being approval by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE). It is the function and responsibility of the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy and other agencies to oversee and protect the health of our environment.

DeNaeyer moved to adopt Zoning Resolution #Z-92 to approve the application for Conditional Use Permit #001/23 - TK Angus Co. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Scott stated that any motion or decision in this matter would need a Findings of Facts, regardless of the vote. Nelson stated that she had something prepared and requested that Mr. Scott approve it as to form. Mr. Scott recommended including the due process history and inquiring with Administrator Coyle if the application meets the Zoning Regulations. Administrator Coyle stated that the application does meet the Zoning Regulations and Comprehensive Plan. The number of Planning Commission members who voted on the application was discussed. Mr. Scott stated that as long as there is a quorum present the vote is valid and that the Planning Commission's vote is always only a recommendation to the Board. Zoning Regulation 303.06 was confirmed by Administrator Coyle to define the confined animal feeding use contained in the application as commercial use.

Commissioner Nelson submitted the following Statement of Finding of Facts for denial of CUP #001/23:

1. Tk Angus filed an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to construct a swine finishing facility for 4999 head over 55 lbs. on their property as legally described as SW1/4 SE1/4 Section 13, Township 33N, Range 27W Cherry County Nebraska.
2. All adjoining landowners within a set distance of the project were properly notified.
3. The Cherry County Planning Commission held a public hearing on the CUP application on June 6, 2023, which was properly advertised as required and decided to recommend approval on August 15, 2023, with findings of fact.
4. The Cherry County Commissioners held a properly advertised public hearing on October 10, 2023.
5. The CUP application is not consistent with the current Cherry County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations as adopted on December 30, 2008.
6. Testimony was received from the applicant and witnesses in support of the CUP.
7. Testimony was received from witnesses in opposition to the CUP.
8. The property is not located in a wetland, subject to flooding or a location in the Niobrara River Corridor.

9. Testimony, information, and studies received by the Commissioners from the public contained verifiable facts to support the belief CUP application doesn't meet the Zoning Regulations of Cherry County, Nebraska as adopted December 30, 2008, and will result in harm to the county.
10. As stated in the Cherry County Zoning Regulations, it is not aligned with the compatible use statement 303.19 nor with the conditional use statement 303.21
11. 303.19 Compatible Use Statement – A land use type that is suitable for direct association or location near a use of a different type because of its consistency with the intent statement of the zoning district in which said uses are located, because of similar or comparable buildings and use activities, and because neither use will diminish the use, value, and enjoyment of the other.
12. 303.21 Conditional Use Statement – The applicant did not provide sufficient assurance that the land use in its proposed application location would promote public health, safety, convenience, and general welfare. On the contrary, most evidence brought before the Board suggests that it does not promote public health, safety, convenience, and general welfare.
13. 303.06 – It is commercial use; not agricultural use.

Based on the public hearing, the review of evidence received, and the assessments gathered while personally visiting similar mass confinement barns, Nelson moved to adopt Zoning Resolution #Z-92 to deny the application for Conditional Use Permit #001/23 - TK Angus Co. McConaughy seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, No – DeNaeyer, Aye – McConaughy. The motion carried.

At 3:28 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

November 28, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on November 28, 2023 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 DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioners meeting minutes from November 14, 2023 were read. Clerk Longcor stated that written testimony from the public hearing on October 31, 2023 was included as Exhibits 01-17 after the signature page in the minutes at the request of Commissioner Nelson. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer and Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith updated the Board regarding a landowner concerned with an auto gate and open range laws, planned bid letting for a bridge wingwall extension for the Seneca Rd Bridge over the North Loup River, Mainelli Wagner has completed 50% of the submittal to the EPA for the Snake River 2019 violation, the weight limit rating for Elsmere Rd Bridge over Goose Creek has not been redone yet, and a discussion regarding the relocation of Anderson Bridge Rd and new construction of Anderson Bridge under private ownership with an easement for the county and public.

Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees member, Gregg Perrett, met with the Board to provide an update regarding the CEO hiring process underway, electronic records system implementation, and that a CFO has been hired with a two-year contract.

Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz and Deputy EM Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding recent issues with dispatch's uninterrupted power supply (UPS), an SOP is being developed in case dispatchers need temporarily relocated, connecting internet and telephone for the new office space, a workaround has been found for the Motorola dispatch consoles microwave issue, and HMP progress. The UPS is at end-of-life, but still functioning properly. The Board requested that Director Sandoz secure bids to replace the UPS with a service contract also in place. Commissioner McConaughy addressed a radio issue with the Merriman tower that will be looked into by Director Sandoz.

Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding new zoning permits issued, an upcoming Planning Commission public hearing for an RV/tent park CUP, Planning Commission terms expiring in 2024, notices have been sent for the public hearing regarding the Bow & Arrow Conservation Easement CUP, the Planning Commission is working with Keith Marvin on updating the Zoning Regulations, and the review of the Comprehensive Plan is mostly complete.

The Board met with Veterans Service, Extension, Niobrara Council, and Building & Grounds Superintendent Pat Greenough to discuss the move to the new office space and the winterization of the Old Courthouse. All utilities will be disconnected with the exception of electricity and only moving the necessities in the interim was discussed. An estimate for some repairs from Wickett Construction was reviewed. The Board discussed providing information to the public via radio and newspaper regarding the transition to the new office space.

It was confirmed with Mr. Greenough that electricity, water, and gas supplies have been disconnected from the boiler in the old Courthouse. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to place boiler/pressure vessel NE16423 out-of-service. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Commissioner Nelson reported regarding Region 4 Behavioral Health, NENAA, and North Star meetings that she had attended. The potential to switch some of the Board assignments during 2024 reorganization was discussed.

The Board reviewed written correspondence from Bill Ward.

The Board spoke with County Attorney Eric Scott via telephone to address questions regarding the purchase agreement, necessary building repairs, building inspection report, and wire transfer information for the new office space.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time. Gordon Suhr provided written comments.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:18 p.m. to 1:34 p.m.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:34 p.m. to 1:56 p.m.

Deputy County Treasurer Danielle Wackler, on behalf of County Treasurer Kathy Hammond, met with the Board to provide information related to the 2023 certified tax list. Discrepancies regarding the timeline and methods for delivery of the tax list were discussed by the Board, Deputy Treasurer Wackler, and County Assessor Jackie Moreland. The timeline for mailing tax statements in prior years was also discussed. The Board requested that, moving forward, deadlines be met in a timelier fashion by Assessor Moreland.

McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to authorize Clerk Longcor to initiate a wire transfer in the amount of \$341,403.69, payable to Title Services of the Plains. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

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

November 30, 2023 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	245,356.92	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$	245,356.92	

GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,037.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$18,120.27
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,945.22
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding	\$2,090.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$40,256.40
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$31,538.65
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$22,791.80
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$2,900.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$4,775.88
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$537.21
General Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$155,794.38
	GROSS TOTAL	\$284,787.18
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$39,430.26)
	NET TOTAL	\$245,356.92

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	122,180.15	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of	\$	122,180.15	

ROAD FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,697.87
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$8,797.58
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,285.68
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$990.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$18,881.54
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$16,149.68
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$10,680.65
Legal Shield	Services	\$101.70
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,450.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,402.22
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$234.83
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$79,503.26
	GROSS TOTAL	\$142,489.51
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$20,309.36)
	NET TOTAL	\$122,180.15

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **4,439.89** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of \$ **4,439.89**

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$437.77
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$56.46
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$814.64
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$110.73
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Visitor Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Salary	\$3,891.32
	GROSS TOTAL	\$5,440.13
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,000.24)
	NET TOTAL	\$4,439.89

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **10,493.51** .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ **10,493.51**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	9.43
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$723.61
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$112.92
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$55.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$1,417.96
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,936.23
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$756.52
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$100.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$287.22
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$63.68
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$7,232.11
	GROSS TOTAL	\$12,694.68
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$2,201.17)
	NET TOTAL	\$10,493.51

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	356,864.21	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of	\$	356,864.21	
INHERITANCE TAX			
Reece Malles Estate	Estate Tax Refund		\$15,460.52
Title Services of the Plains	Building Purchase		\$341,403.69
	TOTAL		\$356,864.21

At 2:27 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

November 28, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on November 28, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published November 8, 2023 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 1:18 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor, Cherry County Assessor Jackie Moreland, and Cherry County Deputy Assessor Andrea Andre. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Assessor Moreland presented information for five tax list corrections. Tax list correction #2023-1 Property ID: 160665999 for a valuation change due to a corrected personal property return, #2023-2 Property ID: 160649540 for a valuation change due to a mobile home removed prior to January 1, 2023, #2023-3 Property ID: 160260205 for a valuation change due to adjusting building quality to average, #2023-4 Property ID: 160007461 for a valuation change due to adjusting building quality to fair, #2023-5 Property ID: 160005475 for a valuation change due to correcting carport dimensions.

Henry and Misty Brown were present to discuss a request for a tax refund and issues relating to an IOLL for a mobile home that was relocated, a schoolhouse that was torn down, and a shed duplicated on two parcels. Assessor Moreland did not recommend granting a refund.

Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve tax list corrections #2023-1 - #2023-5 as presented by Assessor Moreland and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 1:34 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

November 28, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on November 28, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published November 8, 2023 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 1:34 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittney Longcor, and Cherry County Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Administrator Hesse updated the Board regarding the staff and jail census. An influx of inmates is possible due to upgrades for a neighboring county's facility.

Administrator Hesse provided information to the Board regarding two used minivans with wheelchair access to replace the current transport pickup. Upgrades required to convert the vehicle for inmate transportation and the possibility of a vehicle with all-wheel drive were discussed. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding the purchase of a transport van and the Board requested Administrator Hesse to research options for an AWD minivan with wheelchair access.

Administrator Hesse informed the Board that three currently employed dispatchers have declined the option for cross training as corrections officers and, for now, will be scheduled three 12-hour shifts per week.

At 1:56 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

December 12, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on December 12, 2023 in the Cherry County 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 DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. 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 28, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from November 28, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye - DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from November 28, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye - McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 10:15 a.m. to 10:26 a.m.

At 10:27 a.m. the meeting moved to the Sheriff's Conference Room.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding District 1 & 3 road conditions, signing updates, local CDL training and testing options, and auto gate & fencing policies.

Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz and Deputy Emergency Manager Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding NG911 ESInet issues, HMP update, and phone & internet installation in the new county office building.

The Board discussed quotes from some local vendors for flooring options in the new office building. Max Eggert met with the Board to discuss quotes for labor and materials, square footage differences, and the timeline for ordering and installation of flooring. Quotes including the same square footage and materials are necessary prior to making a decision.

County Attorney Eric Scott met with the Board to discuss the agenda item regarding Discuss/Act – Adopt Amended Zoning Resolution #Z-92. Mr. Scott stated that it is a records integrity issue and an affidavit is needed for what happened and how it happened. Discussion was had concerning the process for correcting the record and sharing that information with TK Angus Co's attorneys.

At 11:22 a.m. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to enter closed session, with the Board and County Attorney to be present, to discuss the item on the agenda regarding adopting Amended Zoning Resolution #Z-92. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried. Chairman DeNaeyer restated the subject matter of the closed session to be adopting Amended Zoning Resolution #Z-92.

At 12:56 p.m. the Sheriff's Conference Room door was opened and the public was allowed to reenter. At 12:57 p.m. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to return to open session. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to table the agenda item regarding adopting Amended Zoning Resolution #Z-92 so the County Attorney can provide notice to the attorney representative for TK Angus and allow for the

County Attorney to provide the Board with the procedure to correct the record. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

The Board reviewed the draft Financial Statements received from Contryman Associates for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. Chairman DeNaeyer shared some of the items that he had discussed with Jada Thompson CPA during their review of the county's financials. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the 2022-2023 audit draft and authorize Chairman DeNaeyer to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of District Court fee report for November 2023, Treasurer's fund balance listing for November 30, 2023, and Operating Statement report of budget v. actual spending for November 30, 2023.

Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse met with the Board to discuss options for an inmate transport van. All-wheel drive and wheelchair-accessibility price increases and the usage and necessity of those upgrades were also discussed. The Board requested that Administrator Hesse obtain quotes for an AWD van. No Board action was taken on the agenda item re: Authorize Purchase of a Transport Van.

Bids were opened for one (1) 2019 used or newer excavator with 1,500 hours or less.

1. NMC, Inc. submitted a bid totaling \$145,500 for a 2024 Caterpillar 308 CR Mini Hydraulic Excavator.
2. Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. submitted a bid totaling \$97,083 (\$111,500 less rental \$17,600 plus rental interest \$3,183) for a 2019 John Deere 85G Excavator with 1,753 hours.

The Board discussed the appropriate fund for the purchase to be paid out of. The equipment line item out of Road Dist #1 budget was agreed upon. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the bid for a 2019 John Deere 85G Excavator Stock #169424. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 2:02 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer opened the public hearing regarding Conditional Use Permit #004/23 Bow & Arrow Ranch LLC Conservation Easement.

Preston Smith, Wildwood Managing Partner, sponsor of the conservation project, spoke to the Board on behalf of applicant, Bow & Arrow Ranch. Mr. Smith stated that the project would be used to create offsets for the American Burying Beetle, the offsets could be purchased by NDOT or other purchasers, it would not decrease the tax base, and the easement would not be transferred to state or federal governments.

County Assessor Jackie Moreland stated that as long as the use of the land continues to be agriculture then it would continue to be assessed as agricultural property. Currently, there aren't any sales of conservation easements, so there isn't a market to assess them differently.

Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle reported that during the Planning Commission's public hearing concerning the CUP there was a lot of discussion and questions. The Planning Commission had voted 6-2 to recommend approval after their public hearing and that it is very similar to the CUP that was denied previously in 2021.

Planning Commission members, Sherri Bacon and Marla Shelbourn, were asked to provide their thoughts to the Board regarding the CUP application.

Approximately five individuals provided oral testimony during the public hearing including: James Ward, Tanya Storer, Mark Kovar, Janie Swanson, and John Gross.

Written testimony was submitted during the public hearing by Mark Kovar.

At 2:33 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer closed the public hearing.

DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to table the agenda item re: Adopt Zoning Resolution #Z-93 CUP #004/23 Bow & Arrow Ranch LLC Conservation Easement. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

Chairman DeNaeyer spoke with County Attorney Eric Scott and the Board elected to take up the discussion with Mr. Scott at a different time regarding the TK Angus, Co. Appeal. There was no Board action on the agenda item re: TK Angus, Co. Appeal.

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

December 12, 2023 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	74,717.55	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$	74,717.55		

GENERAL

Allen Monument Company	Services	\$190.00
Anderson Electric Inc	Services	\$1,213.88
Applied Connective Technologies	Services	\$8,652.89
Ryan Benjamin	Reimbursement	\$597.37
Black Hills Chemical	Services	\$226.53
Kristina Blackford	Reimbursement	\$69.43
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$177.92
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$33.42
Michael Borders	Services	\$2,438.74
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$158.17
CenturyLink	Telephone Service	\$199.83
CenturyLink	Telephone Service	\$1,795.01
Cherry County Court	Services	\$386.00
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$13,080.00
Cherry County Sheriff	Services	\$111.49
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees	\$5.00
Circle K Motor Company	Services	\$1,019.20
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service	\$318.25
CVSOAN Treasurer	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$100.00
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services	\$537.60
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services	\$220.55
Firstnet/AT&T	Services	\$652.13
Michelle Garwood	Reimbursement	\$49.13
Globalstar Inc	Supplies	\$1,685.25
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$126.21
GRP & Associates	Services	\$58.00
Timothy Hanson	Equipment	\$2,636.75
Heart City Drug	Supplies	\$150.89
Edward Heinert	Reimbursement	\$23.58
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$159.97
Hometown Lumber	Supplies	\$71.99
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,453.17
L&B Johnson PC	Services	\$20.75
Dave Leonard	Reimbursement	\$220.00

Lincoln County Detention Center	Services	\$1,705.00
Angie Lincoln	Reimbursement	\$26.20
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$272.00
Midwest Connect	Services	\$275.00
Midwest Portland, LLC	Services	\$165.48
MIPS	Services	\$3,177.62
NACO	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$20.00
Nebraska Weed Control Association	Services	\$285.00
NK Waste Management	Services	\$184.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$1,671.93
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Supplies	\$232.00
Peterson Beel LLP	Services	\$9,137.73
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$150.00
Pit Stall	Services	\$105.92
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$1,100.85
Postmaster	Services	\$244.00
Presto X	Services	\$103.73
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$2,550.00
Quill Corporation	Services	\$45.57
Reese Inc	Services	\$1,007.33
Ron Lower Construction	Services	\$70.00
Ruby Law Office	Services	\$762.50
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$492.35
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$270.08
Stanek Fire Protection	Services	\$189.00
Stuntcams	Services	\$870.00
True Value	Supplies	\$138.29
UNL Panhandle Research & Extension	Services	\$430.89
US Cellular	Services	\$88.75
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$468.77
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$3,867.31
Westfield Pharmacy	Supplies	\$9.89
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$2,013.69
Laura Willert	Reimbursement	\$36.03
Woody's Repair	Services	\$634.04
Wrenched Tire & Auto LLC	Services	\$77.50
	Total	\$74,717.55

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	73,662.00	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$

ROAD

Andy's Glass Shop	Services	\$75.00
Bacon Repair	Services	\$149.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$1,266.55
Doug Boyer	Reimbursement	\$10.00
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$7,332.43
Jordan Buechle	Reimbursement	\$144.44
Bradley Bunner	Reimbursement	\$250.00
Tyler Cash	Reimbursement	\$250.00
Cherry County Clinic	Services	\$28.00
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$196.27

Cody Oil	Services	\$5,739.35
Daniel Coetzee	Reimbursement	\$233.65
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$318.77
Croell Inc	Services	\$598.36
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$162.28
Custom Truck One Source	Services	\$343.82
Danielski Farms	Services	\$2,000.00
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Dooley Oil	Services	\$2,995.47
Galaway Field Repair LLC	Services	\$4,044.52
Randy Graeff	Reimbursement	\$108.33
Grainger	Supplies	\$385.58
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$317.35
Tyler Hendrickson	Reimbursement	\$248.72
Hoefs Skidloader Works LLC	Services	\$4,008.00
Inland Truck Parts Company	Supplies	\$2,011.30
Interstate Battery System	Services	\$169.95
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$300.18
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$1,320.30
L&L Gravel	Services	\$6,550.58
Menards	Supplies	\$1,125.86
Village of Merriman	Services	\$62.72
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Village of Mullen	Services	\$129.00
Nebraska Machinery Company	Services	\$1,705.48
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$57.99
Nebraska Truck Center	Services	\$2,008.22
The Parts Company	Services	\$609.39
Terry J Pearman	Reimbursement	\$250.00
Perrett Construction	Services	\$669.13
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$20.00
Pit Stall	Services	\$3,615.04
Powerplan	Services	\$1,370.42
Prema	Services	\$64.45
Quadient Finance	Postage	\$100.00
Reese Inc	Services	\$188.98
Sandhill Oil Company	Services	\$16,146.67
Sandhills Ranch Supply	Supplies	\$1,064.26
Surplus Center	Supplies	\$647.29
Tony's Tire & Auto Repair	Services	\$195.00
US Cellular	Services	\$106.43
City of Valentine	Services	\$548.41
3S Fabrication & Repair	Services	\$1,211.36
	TOTAL	\$73,662.00

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	12,748.79	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of		\$	12,748.79
VISITOR PROMOTION			
Black Hills Sports Show	Dues/Fees	\$430.00	
Bob's Signs	Services	\$2,880.00	
Great Plains Communication	Services	\$180.60	
Office Products Center	Services	\$3,000.00	

Old West Days	Grant	\$4,000.00
Rosebud Office Solutions	Supplies	\$529.46
Sandhills Catfish Classic	Grant	\$1,535.28
City of Valentine	Services	\$193.45
	TOTAL	\$12,748.79

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 1,854.70 .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Improvement Fund in the amount of \$ 1,854.70

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT (995)

Bob's Signs	Services	\$1,854.70
	TOTAL	\$1,854.70

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 28,782.37 .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of \$ 28,782.37

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$28,782.37
	TOTAL	\$28,782.37

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 9,709.89 .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of \$ 9,709.89

BOOKMOBILE

Valentine Public Library	Bookmobile	\$9,709.89
	TOTAL	\$ 9,709.89

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 701.36 .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ 701.36

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Century Link	Services	\$264.03
KBR Rural Public Power	Services	\$94.78
Office Products	Supplies	\$103.99
Prema	Services	\$109.66
Reese Inc	Services	\$111.62
True Value Hardware	Supplies	\$17.28
	TOTAL	\$701.36

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 638.72 .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of \$ 638.72

INHERITANCE TAX

Peppermill Restaurant	Services	\$638.72
	TOTAL	\$638.72

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 1,325.91 .
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of \$ 1,325.91

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)

CenturyLink	Services	\$30.20
Geo Comm Inc	Services	\$1,132.95
Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$16.12

OPTK Networks	Services	\$146.64
	TOTAL	\$1,325.91

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	7,513.48	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of		\$	7,513.48

911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)

CenturyLink	Services	\$171.13
Geo Comm	Services	\$6,420.05
Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$91.34
OPTK Networks	Services	\$830.96
	TOTAL	\$7,513.48

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	6,466.50	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Courthouse (Special Building) Fund in the amount of		\$	6,466.50

Courthouse (Special Building)

Cherry County Implement	Services	\$5,900.00
Heart City Plumbing and Heating	Services	\$566.50
	TOTAL	\$6,466.50

At 3:01 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

December 12, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on December 12, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published December 6, 2023 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 10:15 a.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor, and Cherry County Assessor Jackie Moreland. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Assessor Moreland presented information for tax list corrections #2023-6 - #2023-27. Corrections #6-8, 11 are due to additional assets being reported after the tax list was completed, #9-10 are to move assets that were incorrectly added to a different personal property return, #12 is for a basis correction per trade calculation, and #13-27 are to correct ownership due to a clerical error omitting half interest.

Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve tax list corrections #2023-6 - #2023-27 as presented by Assessor Moreland and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

At 10:27 a.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

December 26, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on December 26, 2023 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 10:06 a.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. 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 December 12, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from December 12, 2023 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Valentine City Council President Kyle Arganbright met with the Board to provide information regarding and discuss the Convention Center Project. The City Council extended the option to purchase the Shopko building through February 15, 2024. A proposed operating budget, statutes concerning lodging tax revenue, and ownership structure were also discussed. County Attorney Eric Scott was present to discuss the use and limitations of lodging tax revenues.

At 11:02 a.m. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to enter closed session for the purpose of communicating legal strategy with the Board and County Attorney to be present. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried. Chairman DeNaeyer restated the subject matter of the closed session to be communicating legal strategy.

At 12:20 p.m. the meeting room doors were opened and the public was allowed to reenter. At 12:21 p.m. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to return to open session. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried. Commissioner Nelson will be taking the forefront concerning the Convention Center Project.

The Board reviewed estimates received from Wickett Construction and Eggert Enterprises for the removal and installation of flooring. The Board spoke with Max Eggert via telephone regarding glue down and click together LVP and contingency expenses. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept Estimate #111 from Eggert Enterprises for flooring and installation at Cherry County South, 202 N Main St. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed estimates from Wickett Construction for office remodeling and ceiling tile replacement. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept Estimate #1940 from Wickett Construction for adding two doors and two windows. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed an estimate from Eggert Enterprises to replace old trim with vinyl cove base. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve Estimate #112 from Eggert Enterprises. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a proposed plan for the office space that DHHS will be occupying. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the DHHS Valentine Proposed Plan for the Cherry County South building. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

There were no comments from the public received during the allotted time.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:25 p.m. to 1:29 p.m.

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith updated the Board regarding a bid letting date for a bridge wing wall extension, revenue from the sale of surplus equipment, and millings for the Loup River Rd project.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:34 p.m. to 1:47 p.m.

At 1:48 p.m. Commissioner Nelson was excused for the remainder of the meeting.

McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Request for Funds CDBG 21-TD-001. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz updated the Board regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan progress, PSAP issues, Weather Service calls, and service requirements for communication towers. Director Sandoz presented the Board with an updated Interlocal Agreement for the provision of Emergency Management services between the counties of Keya Paha and Cherry. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

Director Sandoz presented the Board with Resolution #2023-15 for the approval of the Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plan. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to approve Resolution #2023-15. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, DeNaeyer. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board received the issued financial statements from Contryman Associates for the June 30, 2023 fiscal year.

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

December 29, 2023 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	273,154.33	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$	273,154.33	
GENERAL FUND			
AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,037.37	
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$18,918.84	
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,197.40	
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding	\$2,110.00	
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$38,232.22	
Credit Management Lancaster County	Garnishment	\$555.55	
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$33,242.48	
Hand's Lawn Service	Services	\$188.00	
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$21,698.29	
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$3,634.00	
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$5,113.81	
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$21,101.17	
Trade Winds Motel	Lodging	\$624.00	
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$537.21	
General Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$162,899.16	
	GROSS TOTAL	\$315,089.50	

Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings			(\$41,935.17)
	NET TOTAL		\$273,154.33

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	117,043.52	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$	117,043.52

ROAD FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,697.87
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$8,337.87
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,457.60
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$990.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$18,881.54
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$15,043.66
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$10,680.65
Legal Shield	Services	\$101.70
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,450.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,226.84
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$234.83
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$74,914.14
	GROSS TOTAL	\$136,331.20
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$19,287.68)
	NET TOTAL	\$117,043.52

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	4,439.46	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of			\$	4,439.46

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$437.77
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$62.12
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$813.10
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$110.45
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Visitors Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$3,891.32
	GROSS TOTAL	\$5,443.97
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,004.51)
	NET TOTAL	\$4,439.46

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	29,468.43	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of			\$	29,468.43

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$29,468.43
	TOTAL	\$29,468.43

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	11,302.26	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of			\$	11,302.26

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	9.43
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$802.63

Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$124.24
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$55.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$1,417.96
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,101.37
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$756.52
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$100.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$309.76
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$63.68
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$7,934.48
	GROSS TOTAL	\$13,675.07
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$2,372.81)
	NET TOTAL	\$11,302.26

The Board reviewed and signed a Payroll Change Notice for a Road District #3 employee for a merit-based increase.

At 2:18 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

December 26, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on December 26, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published December 13, 2023 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 1:25 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor, and Cherry County Deputy Assessor Andrea Andre. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Deputy Assessor Andre presented information for three tax list corrections: Tax List Correction #2023-28 PID: 160650143 valuation change, #2023-29 PID: 160666088 valuation change, #2023-30 PID: 160248857 valuation change. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the tax list corrections as presented. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 1:29 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

December 26, 2023

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on December 26, 2023 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published December 13, 2023 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 1:34 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

The Board reviewed an email from Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse regarding a jail transport vehicle. Administrator Hesse confirmed via telephone that she had not received any pictures of the vehicle. There was no Board action taken on the agenda item regarding Authorize Purchase of a Transport Van. Commissioner DeNaeyer will coordinate with Administrator Hesse and the dealership if the vehicle is found to be acceptable.

The Board discussed a request from Administrator Hesse to increase the wage of the Dispatch Sergeant. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding Dispatch Sergeant Wage Adjustment.

At 1:47 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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