

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

## January 9, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on January 9, 2024 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 Clerk Longcor. 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 Clerk Longcor and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioners regular meeting minutes from December 26, 2023 were read. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from December 26, 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 Equalization meeting minutes from December 26, 2023 were read. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board conducted their annual reorganization for 2024.

McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to appoint Commissioner DeNaeyer as the Chairman of the Cherry County Board of Commissioners for 2024. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to appoint Commissioner McConaughy as the Vice Chairman of the Cherry County Board of Commissioners for 2024. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Board committee appointments and liaison designations were discussed. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the reorganization of the Board committees and liaison designations for 2024 as follows:

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

Cherry County Hospital Liaison	Nelson
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McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to designate the following institutions as depositories for Cherry County funds for 2024: NPAIT, Pinnacle Bank, Sandhills State Bank, Security 1<sup>st</sup> Bank, Union Bank & Trust, and Wells Fargo Bank. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to designate Valentine Midland News and the Cherry County website ([www.cherrycountyne.gov](http://www.cherrycountyne.gov)) as the official publications for Cherry Count meeting notices and other required communications for 2024. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board met with Lloyd Smith to discuss reappointment as the Highway Superintendent and to review an agreement for said services. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to appoint Lloyd Smith as the 2024 Cherry County Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Highway Superintendent Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to appoint Brittny Longcor as the 2024 Cherry County Budget Making Authority. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to appoint Brittny Longcor as the Cherry County Health Insurance Plan Administrator for 2024. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer and Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith updated the Board regarding routine maintenance completed, snow removal, progress on the one- & six-year plans, bid letting for a bridge wing wall extension, and documentation of signing and road deficiencies. Issues surrounding cleaning out auto gates on county roads and cost share amounts for fencing were discussed. Snow removal within village limits throughout the County was also discussed.

Noxious Weed Control Superintendent Dave Leonard met with the Board to update them regarding upcoming training and to present Department of Agriculture Year-End Reports for 2023. Acres treated, measuring infested acres, and Noxious Weed operating statement amounts were discussed. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the year-end reports for 2023 as submitted. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey. No – Nelson. The motion carried. The Board requested that Mr. Leonard prepare reports to include total acres treated, location of treated acres, and a plan of action for all three road districts for 2024, with said information to be provided at their next meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Board reviewed the Semi-Annual Statement for the six months ended December 31, 2023 as submitted by County Treasurer Kathy Hammond. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Matt Sandoz and Deputy Emergency Manager Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding calls received, hazard mitigation update, final stages of the Motorola dispatch consoles project and upcoming maintenance agreement costs, and NG911 ESInet installation. The Board expressed their appreciation to Director Sandoz for his service to Cherry County.

The Board reviewed a letter of obligation for Cherry County's portion of the HMP update. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the Hazard Mitigation Letter of Obligation and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Emergency Management Director job description. Requirements for the Communications duties of the Emergency Management Department and potentially contracting for certain aspects of

Communications were discussed. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to amend the Emergency Management Director job description to include: 18) Basic communications knowledge & skills and communications equipment maintenance. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

It was confirmed with Deputy Coyle that she is willing fulfill the EM Director role in the interim. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to authorize Commissioner DeNaeyer to coordinate with EM Administrative Assistant Kay Reese to formulate the ad for the Emergency Management Director position opening. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed an amendment to renew the term of an MOU for two additional years for “VetraSpec” benefits. Veterans Service Officer Shawn Hamling confirmed via telephone that the address in the MOU has been updated. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs and Cherry County Amendment One. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board discussed Cherry County employee cost-of-living adjustments and potential increases within budgeted amounts. Statutory minimums for deputies and the increases for elected officials contained in the Salary Resolution were also discussed. The Board reviewed current wages for employees. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve a COLA of 3% for Cherry County employees for January 31, 2024 payroll, effective December 18, 2023. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time. Written correspondence was received from James Ducey.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of District Court fee report for December 2023, Treasurer’s fund balance listing for December 31, 2023, Operating Statement report of budget v. actual spending for December 31, 2023, Sheriff’s Quarterly Fee Report – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023, and correspondence from Gordon Witte regarding appointment to the Cherry County Planning Commission.

At 1:54 p.m. the meeting moved to the Courtroom. Commissioner DeNaeyer acknowledged the Open Meetings Act on the back wall of the room.

Preston Smith, Wildwood Managing Partner, answered questions from the Board on behalf of applicant, Bow & Arrow Ranch, regarding primary land use, property values, and differences between the current CUP application and CUP application from 2020. It was confirmed with NDOT that a conservation easement is not the only avenue for American Burying Beetle offsets and that denying the easement won’t stop them from moving forward with their projects.

Under Nebraska State Statutory authority granted by § 76-2,112, "Approval of a proposed acquisition may be denied upon a finding by the appropriate governing body that the acquisition is not in the public interest when the easement is inconsistent with a comprehensive plan for the area which had been officially adopted and was in force at the time of the conveyance." Based on the finding of fact regarding the Bow and Arrow Conservation Easement, Commissioner DeNaeyer moved to deny the Conservation Easement, for CUP 004/23, for the following reasons:

The Bow and Arrow Ranch LLC Conservation Easement would be in conflict with both the Natural Resource Plan and Cherry County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan, as it changes the primary purpose/use of the defined acres to “long term management of the Protected Property as it pertains to the American Burying Beetle”, thereby prioritizing one primary resource value.

Page 2 of the Conservation Easement states that 'Whereas, the Protected Property is adjacent to the Valentine National Wildlife Refuge and will expand that block of protected habitat... the Protected Property provides key habitat for terrestrial wildlife, including the American Burying Beetle; Whereas all of the above constitute the Conservation Values of the Protected Property; and Whereas the Grantor desires to protect and conserve the

Conservation Values and present status of Protected Property by conveyance to the LAND TRUST of this Easement for the purpose of conserving the present status and Conservation Values of the Protected Property and to prevent the use or development of the Protected Property for any purpose or in any manner that which would conflict with the maintenance of the Protected Property in the present condition for both this and all future generations except as explicitly provided for herein.'

Further evidence of fact that the Bow and Arrow Conservation Easement establishes the American Burying Beetle habitat as the primary use/management purpose.

The Conservation Bank Agreement attached to the Conservation Easement states that, on page 3, the conservation values are defined as "ecological values which serve as habitat (including without limitation, food, water and proper vegetative mix and canopy cover) necessary to support occupancy, survival and reproduction of the Covered Species" i.e., American Burying Beetle.

Pg. 12 of the Conservation Bank Agreement indicates that the establishment of the Conservation "Bank" is dependent upon the execution of applicable "Subordination Agreements", defined on pg. 7 as "a written, recorded agreement in which the holder of an interest in, lien or encumbrance on the Bank Property makes a lien or encumbrance subject to and of lower priority than the Conservation Easement, even though the lien or encumbrance was recorded.

The Bow and Arrow Conservation Easement creates a legally binding nexus with the Federal Government. As stated in the Conservation Bank Agreement attached to the Conservation Easement, it will become "federally managed; Pg. 1, "US Fish and Wildlife Service, an agency within the US Dept. of Interior, has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, restoration, and management of Federally listed species within the US pursuant to the Endangered Species Act... US Fish and Wildlife Service is the entity which oversees that establishment, use, operation and maintenance of the Bank.

The Bow and Arrow Conservation Easement would conflict with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan by reducing the value of the identified real property, (as required by IRS Code). Cherry County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan states on pg. 1; "Private and public land and water resources are used wisely, sustaining for generations the ecological, economic, social, cultural, recreational and aesthetic values that support the quality of life treasured by county residents."

It is therefore clear that the agricultural and economic values of Cherry County are a priority to be taken into consideration, and Conservation Easements, by definition of IRS Code MUST reduce the real property value, directly impacting the economic values of the County's resources, which would be in conflict with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

IRS code Section 170 A-14(h)(3)(ii); "If the donation of a conservation easement has no material effect on the value of real property, or enhances rather than reduced the value of real property, no deduction is allowable."

In Summary, Commissioner DeNaeyer moved to Deny the Bow and Arrow Ranch Conservation Easement because: It is inconsistent with the Cherry County Natural Resource Plan and the Cherry County Comprehensive Land Use Plan. It creates one specified prioritized use, pursuant to agriculture, defined as the "Conservation Values", which is for the American Burying Beetle listed as 'threatened' and subject to the Endangered Species Act over which the US Fish and Wildlife Service has jurisdiction. As a legally defined Conservation Easement, according to IRS requirements, it MUST reduce the value of the real property which is part of the economic base of Cherry County.

Commissioner McConaughy seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Pursuant to the Board's decision to deny the Conditional Use Permit Application #004/23 Bow & Arrow Ranch LLC Conservation Easement there was no Board action on the agenda item to Adopt Zoning Resolution #Z-93. The Board returned to the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Deputy EM Coyle, Payroll Clerk Billie Brockley, and County Attorney Eric Scott were present to discuss the use of a timeclock, duties performed, and hours worked by exempt employees. Mr. Scott stated that he does not have a legal issue with no timeclock being used by exempt employees. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to clarify that exempt employees will no longer have to keep track of hours worked but will submit any sick and vacation time used within that pay period to payroll. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, DeNaeyer. No – Nelson. The motion carried.

Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse, Mrs. Brockley, and Mr. Scott were present to discuss the circumstances surrounding the recent change to the Justice Center overtime calculation period. Required cross training and shifts worked as both a corrections officer and dispatcher to qualify for the 207(k) exemption were also discussed. Administrator Hesse stated that there are scheduling and overtime issues due to the 7-day overtime calculation period and she requested it to revert to a 28-day period. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to return to the overtime calculation period based on 171 hours in a 28-day period, effective at 12:00 a.m. on January 22, 2024. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

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

## January 9, 2023 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	97,404.71	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of			\$ 97,404.71
<b>GENERAL</b>			
Allen Monument Company	Services		\$95.00
Amazon Capital Services, Inc	Supplies		\$24.99
Applied Connective Technologies	Services		\$4,746.24
Black Hills Chemical	Services		\$1,057.81
Bob's Signs	Services		\$640.00
Bomgaars	Supplies		\$553.05
Michael Borders	Services		\$6,344.23
Buckles Fuel Service	Services		\$182.26
Centurylink	Telephone Service		\$199.83
Centurylink	Telephone Service		\$1,797.88
Cherry County Clinic	Services		\$67.00
Cherry County District Court	Services		\$203.00
Cherry County Hospital	Services		\$7,098.00
Cherry County Sheriff	Services		\$179.90
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees		\$5.00
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service		\$318.18
Contryman Associates PC	Services		\$16,000.00
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services		\$537.60
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services		\$220.55
Lorana Eggert	Reimbursement		\$312.33
Firstnet/AT&T	Services		\$652.13
Frontier Mills	Supplies		\$305.48
Galls Parent Holdings	Supplies		\$414.25

Government Forms & Supplies	Supplies	\$158.84
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$100.00
Kathy Hammond	Reimbursement	\$327.60
Timothy Hanson	Equipment	\$2,636.75
Heart City Drug	Supplies	\$102.19
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$115.80
Holiday Inn Kearney	Lodging	\$239.90
Huskerland Communications LLC	Supplies	\$39.99
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,421.45
Justice Date Solutions Inc	Services	\$5,825.00
La Quinta Inn & Suites	Lodging	\$1,679.30
Dave Leonard	Reimbursement	\$386.74
Lincoln County Detention Center	Services	\$1,040.00
Brittney Longcor	Reimbursement	\$258.08
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$96.00
MIPS	Services	\$3,302.97
NACO	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$1,200.00
National Association of Counties	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$450.00
Nebraska State Library/Publications	Supplies	\$113.25
NK Waste Management	Services	\$184.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$1,266.24
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Supplies	\$597.75
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$378.00
PIP Marketing Signs Print	Services	\$300.29
Pit Stall	Services	\$3,074.82
Presto X	Services	\$103.73
Quadient Leasing USA	Services	\$308.21
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$300.00
Quill Corporation	Services	\$84.47
Reese Inc	Services	\$3,194.68
Region 4 Behavioral Health System	Services	\$5,379.75
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$489.69
Eric Scott Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$6,687.38
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$163.41
Cardmember Service	Services	\$21.55
Sennett, Duncan, Jenkins & Wickham	Services	\$300.00
Tehrani Motor Company	Services	\$195.60
True Value	Supplies	\$74.82
Tyler Technologies	Services	\$449.00
US Cellular	Services	\$61.12
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$1,267.91
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$3,657.58
Ward Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$98.52
Weathercraft of North Platte	Services	\$2,160.00
Western Oil	Services	\$30.00
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$2,127.62
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$97,404.71</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	242,246.87	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$ 242,246.87
<b>ROAD</b>			
AKRS Equipment	Services		\$71.07

B's Enterprises Inc	Services	\$3,864.00
Bacon Repair	Services	\$217.73
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$741.20
Doug Boyer	Reimbursement	\$163.48
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$6,805.50
Cherry County Clerk	Platte Maps	\$30.00
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$204.44
Cody Oil	Services	\$7,755.00
Colonial Research Chemical Company	Services	\$217.64
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$291.84
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$162.86
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$317.35
Great Plains Health	Services	\$28.00
Hoefs Skidloader Works LLC	Services	\$8,436.00
Inland Truck Parts Company	Supplies	\$1,737.95
JM Parts & Equipment Inc	Services	\$87.10
Josh Whipple Trucking	Services	\$29,857.12
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$1,375.22
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$545.07
MARC/Mid American Research Chemical	Services	\$385.11
Bentz Kenyon McWhirter	Reimbursement	\$25.66
Medical Enterprises Inc	Services	\$35.00
Menards	Supplies	\$386.40
Village of Merriman	Services	\$62.56
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Services	\$172.56
Village of Mullen	Services	\$258.00
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Company	Services	\$102,583.00
Neal Oil & Auto Center	Services	\$1,091.00
Nebraska Dept of Correctional Service	Services	\$26,519.00
Nebraska Machinery Company	Services	\$1,257.37
Nebraska Motor Fuels Division	Services	\$2,426.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$71.38
Nebraska Truck Center	Services	\$3,071.18
Newman Signs Inc	Supplies	\$212.58
NK Waste Management Inc	Services	\$115.00
Northern Safety Co	Supplies	\$418.28
Office Products Center	Supplies	\$224.43
The Parts Company	Services	\$684.26
Perrett Construction	Services	\$598.62
Pit Stall	Services	\$864.00
Pomp's Tire Service	Services	\$3,190.08
Postmaster	Services	\$396.00
Powerplan	Services	\$5,403.75
Prema	Services	\$79.33
Quadient Finance	Postage	\$50.00
Reese Inc	Services	\$2,670.53
Sandhill Oil Company	Services	\$23,349.08
Sandhills Ranch Supply	Supplies	\$756.79
Tehrani Motor Company	Supplies	\$7.50
US Cellular	Services	\$106.43
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$43.74
City of Valentine	Services	\$859.98

Western Oil	Services	\$10.00
Ronald White	Services	\$240.00
3S Fabrication & Repair	Services	\$506.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$242,246.87</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	5,372.40	.
and disallowed in the amount of			.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Bridge Fund in the amount of	\$		<b>5,372.40</b>
<b>Emergency Bridge</b>			
Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Services	\$	857.50
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$	4,514.90
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$5,372.40</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	19,345.45	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of	\$		<b>19,345.45</b>
<b>VISITOR PROMOTION</b>			
Great Plains Communication	Services		\$179.04
Miles Partnership LLP	Services		\$11,750.00
NRG Media LLC	Services		\$2,511.00
Regina Osburn	Reimbursement		\$659.88
Sparks Spurs	Grant		\$4,000.00
City of Valentine	Services		\$245.53
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$19,345.45</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	11,690.89	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of	\$		<b>11,690.89</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS</b>			
Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims		\$11,690.89
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$11,690.89</b>

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	\$		<b>9,709.89</b>
<b>BOOKMOBILE</b>			
Valentine Public Library	Bookmobile		\$9,709.89
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>9,709.89</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	15,000.00	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Covid American Rescue Plan Fund in the amount of	\$		<b>15,000.00</b>
<b>COVID ARPF</b>			
Contryman Associates	Services		\$15,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$15,000.00</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	693.01	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of	\$		<b>693.01</b>
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>			
Century Link	Services		\$300.26
KBR Rural Public Power	Services		\$93.03



Nebraska Association of Emergency Management	Dues/Fees/Training	\$150.00
Prema	Services	\$124.72
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$25.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$693.01</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 46,847.71 .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of \$ 46,847.71

**INHERITANCE TAX**

Cornhusker Auto Center	Services	\$34,530.00
Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc	Services	\$9,876.94
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$2,440.77
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$46,847.71</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 187.90 .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of \$ 187.90

**911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)**

Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$41.26
OPTK Networks	Services	\$146.64
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$187.90</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 1,064.80 .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of \$ 1,064.80

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)**

Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$233.84
OPTK Networks	Services	\$830.96
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,064.80</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 775.99 .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Courthouse (Special Building) Fund in the amount of \$ 775.99

**Courthouse (Special Building)**

Applied Connective Technologies	Services	\$775.99
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$775.99</b>

At 4:00 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

***These minutes are not the official record and may be corrected. A copy of the approved, official minutes is available to the public in the Cherry County Clerk's Office.***

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Road Supervisor Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding revenue from the sale of surplus road equipment, oil prices, the Loup River Rd milling project, photo documentation of roads, and signing inventory.

Highway Superintendent Smith provided the Board with a Request to Occupy County Right-of-Way from Telcom Construction for Lumen (Century Link) to bury service wire at 88130 Simeon Rd. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Request to Occupy County Right-of-Way for the public utility. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Deputy Emergency Manager Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding paging issues, PSAP renewal, backup battery replacement options, EMPG reimbursement, and upcoming meetings and trainings.

Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle informed the Board regarding the expiration of Planning Commission terms for Gary Swanson, Michael McLeod, and Sherri Bacon. The attendance, participation, and willingness to be reappointed of said individuals were discussed. The Board previously received correspondence from Gordon Witte and Craig Miles expressing interest in being appointed to the Planning Commission. Mr. Witte and Mr. Miles were allowed time to discuss their qualifications.

DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to reappoint the current members Gary Swanson, Michael McLeod, and Sherri Bacon to the Cherry County Planning Commission for three-year terms set to expire January 11, 2027. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, DeNaeyer. No – Nelson. The motion carried.

Administrator Coyle updated the Board regarding an upcoming Planning Commission public hearing for a residential subdivision, additional information received for a CUP application, and the Planning Commission's reorganization meeting.

Noxious Weed Control Superintendent Dave Leonard met with the Board to discuss right of way spraying, plans for the upcoming spring, weed control options on organic ground, and methods for determining acres treated.

At the request of Clerk Longcor due to the May 14<sup>th</sup> Primary Election, McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to reschedule the regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting from May 14, 2024 to be held at 10:00 a.m. on May 15, 2024. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Nebraska Extension Engagement Zone Coordinator Jay Jenkins and Cherry County 4-H Extension Educator Michelle Garwood met with the Board to provide information regarding appointments to the Extension Board, updates to the Extension Board Constitution and Bylaws, and the Extension Annual Report. The Board requested that the process for appointments to the Extension Board be streamlined and accomplished at one meeting.

Nelson moved to appoint Kristina Blackford to the Extension Board for the remainder of the three-year term set to expire on December 31, 2025. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to appoint Laura Willert as the 4-H Council Representative to the Extension Board for the 2024 term. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Extension Board candidate lists as presented. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

Nelson moved and McConaughey seconded to approve the Cherry County Extension Board Constitution and Bylaws as presented. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

Building & Grounds Superintendent Pat Greenough met with the Board to discuss a leak in the roof of the Cherry County South building. Repairs and the responsibility party for payment of said repairs were also discussed.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Cherry County Tourism Director Regina Osburn regarding two expired terms on the Visitor Promotion Board. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to reappoint Sarah Ferguson and Rich Mercure to the Cherry County Visitor Promotion Board to four-year terms set to expire on January 28, 2028. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

County Attorney Eric Scott met with the Board to review the procedure for selling real estate owned by the county. The Board discussed a half-acre parcel of land on the north end of Cody located in part of the SE1/4NE1/4 of Section 7, Township 34, North, Range 33, West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Cherry County, Nebraska, described as follows: Beginning at a point 205 ft North of the NE corner of the NW1/4SE1/4 of said Section 7, thence East 150 ft, thence North 300 ft, thence Southwest to a point 100 ft North of the point of beginning, thence South to said point of beginning. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to set the time and date of a public hearing regarding the sale of said property to be at 2:00 p.m. on February 27, 2024. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

Bill Rahder, Boyd's Electric technician, met with the Board to discuss options for replacing uninterrupted power supply units. The Board requested estimates for the options as discussed.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:32 p.m. to 1:33 p.m. The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:35 p.m. to 1:41 p.m.

The Board reviewed written correspondence from Bill Ward.

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

## January 31, 2024

### CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	293,543.23	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$	293,543.23	
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,037.37	
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$23,255.97	
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,240.44	

Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding	\$2,804.40
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$38,232.22
Credit Management Lancaster County	Garnishment	\$382.79
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$42,349.80
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$21,698.29
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$3,000.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$6,650.77
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$546.83
General Fund Payroll	Total Gross Pay	\$199,725.53
	GROSS TOTAL	\$344,924.41
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$51,381.18)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$293,543.23</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **176,391.99** .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$ **176,391.99**

#### ROAD FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,697.87
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$12,065.81
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,457.60
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Baseline Truck Sales	Vehicle Purchase	\$22,000.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$935.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$18,412.40
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$22,935.24
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$10,343.66
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	\$3,696.49
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$234.83
Road Fund Payroll	Total Gross Pay	\$108,330.64
	GROSS TOTAL	\$203,975.74
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$27,583.75)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$176,391.99</b>

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	\$796.10
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$107.66
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Visitors Promotion Fund Payroll	Total Gross Pay	\$3,891.32
	GROSS TOTAL	\$5,424.18
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$984.72)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$4,439.46</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **72,748.16** .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of	\$	<b>72,748.16</b>
<b>HEALTH CLAIMS FUND</b>		
Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$72,748.16
	TOTAL	<b>\$72,748.16</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>11,222.68</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of	\$	<b>11,222.68</b>	

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	9.43
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$794.80
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	\$2,081.57
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	\$302.72
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Total Gross Pay	\$7,864.93
	GROSS TOTAL	\$13,539.01
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$2,316.33)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$11,222.68</b>

The Board conducted interviews for the Emergency Management Director position with Wynn Wiens, Glen May, and Jessica Coyle. The Board discussed the qualifications and experience of said applicants. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to authorize Chairman DeNaeyer to extend an offer to Wynn Wiens for the Emergency Management Director position at the current salary. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 3:03 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

### January 30, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on January 30, 2024 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published January 10, 2024 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 1:32 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.

An unapproved tax list correction that Treasurer Hammond has received money for was discussed. There was no business to come before the Board.

At 1:33 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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## BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

### January 30, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on January 30, 2024 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published January 10, 2024 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 1:35 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 updated the Board regarding the staff and jail censuses. 911 mapping issues, outfitting the van to transport inmates, and the potential for housing inmates for other jurisdictions were discussed. There was no business to come before the Board.

At 1:41 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

## February 13, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on February 13, 2024 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 Clerk Longcor. 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 Clerk Longcor and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioner regular meeting minutes from January 30, 2024 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 January 30, 2024 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 January 30, 2024 were read. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer reported that Wynn Wiens accepted the Emergency Management Director position and will start employment on March 15, 2024.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer and Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith updated the Board regarding road issues caused by early ground thawing, high water levels, culvert placement, inspection and evaluation of roads, equipment issues & breakdowns, potential availability of millings at Eli, Merritt Dam Road snow removal, and upcoming bid opening for a wing extension on Seneca Rd Bridge over North Loup River.

Deputy Emergency Manager Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding submittal of the cybersecurity grant, quotes haven't been received for the UPS replacement, and ongoing 911 call mapping issues.

Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding the Planning Commission's reorganization meeting, upcoming NPZA Conference, status of the Comprehensive Plan draft, and CUP applications & public hearings.

Planning Commission members Duane Kime, Sherri Bacon, and Marla Shelbourn were present to discuss their perspectives concerning the progression and/or delays of revising the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations. Administrator Coyle indicated that the Planning Commission is at a standstill until Keith Marvin provides an updated draft. The Planning Commission's moratorium placed in 2019 on CUP applications for solar and wind energy was discussed. The Board requested ideas for how to help the Planning Commission complete the revision and adoption of updated Zoning Regulations and Comprehensive Plan. Corresponding with Mr. Marvin, setting a timeline for accountability purposes, Planning Commission subcommittees, and a short-term moratorium on CUP applications were offered as suggestions by those present.

Nelson moved to place a temporary hold on all Zoning CUP applications until the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations have been approved by the Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners, to allow the Planning Commission to focus on the task at hand. Discussion was had concerning what an appropriate timeline would be for a temporary hold to allow the Planning Commission to continue their work on revising the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations without hindering business in Cherry County. The Board spoke with County Attorney Eric Scott via telephone. The Board's constitutional authority, potential liability of placing a moratorium on CUP applications, and due process for updating the Comprehensive Plan & Zoning Regulations were discussed. The legal effectiveness

of the Planning Commission’s moratorium on wind and solar energy CUP applications was also discussed. Chairman DeNaeyer called for a second on Nelson’s motion on the floor after debate ceased. Motion died for lack of a second.

McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to set a deadline for the Planning Commission to have a final copy of the updated Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations to the Board of Commissioners by July 9, 2024. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughey. No – DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Administrator Coyle informed the Board regarding CUP #005/23 that the Planning Commission held a public hearing, voted 4-2 to recommend approval, and the earliest date for the Commissioners to hold a public hearing is March 12<sup>th</sup>. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to set the public hearing for CUP #005/23 Billie Brockley and Mike Wescott – RV/Tent Camping Park to be at 11:00 a.m. on March 12, 2024. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of District Court fee report for January 2024, Treasurer’s fund balance listing for January 31, 2024, Operating Statement report of budget v. actual spending for January 31, 2024, and the 2023 NIRMA Annual Report. Nelson reported regarding attendance at recent legislative sessions.

The Board recessed from 11:49 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

At 1:30 p.m. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to enter closed session for the purpose of discussion regarding a personnel issue and the County’s legal strategy for a potential claim, with the Board, Clerk, and County Attorney to be present. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried. Chairman DeNaeyer restated the subject matter of the closed session to be discussion of a personnel issue and the County’s legal strategy for a potential claim.

At 2:20 p.m. the meeting room doors were reopened and the public was allowed to reenter. At 2:21 p.m. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to come out of closed session. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

Valentine City Council President Kyle Arganbright, Valentine City Council member Brad Arnold, members of the Cherry County Visitors Promotion Board, Tourism Director Regina Osburn, and County Attorney Eric Scott were present to discuss the Convention Center project. The City Council’s vote to request an extension of the option to purchase the old Shopko building, whether or not the Board of Commissioners has authority to spend Visitors Improvement funds on the project, potential grant opportunities, and management design of the project were discussed. The Commissioners stressed that there is no intention to use property tax dollars to fund the project. It was stated that the Visitors Promotion Board unanimously supports spending Visitors Improvement funds on the project and they will hold a special meeting to take official action stating as much. An interlocal agreement, to authorize the execution of a purchase agreement, will be placed on the Board of Commissioners’ February 27<sup>th</sup> agenda for their consideration.

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

## February 13, 2024 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	98,266.82	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$		98,266.82
<b>GENERAL</b>			



Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$668.41
Applied Connective Technologies	Services	\$4,773.13
Black Hills Chemical	Services	\$433.89
Bob Barker Company	Services	\$1,661.54
Boyd's Network Solutions	Services	\$844.80
Brown County Clerk	Services	\$1,579.50
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$82.74
Butler Veterinary Clinic	Services	\$240.36
Aisha Carr	Services	\$400.50
Centurylink	Telephone Service	\$199.98
Centurylink	Telephone Service	\$1,796.15
Cherry County Court	Services	\$423.75
Cherry County District Court	Services	\$36.00
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$7,280.00
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees	\$5.00
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service	\$318.18
Complete Garage Doors Inc	Services	\$186.24
Contryman Associates PC	Services	\$250.00
CVSOAN Treasurer	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$60.00
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services	\$537.60
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services	\$220.55
Janette Duffield	Reimbursement	\$102.90
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$1,269.61
Firstnet/AT&T	Services	\$652.13
Galls Parent Holdings	Supplies	\$893.32
Michelle Garwood	Reimbursement	\$66.70
Government Forms & Supplies	Supplies	\$629.39
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$100.00
Timothy Hanson	Equipment	\$2,636.75
Heart City Drug	Supplies	\$68.85
Heart City Lock and Key	Services	\$563.85
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$169.89
Gary Jackson	Reimbursement	\$107.85
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,449.36
La Quinta Inn & Suites	Lodging	\$474.80
Dave Leonard	Reimbursement	\$88.43
Loup Basin RC&D Council	Services	\$200.00
Marco Technologies LLC	Services	\$226.12
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$232.00
Midplains Community College	Services	\$390.00
MIPS	Services	\$5,485.62
NACO	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$40.00
NE Clerks of District Court Assn	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$50.00
NE County Court Assn	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$5.00
Nebraska Assn of County Treasurers	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$50.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$191.95
NK Waste Management	Services	\$184.00
North Star Electric	Services	\$256.55
Office Products	Supplies	\$3,811.61
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Supplies	\$597.75
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$28.45
Pit Stall	Services	\$110.92
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$75.00

Presto X	Services	\$103.73
Quadient Leasing USA	Services	\$1,128.63
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$4,000.00
Reese Inc	Services	\$1,878.80
Region IV Inc	Services	\$2,626.00
Maxwell Renning	Reimbursement	\$360.58
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$371.05
Andrea Schadel	Reimbursement	\$17.28
Becky Schrunk	Services	\$180.00
Cynthia Scott	Gross Wages	\$4,197.10
Eric Scott Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$11,533.75
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$222.33
Camilla Searby	Gross Wages	\$1,744.36
Security First Bank	Services	\$32.00
Cardmember Service	Services	\$400.00
Sennett, Duncan, Jenkins & Wickham	Services	\$37.50
Thomas & Jensen Law Office	Services	\$884.00
Timeclock Plus	Services	\$15,161.60
True Value	Supplies	\$52.52
UNL Panhandle Research & Extension	Services	\$365.00
US Cellular	Services	\$61.14
Valentine Dental Clinic LLC	Services	\$92.25
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$457.50
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$4,667.87
Ward Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$453.60
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$93.40
Wex Bank	Services	\$1,914.12
Wrenched Tire & Auto	Services	\$166.00
3s Fabrication & Repair	Services	\$132.00
	GROSS TOTAL	\$99,541.23
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	-\$1,274.41
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$98,266.82</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	110,942.21	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$

<b>ROAD</b>		
Andersen & Sons NAPA Auto Parts	Supplies	\$228.76
Bacon Repair	Services	\$1,795.31
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$1,792.27
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$4,318.66
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$1,064.95
Cody Oil	Services	\$5,481.76
Village of Cody	Services	\$155.50
Collier, Brent	Reimbursement	\$679.67
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$311.33
Crossroads Auto Repair Specialists	Services	\$112.27
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$147.91
Daly Enterprises	Services	\$2,526.28
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Dooley Oil Inc	Services	\$175.03
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$320.85
Great Plains Health	Services	\$56.00

Handyman Hardware	Services	\$106.05
Independent Salt Co	Services	\$1,073.41
Inland Truck Parts Company	Supplies	\$1,134.00
J&J Trailer Sales	Services	\$70.00
JM Parts & Equipment Inc	Services	\$40.87
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$723.15
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$1,286.19
Kohler Trailer Sales	Services	\$2,137.90
Kustom Rock Crushing	Services	\$13,400.00
Lanair Products LLC	Services	\$232.65
M I Jones	Supplies	\$1,032.65
Martin Auto Parts II	Services	\$178.93
Mathis Equipment	Services	\$9.59
Medical Enterprises Inc	Services	\$110.00
Menards	Supplies	\$335.42
Village of Merriman	Services	\$61.77
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Services	\$421.97
Neal Oil & Auto Center	Services	\$1,386.00
Nebraska Machinery Company	Services	\$1,258.91
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$103.36
Nebraska Truck Center	Services	\$2,502.66
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$2,872.50
NK Waste Management Inc	Services	\$115.00
Northern Tool & Equipment	Supplies	\$1,344.99
Office Products Center	Supplies	\$61.39
The Parts Company	Services	\$2,030.42
Terry Pearman	Reimbursement	\$369.20
Perrett Construction	Services	\$378.70
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$20.00
Pit Stall Inc	Services	\$517.72
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$187.55
Powerplan	Services	\$15,386.42
Prema	Services	\$68.40
Rau Repair	Services	\$1,609.00
Reese Inc	Services	\$1,856.17
Robin Roth	Services	\$259.80
Sandhill Oil Company	Services	\$32,190.11
Sandhills Ranch Supply	Supplies	\$2,124.61
Thedford Lumber & Supply	Services	\$65.98
US Cellular	Services	\$106.45
City of Valentine	Services	\$1,119.07
Ward Plumbing & Heating LLC	Services	\$450.00
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$10.00
3S Fabrication & Repair	Services	\$819.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$110,942.21</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	22,629.96	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of		\$	22,629.96
<b>VISITOR PROMOTION</b>			
Great Plains Communication	Services	\$180.37	
Tony Hanson	Services	\$75.00	

Hollman Media, LLC	Services	\$360.00
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$393.83
NK Waste Management	Services	\$99.00
NRG Media LLC	Services	\$1,997.00
Quad Graphics Inc	Services	\$19,089.98
Valentine Rotary Club	Dues/Fees/Training	\$102.00
City of Valentine	Services	\$332.78
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,629.96</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 18,209.28 .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of \$ 18,209.28

#### **EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS**

Cherry County Clerk Health Insurance Claims \$18,209.28  
**TOTAL \$18,209.28**

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 10,367.89 .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of \$ 10,367.89

#### **BOOKMOBILE**

Thomas County Library Bookmobile \$658.00  
Valentine Public Library Bookmobile \$9,709.89  
**TOTAL \$ 10,367.89**

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 2,219.72 .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ 2,219.72

#### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Applied Connective Technologies Services \$1,411.00  
Century Link Services \$261.39  
Huskerland Communications Services \$22.99  
KBR Rural Public Power Services \$106.17  
KVSH Services \$240.00  
Prema Services \$178.17  
**TOTAL \$2,219.72**

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 16,191.12 .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of \$ 16,191.12

#### **INHERITANCE TAX**

Houghton Bradford Whitted PC Services \$16,191.12  
**TOTAL \$16,191.12**

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 2,479.61 .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of \$ 2,479.61

#### **911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)**

CenturyLink Services \$60.41  
Great Plains Communications Inc Services \$17.58  
OPTK Networks Services \$146.64  
Solacom Technologies Services \$2,254.98  
**TOTAL \$2,479.61**

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	14,051.09	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of	\$		<b>14,051.09</b>

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2013)**

CenturyLink	Services	\$342.30
Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$99.62
OPTK Networks	Services	\$830.96
Solacom Technologies	Services	\$12,778.21
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,051.09</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	52,086.80	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Courthouse (Special Building) Fund in the amount of	\$		<b>52,086.80</b>

**Courthouse (Special Building)**

Eggert Enterprises LLC	Services	\$49,236.80
Wickett Construction	Services	\$2,850.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$52,086.80</b>

NorthStar Services Valentine Area Director Jean Risseuw met with the Board and County Attorney Eric Scott to discuss concerns regarding New Generation Apartments with Karen Spain APC Management President via telephone. New Generation room vacancy percentages, amount currently owed to APC Management, potential discontinuation of APC Management's services, necessary monthly fees, HUD inspections, deferred maintenance, and staff shortages at NorthStar were discussed.

The Board agreed that APC Management would be paid the amount currently owed and that they would like APC Management to continue managing New Generation Apartments. Paying fees to APC Management on a monthly basis, drafting a new contract for APC to continue management services, and a capital injection were discussed. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding APC Management Contraction Termination.

At 3:58 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

## February 27, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on February 27, 2024 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 February 13, 2024 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board met with James Almond, Public Service Commission 911 Field Coordinator, Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse, Dispatch Sergeant Gary Jackson, Interim Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle, Rock County Sheriff Ben Shelbourn, Antelope County Sheriff Robert Moore, and Brown County Sheriff Brent Deibler to discuss 911 call mapping issues throughout the North Central 911 Region. Mr. Almond provided background information regarding the statewide project for the migration of all regional communications to NG911 ESInet and confirmed that the mapping issues originate with Solacom, the 911 Region's emergency call handling provider. Mr. Almond stated that he has been working with Lumen, the State's ESInet and NG911 core services provider, to provide a feed directly to GeoComm, the 911 Region's GIS vendor, as a potential short-term solution. Those present from the 911 Region agreed to set a date in the near future for the Executive 911 Committee to hold a meeting and work towards a long-term solution regarding the 911 Region's emergency call handling.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer and Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith updated the Board regarding culverts that need to be placed, equipment repairs, and upcoming fracture critical and routine bridge inspections. The Board requested that Mr. Boyer obtain more details about a Freightliner truck that is for sale. Road Foreman Jay D Osburn spoke with the Board concerning a road issue from standing water in District 1. The Board reviewed correspondence from the Village of Wood Lake regarding snow removal within village limits. Snow removal in the various Cherry County villages, release of liability, insurance coverage, and billing rates were discussed. The Board reviewed a draft snow removal agreement and an agreement between Johnstown and Brown County. Consultation with the County Attorney will take place prior to proceeding.

DeNaeyer reported concerning the KPCC Housing Corporation Board of Directors meeting held on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Funding requirements and updating bylaws will be discussed by the KPCC Board at their next meeting. The Board reviewed an email from Karen Spain, APC Management, confirming that cancellation of the management contract for New Generation Apartments has been rescinded. Communication with Keya Paha County regarding funding percentages will take place at a later date. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding APC Management Contract – New Generation Apartments.

Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to appoint Ann Neiffer and Ryan Sexson to the Cherry County Extension Board for three-year terms set to expire on December 31, 2026. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from CNEDD regarding their 2023 Digital Equity Plan.

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

February 29, 2024  
CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	255,577.85	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$			255,577.85

**GENERAL FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,259.24
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$18,415.97
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,240.44
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding	\$2,800.40
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$38,232.22
Criminal Addiction Inc	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$300.00
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$31,666.12
Hampton Inn	Lodging	\$327.00
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$21,698.29
Journal Entry	Fund Correction	\$2,440.77
Journal Entry	Refund	(\$150.00)
Journal Entry	Void Ck# 24023247	(\$32.00)
Journal Entry	Void Ck# 24023232	(\$597.75)
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$2,950.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$4,629.85
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$6,445.04
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$537.21
General Fund Payroll	Gross Total	\$295,300.10
	GROSS TOTAL	\$295,300.10
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$39,722.25)
	NET TOTAL	\$255,577.85

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	105,532.92	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of	\$			105,532.92

**ROAD FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,853.30
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$9,306.08
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	\$18,412.40
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$17,025.73
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$10,343.66
Journal Entry	Void Check# 24013114	(\$22,000.00)
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	\$2,486.26
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$234.83
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Total	\$85,267.23
	GROSS TOTAL	\$127,193.29
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$21,660.37)
	NET TOTAL	\$105,532.92

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	4,439.46	.	
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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	\$796.10
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$107.66
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Visitors Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Total	\$3,891.32
	GROSS TOTAL	\$5,424.18
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$984.72)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$4,439.46</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **44,530.44** .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of \$ **44,530.44**

**HEALTH CLAIMS FUND**

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$44,530.44
	TOTAL	<b>\$44,530.44</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **5,324.07** .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ **5,324.07**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	277.35
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$301.45
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	\$501.97
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	\$67.34
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Total	\$2,679.51
		\$0.00
	GROSS TOTAL	\$6,313.18
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$989.11)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$5,324.07</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **11,401.30** .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of \$ **11,401.30**

**INHERITANCE TAX**

APC Management/New Generations	Services	\$13,842.07
Journal Entry	Fund Correction	<b>(\$2,440.77)</b>
	TOTAL	<b>\$11,401.30</b>

The Board recessed from 12:25 p.m. to 1:02 p.m.



Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

The Board reported regarding recent meetings they had attended.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:15 p.m. to 1:41 p.m.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:42 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.

The Board discussed the Village of Wood Lake snow removal issue with County Attorney Eric Scott. The history of snow removal in Wood Lake, the potential requirement to provide snow removal services to all Cherry County villages, and the drafting of a snow removal agreement were discussed. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding Village of Wood Lake Snow Removal Proposal.

At 2:08 pm. Chairman DeNaeyer opened the public hearing regarding sale of the following described real estate: that part of the SE1/4NE1/4 of Section 7, Township 34, North, Range 33, West of the 6th P.M., Cherry County, Nebraska, described as follows: Beginning at a point 205 ft North of the NE corner of the NW1/4SE1/4 of said Section 7, thence East 150 ft, thence North 300 ft, thence Southwest to a point 100 ft North of the point of beginning, thence South to said point of beginning. Proper notice of the public hearing was confirmed by County Attorney Eric Scott. Commissioner McConaughy provided some background information regarding said real estate. Dewayne Lancaster, Deanna Schmit, and Shane Daniels had questions about the property and bidding process that the Board and Mr. Scott answered. At 2:16 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer closed the public hearing.

McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to sell the real property by sealed bids to be opened on March 26, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., with the legal description included in the notice. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board discussed their concerns with the Shopko location and funding shortfalls of the proposed convention center. Members of the Tourism Board, Valentine City Council members, and Tourism Director Regina Osburn were present for the discussion and offered their perspectives concerning the project and/or funding of a future project. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding the Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement Creating the Valentine Community Center Agency. The Board expressed appreciation to the Valentine City Council and Visitors Promotion Board for all their work on the project. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding authorizing the use of Visitors Improvement funds for the purpose of an event center.

Interim Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding the school safety meeting, completed training and upcoming training, EOC trailer maintenance, wildfires, potentially setting a burn ban, EMPG compliance, and the scheduled North Central 911 Board meeting.

The Board reviewed quotes and discussed options to replace the uninterrupted power supply systems with Interim Director Coyle. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to accept Estimate #117 totaling \$13,300.98 from Boyd's Network Solutions to replace the UPS systems for the Courthouse and Dispatch, and to allocate ARPA funds to pay for said items. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer reported that after the last Board meeting, Wynn Wiens had declined the EM Director position. It was confirmed by Interim Director Coyle that she would accept the position if it were offered to her. Contracting with Matt Sandoz for the Communications portion of Emergency Management in coordination with eliminating the Deputy Emergency Manager position were discussed and informally agreed upon. Opening the application period again was also discussed. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to extend an offer to Jessica Coyle for the Emergency Management Director position, effective immediately, at the current EMD pay scale, and request that she agrees to stay on as the Zoning Administrator until the position is filled. Roll call vote: Abstain – Nelson. Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

At 3:08 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

## February 27, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on February 27, 2024 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published February 21, 2024 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, 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 seven tax list corrections: Tax List Correction #2021-12 PID: 160030714 for a homestead exemption audit change from 100% to 90%, #2023-31 PID: 160248857 to correct a clerical error on correction #2023-30, #2023-32 PID: 160143438 omitted property change, #2023-33 PID: 160649442 omitted property reported, #2023-34 PID: 160649732 omitted property reported, #2023-35 PID: 160016398 valuation change – home moved to 160666152 per IOLL form, #2023-36 PID: 160666152 valuation change – home moved from 160016398 per IOLL form. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve tax list corrections #2021-12 and #2023-30 - #2023-36 as presented by Assessor Moreland and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Assessor Moreland recommended approval of the tax exemptions for all permissive exemption applications as received by her office. The Board discussed some of the organizations contained in the list of applications. The Board will take action to grant or withhold exemptions after a public hearing to be held on March 26, 2024.

At 1:41 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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# BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

## February 27, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on February 27, 2024 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published February 21, 2024 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 1:42 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. 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 census and jail census. The scheduled North Central 911 Board meeting, 911 call mapping issues, upcoming basic jail training, and the inmate transport van were discussed. Administrator Hesse will coordinate with County Attorney Eric Scott regarding the Solacom service contract. There was no business to come before the Board.

At 1:41 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

## March 12, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on March 12, 2024 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 February 27, 2024 were read. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from February 27, 2024 were read. Nelson 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 27, 2024 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 10:17 a.m. Chairman DeNaeyer opened the public hearing regarding the One- & Six-Year Highway Improvement Program. Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith and Road Supervisor Doug Boyer reviewed planned projects throughout the county and projects completed since last spring. The Board discussed millings for S Eli Rd and some changes to the plans to include the addition of armor coat projects for Skull Lake Rd in District 1 and Merritt Dam Rd in District 3. There were no comments received from the public during the hearing. At 10:34 a.m. Chairman DeNaeyer closed the hearing. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to adopt Resolution #2024-01 to approve the plan as amended. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Supervisor Boyer updated the Board regarding Road Department participation in County Government Day, improvements in road conditions, oil mix formula efficacy, ordering road signs, and equipment.

At 10:45 a.m. the meeting was moved to the Sheriff's Conference Room for the remainder of the meeting.

County Treasurer Kathy Hammond certified to the Board that on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024 all delinquent real estate taxes in Cherry County were offered for public auction. There were 32 parcels for sale totaling \$36,538.28. 16 parcels sold for \$32,584.50, leaving 16 parcels not sold for \$3,953.78. The decrease in investors present at the sale due to recent legislative changes and actions taken by Treasurer Hammond to notify owners of real estate with delinquent taxes were also discussed.

DeNaeyer reported regarding the KPCC Board meeting held on March 11<sup>th</sup>. The KPCC Board conducted their reorganization, reviewed bylaws, and discussed funding and contribution percentages.

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman DeNaeyer opened the public hearing regarding CUP #005/23 Billie Brockley and Mike Wescott – RV/Tent Camping Park. Interim Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle reported that the Planning Commission had voted 4-2 to recommend approval of the application.

Applicants Billie Brockley and Mike Wescott provided historical information for the campground, discussed some items contained in the application, and answered questions from the Board. Planned operational details, restricting campfires to designated contained areas, access roads, and sharing costs for a privacy fence with an adjoining landowner were also discussed.

Sherri Bacon and Marla Shelbourn, Planning Commission members present at the hearing, were asked to offer their input regarding the CUP. Approximately four individuals provided oral testimony during the public hearing including: Jane Stolzenburg, Shane Daniels, Katrina Haase, and Roscoe Haase. Written testimony was submitted prior to the public hearing by Mark Kovar. At 11:35 a.m. Chairman DeNaeyer closed the public hearing.

DeNaeyer moved to approve and adopt Zoning Resolution #Z-94. The Board and County Attorney Eric Scott discussed what conditions for approval would be appropriate and within the Board's authority. The motion died for lack of a second.

The Board discussed time needed for research prior to voting on the CUP. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to table Zoning Resolution #Z-94 until March 26, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding PSAP funds, recent wildfires, a disaster declaration, a SolaCom tech will be on-site next week, North Central 911 meeting will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 911 call mapping, and upcoming participation in the school's standard reunification training.

Interim Administrator Coyle reported that the Planning Commission had voted 7-0 to recommend approval of CUP #002/24 Grant Moreland – Commercial Welding Shop. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to set the time and date for the public hearing regarding CUP #002/24 Grant Moreland – Commercial Welding Shop to be held on April 9, 2024 at 10:15 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

A draft Zoning Administrator job description, office hours, work hours required, and current salary were discussed.

The Board recessed from 12:22 p.m. to 1:02 p.m.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time. Ann Warren submitted written material to the Board.

Sheriff Rusty Osburn met with the Board to discuss purchasing a patrol vehicle. State bid prices, miles on vehicles, and the switching of communications equipment between different makes of vehicles were discussed. It was a consensus of the Board to authorize Sheriff Osburn to proceed with shopping for a patrol vehicle.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of District Court fee report for February 2024, Treasurer's fund balance listing for February 29, 2024, and Operating Statement report of budget v. actual spending for February 29, 2024.

Property Tax Administrator Sarah Scott met with the Board, County Assessor Jackie Moreland, and County Attorney Eric Scott to discuss a report issued in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1330, regarding the statutory compliance of the Cherry County Assessor's Office. Assessor Moreland presented a 10-Step Action Plan to meet statutory requirements and be in compliance. Sarah Scott reviewed issues, findings, and corrective measures contained in the report. Monthly reporting, upcoming statutory deadlines, assistance from the Property Assessment Division, and resources required to implement corrective measures were discussed. No Board action was taken.

The Board discussed the Zoning Administrator position with interim Administrator Coyle and Mr. Scott. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to adopt the Cherry County Planning & Zoning Administrator job description as presented by Jessica Coyle. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to set the Zoning Administrator office hours to be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. plus additional hours as required in the job description, the salary to be \$20,975 per year, and for the position to remain part-time, salaried, exempt. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy,

Nelson. The motion carried. Advertising for the position was discussed and applications for the position are to be submitted to the Clerk's Office.

At 2:05 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer closed the acceptance of bids for the Northwest Wing Extension – Bridge COE1605905P. Sealed bids were opened for the material and labor for the installation of an extension to the northwest wing for an existing 23'-9 wide by 60'-0 long single span bridge. Bids were received as follows:

- 1.) Norfolk Contracting, Inc. \$90,645.00
- 2.) Kea Constructors \$205,053.36

Highway Superintendent Smith was present to answer questions from the Board and confirmed that both companies have done satisfactory work for Cherry County in the past. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to accept the bid from Norfolk Contracting, Inc. totaling \$90,645 for the northwest wing extension of the Seneca Rd Bridge over the North Loup River (Structure COE1605905P). Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Mike Bateman, Murphy Tractor Territory Sales Manager, informed the Board that Murphy Tractor has the state bid for all-wheel-drive motor graders that expires later this year. Production lead times were also discussed.

Mid-Plains Community College (MPCC) President Ryan Purdy, MPCC Vice President of Administrative Services Mike Steele, and MPCC Valentine Campus Administrator Jennifer Edson met with the Board, County Attorney Eric Scott, Tourism Director Regina Osburn, and members of the Visitors Promotion Board to discuss the possibility of adding a convention center onto the existing MPCC building. Estimated construction costs, a convention center concept drawing, ownership structure, funding, and comparable facilities within the MPCC network were discussed. The Board informally agreed to move forward with the exploratory phase of the proposed convention center project.

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

## March 12, 2024 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	60,426.00	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$		<b>60,426.00</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>			
Ainsworth Star Journal	Services		\$193.20
Anderson Electric Inc	Services		\$1,153.60
Applied Connective Technologies	Services		\$4,744.10
Black Hills Chemical	Services		\$335.67
Bomgaars	Supplies		\$40.48
Buckles Fuel Service	Services		\$93.02
Aisha Carr	Services		\$1,253.75
Centurylink	Telephone Service		\$208.14
Centurylink	Telephone Service		\$1,829.46
Cherry County Court	Services		\$255.00
Cherry County District Court	Services		\$36.00
Cherry County Hospital	Services		\$5,607.50
Cherry County Sheriff	Services		\$6.00
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees		\$5.00
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service		\$320.10
Comfort Inn	Lodging		\$193.70
Crowne Plaza/IHG Hotel	Lodging		\$189.00

DAS State Accounting 6506	Services	\$537.60
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services	\$220.55
Daugherty Construction	Services	\$250.00
Journal Entry	Void ck# 24023224	(\$40.00)
Firstnet/AT&T	Services	\$652.13
Galls Parent Holdings	Supplies	\$146.51
Michelle Garwood	Reimbursement	\$218.42
Grafix Shoppe	Services	\$638.22
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$100.00
GRP	Services	\$58.00
Kathy Hammond	Reimbursement	\$177.55
Hampton Inn	Lodging	\$170.10
Timothy Hanson	Equipment	\$2,636.75
Heart City Lock and Key	Services	\$290.00
Heart City Plumbing	Services	\$471.85
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$99.83
Interstate All Battery Center	Supplies	\$149.10
Isoclima Specialty Glass	Services	\$1,030.14
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,259.47
Dave Leonard	Reimbursement	\$329.51
Mellette County	Services	\$1,139.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$136.00
Midplains Community College	Services	\$390.00
MIPS	Services	\$3,177.62
NACO	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$50.00
NACO Planning and Zoning	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$40.00
Nebraska Assn of County Assessors	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$75.00
Nebraska Assn of County Clerks	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$50.00
Nebraska Extension-UNL	Services	\$1,200.00
Nebraska Planning & Zoning	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$235.00
Nebraska Safety & Fire Equip	Services	\$295.00
Nebraska State Patrol	Services	\$58.00
Nebraska Weed Control Association	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$150.00
NK Waste Management	Services	\$184.00
NPZA	Services	\$365.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$1,153.66
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Supplies	\$425.75
Paper Tiger Shredding	Services	\$55.00
The Parts Company	Supplies	\$9.48
PIP Marketing Signs Print	Services	\$1,213.75
Pit Stall	Services	\$109.66
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$750.00
Presto X	Services	\$103.73
Quadient Leasing USA	Services	\$175.52
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$2,200.00
Radiology Services	Services	\$174.38
Reese Inc	Services	\$818.35
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$415.99
Eric Scott Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$5,356.46
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$103.91
True Value	Supplies	\$135.69
UNL Panhandle Research & Extension	Services	\$422.78
US Cellular	Services	\$61.14



Valentine Dental Clinic LLC	Services	\$124.50
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$2,918.21
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$5,360.10
Ward Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$25.00
West Central Dist Assessor's Assn	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$25.00
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$51.77
Wex Bank	Services	\$1,832.10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$60,426.00</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	91,895.21	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$

#### ROAD

Bacon Repair	Services	\$1,820.62
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$1,254.56
Buche Hardware	Supplies	\$264.91
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$80.00
Central Nebraska Bobcat	Services	\$11.12
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$451.06
Cody Oil	Services	\$2,349.84
Village of Cody	Services	\$157.10
Collier, Brent	Reimbursement	\$140.01
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$327.43
Crowne Plaza/IHG Hotel	Lodging	\$144.95
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$189.18
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Garrett Egger	Reimbursement	\$250.00
Galaway Field Repair LLC	Services	\$2,569.76
Grainger	Services	\$288.36
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$320.87
Grimm's Pump & Industrial Supply	Services	\$70.26
Hampton Trucking	Services	\$3,960.00
Hoef's Skidloader Works LLC	Services	\$4,735.00
Interstate Battery System	Services	\$623.80
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$418.13
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$608.41
L&L Gravel	Services	\$19,750.00
MARC/Mid American Research Chemical	Services	\$1,180.00
Bentz Kenyon McWhirter	Reimbursement	\$56.38
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Services	\$2,099.16
Village of Mullen	Services	\$144.00
Nebraska Machinery Company	Services	\$1,501.71
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$93.21
Nebraska Truck Center	Services	\$969.80
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$2,700.00
NK Waste Management Inc	Services	\$115.00
Office Products Center	Supplies	\$25.52
J.D. Osburn	Reimbursement	\$240.70
The Parts Company	Services	\$819.11
Terry Pearman	Reimbursement	\$426.00
Perrett Construction	Services	\$2,195.28
Pit Stall Inc	Services	\$1,064.85

Powerplan	Services	\$4,217.63
Prema	Services	\$204.09
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$50.00
Rau Repair	Services	\$1,609.00
Reese Inc	Services	\$2,317.81
Sandhill Oil Company	Services	\$14,185.96
Sandhills Ranch Supply	Supplies	\$275.02
Select Parts Inc	Supplies	\$742.53
Surplus Center	Supplies	\$789.86
Brye Szakacs	Reimbursement	\$240.58
US Cellular	Services	\$105.79
City of Valentine	Services	\$1,479.31
Vander Haag's Inc	Services	\$588.34
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$30.00
3S Fabrication & Repair	Services	\$10,435.50
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$91,895.21</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 4,039.61 .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of \$ 4,039.61

#### **VISITOR PROMOTION**

Cherry Street Rentals LLC	Services	\$1,020.00
Great Plains Communication	Services	\$179.35
Tony Hanson	Services	\$150.00
John Michalek/K-Lawn	Services	\$155.00
Regina Osburn	Reimbursement	\$1,635.93
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Services	\$200.00
Valentine Chamber of Commerce	Services	\$300.00
City of Valentine	Services	\$399.33
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,039.61</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 13,215.62 .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Employee Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of \$ 13,215.62

#### **EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS**

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$13,215.62
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,215.62</b>

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
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,709.89</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 1,668.39 .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ 1,668.39

#### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Century Link	Services	\$260.47
Jessica Coyle	Reimbursement	\$533.08
KBR Rural Public Power	Services	\$92.14

KSDZ & KDJL	Services	\$300.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$45.68
Prema	Services	\$261.02
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$176.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,668.39</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	3,495.00	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of		\$	<b>3,495.00</b>

**INHERITANCE TAX**

Houghton Bradford Whitted PC	Services	\$2,495.00
Marvin Planning Consultants	Services	\$1,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,495.00</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	(5.49)	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of		\$	<b>(5.49)</b>

**911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)**

Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$19.04
Journal Entry	Vendor Correction	(\$171.17)
OPTK Networks	Services	\$146.64
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-\$5.49</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,110.03	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of		\$	<b>1,110.03</b>

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)**

Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$107.90
Journal Entry	Vendor Correction	\$171.17
OPTK Networks	Services	\$830.96
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,110.03</b>

At 3:39 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

## March 26, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on March 26, 2024 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 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 March 12, 2024 were read. 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 updated the Board regarding millings for the Loup River Rd Project, leftover material at a construction site of Paulsen's that may be suitable for use as cold mix overlay on existing oil roads, and quotes received for purchasing signs. The Board requested pricing for the material to be turned into cold mix, while suitable uses and amounts for the material are determined in each road district.

Valentine Children & Families Coalition (VCFC) Executive Director Jill Austin met with the Board to discuss the childcare shortage in the area and to provide information about a project that would involve the revitalization and utilization of the Episcopal Church. The basement of the Episcopal Church has space to house up to thirty children and with estimates from contractors for construction, HVAC, and electrical the project totals \$120,000. If the project is successfully funded, VCFC will execute an interlocal agreement with the Episcopal Church for a long-term lease with \$1 per year due for rent. VCFC will hire a childcare provider and the space also has the ability to provide a preschool. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to pledge \$50,000 of the ARPA funds to be paid to VCFC for the construction of a childcare facility within the Episcopal Church, contingent upon VCFC securing the additional required funds from other contributors, and the execution of an interlocal agreement between the Episcopal Church and VCFC. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

CUP #005/23 applicant Billie Brockley provided the Board with an example of a non-portable firepit and a copy of a letter sent to an adjoining landowner regarding a privacy fence. Mrs. Brockley confirmed that fires would only be allowed in permanent, stationary firepits. The Board indicated that concerns raised by the public have been satisfactorily addressed. Interim Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle stated that she didn't have any input or concerns regarding the CUP. With concerns having been met, DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to adopt Zoning Resolution #Z-94. Roll call vote: Aye - McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried. Mrs. Brockley provided written comments to the Board.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle discussed services contained in an agreement with Stacen Gross of SCG Consulting Services. EM Director Coyle updated the Board regarding 911 call mapping, 911 address issues within Valentine City limits, and the burn ban. Dispatch Sergeant Gary Jackson and Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse were also present to discuss 911 call mapping and 911 address issues. McConaughy moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with SCG Consulting Services, LLC and authorize Jessica Coyle to sign on behalf of Cherry County Emergency Management. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

McConaughy provided photos and discussed details for road material located at a Western Engineering site along Eli Road. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to authorize Eric Scott to draft an agreement between Tom Schlack and Cherry County for the trade of services regarding the Western Engineering site adjacent to Eli Rd. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board recessed from 12:10 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. There were no comments received from the public during the allotted time. The Board and Clerk Longcor toured the Justice Center from 1:02 p.m. to 1:23 p.m.

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

## March 29, 2024 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>257,248.01</b>	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of			\$	<b>257,248.01</b>

### GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,082.58
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$18,938.09
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,197.40
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding	\$2,090.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$38,232.22
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$32,770.62
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$21,698.29
Ryan McSweeney	Reimbursement	\$49.36
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$2,950.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$4,855.03
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$6,225.00
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$537.21
General Fund Payroll	Gross Payroll	\$163,294.50
	GROSS TOTAL	\$297,920.30
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$40,672.29)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$257,248.01</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>126,453.77</b>	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$	<b>126,453.77</b>

### ROAD FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,861.19
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$9,604.33
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,290.32
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$935.00
Brye Szakacs	Reimbursement	\$238.59
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$16,525.30
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$17,815.62
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$9,250.15
Journal Entry	Void Check# 24033522	(\$240.58)
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	\$2,675.40
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$193.37
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Payroll	\$86,571.72
	GROSS TOTAL	\$148,536.61
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$22,082.84)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$126,453.77</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>4,439.46</b>	.	
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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	\$796.10
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$107.66
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Visitors Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Payroll	\$3,891.32
	GROSS TOTAL	\$5,424.18
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$984.72)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$4,439.46</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **20,043.72**  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of \$ **20,043.72**

**HEALTH CLAIMS FUND**

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$20,043.72
	TOTAL	<b>\$20,043.72</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **9,604.16**  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ **9,604.16**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	143.39
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$582.77
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	\$1,067.61
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	\$144.61
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Payroll	\$5,180.22
	GROSS TOTAL	\$9,604.16
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$9,604.16</b>

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:31 p.m. to 1:42 p.m.

At 2:00 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer closed the acceptance of bids for the 400 block of N. Cherry Street, Cody, NE – Real Estate. Sealed bids were opened for the sale of the following described real estate, to wit: That part of the SE1/4NE1/4 of Section 7, Township 34, North, Range 33, West of the 6th P.M., Cherry County, Nebraska, described as follows: Beginning at a point 205 ft North of the NE corner of the NW1/4SE1/4 of said Section 7, thence East 150 ft, thence North 300 ft, thence Southwest to a point 100 ft North of the point of beginning, thence South to said point of beginning. Bids were received as follows:

- 1.) Josh Westover & Kayla Tucker \$100.00

The Board reviewed information received from Assessor Moreland for the sale of the parcel adjoining said real estate. The Board discussed the size of the real estate to be sold and what they thought was a fair price. The Board

discussed how, upon advice from the County Attorney, they had not set a fair market value for the real estate after the public hearing held on February 27, 2024. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the bid from Josh Westover. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey. No – Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 2:30 p.m. to 2:55 p.m.

At 2:56 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

## March 26, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on March 26, 2024 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published March 13, 2024 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 1:31 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. 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 inmate transport van, jail census, and staff census. Upcoming basic jail training, emotional support animal program, and an employee who will be cross-training were discussed. Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle met with the Board and Administrator Hesse to discuss the upcoming expiration of the Solacom maintenance contract and that the North Central 911 region is looking into obtaining quotes from other vendors. There was no business to come before the Board.

At 1:42 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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# BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

## March 26, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on March 26, 2024 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published March 13, 2024 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 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 Assessor Jackie Moreland, and Deputy Cherry County Assessor Andrea Andre. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Assessor Moreland emailed the required monthly progress report to the Board of Equalization and Property Assessment Division on March 25, 2024.

Assessor Moreland provided information to the Board regarding the 2024 Cherry County assessment actions. Changes made to residential, commercial, and agricultural classes were reviewed. Increases to agricultural home site acres, grass land, irrigated land, and ag intensive use acres were discussed.

The public hearing for permissive exemption applications was not held due to statutory notification requirements not being met and has been rescheduled for April 30, 2024.

There was no business to come before the Board.

At 2:55 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

## April 9, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on April 9, 2024 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 March 26, 2024 were read. After discussion concerning the information provided by the Assessor concerning the real estate for which a bid was accepted during the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from March 26, 2024 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 March 26, 2024 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 10:15 a.m. Chairman DeNaeyer opened the public hearing regarding CUP #002/24 Grant Moreland – Commercial Welding Shop. Interim Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle reported that the CUP application is complete and that the Planning Commission had voted unanimously to recommend approval. Planning Commission member Marla Shelbourn provided clarification concerning a condition she had included in her motion to recommend approval of the CUP. Applicant Grant Moreland provided information about the services and products the business would offer. Approximately one individual provided oral testimony during the public hearing including: Shane Daniels. Written testimony was submitted prior to the public hearing by Mark Kovar. At 10:20 a.m. Chairman DeNaeyer closed the public hearing.

McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to adopt Zoning Resolution #Z-95 Grant Moreland for a commercial welding shop. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding GeoComm and Solacom address and mapping issues, EMPG submission, Motorola dispatch consoles project, upcoming NC 911 meeting, upcoming trainings, Merriman siren grant progress, and annual SRS radio inspections.

County Attorney Eric Scott met with the Board to discuss the county-owned property that is being sold pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 23-107.01 and presented a resolution to confirm the sale of the real estate located at the 400 block of N. Cherry St, Cody, NE for the sum of \$100. The issue of the fair market value versus the future assessed value of the property and whether or not the Board had authority to set a minimum bid were discussed. Mr. Scott reviewed the deed for the property adjacent to said property, owned by Josh Westover and Kayla Tucker, to determine how title should be granted. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve Resolution #24-03. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith and Road District #1 Foreman Jay Dee Osburn met with the Board and Mr. Scott to discuss and review details contained in plans by Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. for the Minor Ranch, Snake River remediation efforts. Construction of an earth berm, culvert placement, silt fence, and tree planting were discussed. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the Minor Ranch, Snake River Plans for Construction CWA-07-2021-0053. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried. Mr. Osburn stated that he believes the plan could be completed by October. Invoices sent to Richard Minor for

reimbursement of 50% of the costs of the project in accordance with the Site Access and Reimbursement Agreement were discussed, which Commissioner McConaughy will follow up on.

Judd Allen and Dennis Maggart met with the Board to discuss the Cherry County health insurance renewal through NACO Blue Cross Blue Shield. Current plan year expense totals, options for specific deductible amounts, standard plan designs, administration fees, and stop loss company options were discussed. Requiring an affidavit for proof of coverage yearly from employees choosing the cash-in-lieu option was also discussed. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding Cherry County Health Insurance Renewal and it will be added to the agenda for April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Sheriff Rusty Osburn met with the Board to provide information for state bid pricing for a patrol vehicle. Equipment switching between makes of vehicles was discussed. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to authorize Sheriff Osburn to proceed with the purchase of a 2024 Ford Explorer for \$44,389 to be paid out of the Inheritance Tax Fund. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith presented the Board with two Requests to Occupy County Right-of-Way by Consolidated Companies, Inc. to construct fiber optic along Highway 61 in the Henderson Rd area and the southeast corner of the county along Loup River Rd and Elsmere Rd. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Requests to Occupy County Right-of-Way submitted by Consolidated Companies, Inc. and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding estimated costs for Paulsen's material between Tryon and Mullen, trucking costs of said material, and quantities needed. The Board requested that Mr. Boyer obtain more solid numbers for the material and trucking costs and ascertain if neighboring counties would be interested in buying any of the material. Superintendent Smith reported that the NRD had ordered the trees last week for the Snake River Plan.

The Board reviewed a resolution that contained fund transfer amounts as contained in the adopted 2023-2024 fiscal year budget. Amounts for funding the road bond, transfers from Inheritance and ARPA funds for the General and Road Funds, and a transfer from the General Fund for the Emergency Management fund were discussed with Clerk Longcor. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to adopt Resolution #2024-02 Fund Transfer. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Cherry County Human Resources Representative Billie Brockley and Clerk Longcor met with the Board to discuss ever increasing challenges and issues related to the administration of human resources for county employees. An issue with an elected official offering holiday pay to employees for an unpaid holiday, that is also not a State or Federal holiday, and options for outsourcing portions of human resources were discussed. It was the consensus of the Board to authorize Clerk Longcor and Mrs. Brockley to explore options for human resources assistance.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of District Court fee report for March 2024, Treasurer's fund balance listing for March 31, 2024, Operating Statement report of budget v. actual spending for March 31, 2024, and the Sheriff's Fee Report for 2024-Quarter 1.

Nelson reported regarding Niobrara Council, Middle Niobrara NRD, and Ag Society meetings she had attended

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time. Robert Shelbourn provided written comments.

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

April 9, 2024  
CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	122,552.71	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$	122,552.71	

**GENERAL**

Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Withholdings/Retirement	34.68
Applied Connective Technologies	Services	\$4,867.90
Ryan Benjamin	Reimbursement	\$127.30
Black Hills Chemical	Services	\$56.99
Bob Barker Company Inc	Supplies	\$401.87
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$152.89
Michael Borders	Services	\$239.50
Boyd's Network Solutions	Services	\$2,159.64
Heath Bristol	Gross Wages	\$308.23
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$87.50
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$6,187.00
Cherry County Sheriff	Services	\$127.80
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees	\$54,305.00
Cidnet	Services	\$300.00
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service	\$318.55
Comfort Inn	Lodging	\$218.00
Consolidated Management Company	Services	\$22.70
Crowne Plaza	Lodging	\$434.85
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services	\$537.60
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services	\$220.55
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$47.16
Election Systems & Software	Services	\$772.67
Firstnet/AT&T	Services	\$652.13
Michelle Garwood	Reimbursement	\$54.70
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$100.00
Timothy Hanson	Equipment	\$2,636.75
Heart City Drug	Supplies	\$108.32
Heart City Plumbing	Services	\$310.65
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$198.17
Sharon Hesse	Reimbursement	\$84.54
Holiday Inn Kearney	Lodging	\$144.95
Kami Hooey	Services	\$7,052.75
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,221.59
Journal Entry	AFLAC Refund	-\$60.45
Dave Leonard	Reimbursement	\$99.46
Tammy Lutter	Reimbursement	\$40.00
Marco Technologies	Services	\$31.44
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$136.00
MIPS	Services	\$3,264.47
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$4.42
NK Waste Management Inc	Services	\$184.00
Norfolk Lodge and Suites	Lodging	\$218.98
Office Products	Supplies	\$2,313.03
Paper Tiger Shredding	Services	\$55.00
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$179.90
Pit Stall	Services	\$158.40
Premier Parts & Paint	Services	\$865.00
Presto X	Services	\$103.73
Quadient Leasing USA	Services	\$337.21

Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$1,700.00
Quill Corporation	Services	\$66.34
Reese Inc	Services	\$1,574.28
Region 4 Behavioral Health	Services	\$5,379.75
Ron Lower Construction	Services	\$50.00
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$170.83
Lauren Schadel	Reimbursement	\$16.59
Eric Scott Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,992.39
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$42.49
Cardmember Service	Supplies	\$41.43
Sennet Duncan Jenkins & Wickham PC	Services	\$375.00
Sirchie Acquisition Company	Services	\$277.80
Tony's Tire & Auto Repair	Services	\$77.00
True Value	Supplies	\$5.99
UNL NE Extension	Services	\$7.60
University of Nebraska Lincoln	Services	\$2,521.01
UNL Panhandle Research & Extension	Services	\$470.49
US Cellular	Services	\$118.22
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$2,055.65
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$4,188.18
Ward Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$487.80
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$20.00
Wex Bank	Services	\$2,115.33
Wrenched Tire & Auto	Services	\$416.89

Gross Total \$122,594.58

Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings -\$41.87

**Net Total \$122,552.71**

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	349,582.11	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$

# ROAD

AKRS Equipment	Services	\$228.21
Andersen & Sons NAPA Auto Parts	Supplies	\$128.98
Andy's Glass Shop	Services	\$65.00
Bacon Repair	Services	\$780.75
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$1,616.72
Douglas Boyer	Reimbursement	\$5.35
Buche Hardware	Supplies	\$189.99
Jordan Buechle	Reimbursement	\$105.56
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$428.99
Cherry County Treasurer	Fund Transfer	\$269,000.00
Cody Oil	Services	\$3,560.92
Collier, Brent	Reimbursement	\$23.52
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$329.08
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$157.33
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Dean Marshall	Services	\$3,000.00
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$320.87
Hoef's Skidloader Works LLC	Services	\$6,756.00
Hometown Lumber & Construction	Supplies	\$1,660.08
Inland Truck Parts Company	Services	\$2,856.01
JM Parts and Equipment	Services	\$17.98

Journal Entry	Void Ck# 24033516	-\$1,609.00
Journal Entry	AFLAC Refund	-\$342.42
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$463.13
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$826.27
Martin Auto Parts II	Supplies	\$33.09
Village of Merriman	Services	\$122.79
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Services	\$1,652.95
Neal Oil & Auto Center	Services	\$660.00
Nebraska Machinery Company	Services	\$10,898.32
Nebraska Motor Fuels Division	Services	\$4,398.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$71.24
Nebraska Truck Center	Services	\$813.90
Newman Signs Inc	Services	\$6,069.08
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$6,525.00
NK Waste Management Inc	Services	\$115.00
Office Products Center	Supplies	\$325.81
The Parts Company	Services	\$412.44
Perrett Construction	Services	\$602.77
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$20.00
Pit Stall Inc	Services	\$1,240.42
Powerplan	Services	\$993.44
Prema	Services	\$152.42
Reese Inc	Services	\$856.38
Sandhill Oil Company	Services	\$20,655.88
US Cellular	Services	\$105.79
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$103.13
City of Valentine	Services	\$1,058.24
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$10.00
Wrenched Tire & Auto	Services	\$776.00
3S Fabrication & Repair	Services	\$133.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$349,582.11</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,191.05	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of		\$	1,191.05

#### **VISITOR PROMOTION**

Great Plains Communication	Services	\$179.84
Tony Hanson	Services	\$75.00
Norfolk Daily News	Services	\$505.00
Office Products	Services	\$140.00
City of Valentine	Services	\$291.21
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,191.05</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	17,310.10	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Employee Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of		\$	17,310.10

#### **EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS**

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$17,310.10
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,310.10</b>

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	
<b>BOOKMOBILE</b>			
Valentine Public Library	Bookmobile	\$9,709.89	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>9,709.89</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	239,488.70	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Covid American Rescue Plan Fund in the amount of	\$		<b>239,488.70</b>
<b>COVID ARPF</b>			
Cherry County Treasurer	Fund Transfer	\$200,000.00	
Motorola Solutions	Services	\$39,488.70	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$239,488.70</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	3,196.62	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of	\$		<b>3,196.62</b>
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>			
Century Link	Services	\$267.59	
KBR Rural Public Power	Services	\$93.72	
Office Products	Supplies	\$71.16	
Prema	Services	\$176.39	
SCG Consulting Services	Services	\$2,500.00	
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$87.76	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,196.62</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	908,999.86	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of	\$		<b>908,999.86</b>
<b>INHERITANCE TAX</b>			
Cherry County Treasurer	Fund Transfer	\$900,000.00	
Donna Dolezal/Walgren Estate	Refund	\$7,352.00	
Houghton Bradford Whitted PC	Services	\$396.00	
North Star Electric	Services	\$1,251.86	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$908,999.86</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	985.98	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of	\$		<b>985.98</b>
<b>911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)</b>			
Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$8.38	
OPTK Networks	Services	\$977.60	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$985.98</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	174.44	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of	\$		<b>174.44</b>
<b>911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)</b>			
Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$174.44	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$174.44</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	335.55	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Courthouse (Special Building) Fund in the amount of	\$		<b>335.55</b>

**Courthouse (Special Building)**

Wickett Construction

Services

\$335.55

**TOTAL**

**\$335.55**

Nelson provided the Board with correspondence she had received from Larry Wewel and from an anonymous individual.

At 1:27 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

## April 30, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on April 30, 2024 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 April 9, 2024 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 reviewed and discussed timecards for employees. Paid holiday hours that had been given to employees by an elected official, for a holiday that is not included in the employee handbook as a paid holiday and was not declared as a holiday by the state or federal government, were not processed as paid holiday hours according to direction from the Board. The use of vacation hours for a salaried, exempt employee was processed according to direction from Commissioner DeNaeyer. The use of paid time off for salaried, exempt employees and requiring a commissioner sign off on timecards for each said employee was also discussed. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve claims. Roll call vote: Aye - DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

### April 30, 2024 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>285,278.93</b>	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of			\$	<b>285,278.93</b>

#### GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,082.58
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$21,681.58
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,154.36
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding	\$2,058.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$37,763.08
Credit Management Services	Garnishment	\$559.87
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$39,549.87
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$21,361.30
Journal Entry	Void Ck# 24033435	(\$390.00)
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$2,950.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$6,157.58
Postmaster	Postage	\$2,000.00
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$6,443.09
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$515.06
General Fund Payroll	Gross Payroll	\$186,961.45
	GROSS TOTAL	\$333,847.82
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$48,568.89)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$285,278.93</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>154,848.36</b>	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$	<b>154,848.36</b>

**ROAD FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,861.19
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$9,955.68
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,290.32
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Bigiron Auctions	Equipment	\$25,025.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$880.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$16,525.30
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$19,152.64
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$9,250.15
Legal Shield	Services	\$101.70
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,250.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,930.07
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$193.37
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Payroll	\$89,694.59
	GROSS TOTAL	\$178,424.51
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$23,576.15)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$154,848.36</b>

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	\$796.10
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$107.66
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Visitors Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Payroll	\$3,891.32
	GROSS TOTAL	\$5,424.18
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$984.72)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$4,439.46</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **20,933.86** .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of \$ **20,933.86**

**HEALTH CLAIMS FUND**

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$20,933.86
	TOTAL	<b>\$20,933.86</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **10,102.66** .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ **10,102.66**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	143.39
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$619.29
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	\$1,188.57
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	\$161.02
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Payroll	\$5,504.83
	GROSS TOTAL	\$10,102.66
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$10,102.66</b>

McConaughey reported concerning the reimbursement from Richard Minor for the Snake River Plan. He confirmed that he had provided the approved Mainelli Wagner plan to Mr. Minor and that the NRD and Mr. Minor would plant the trees as provided in said plan. It was confirmed by Clerk Longcor that the payment to Mainelli Wagner was made out of the Inheritance Tax Fund and the check will be deposited into said fund.

From 10:21 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization.

The Board and Clerk Longcor met with Judd Allen and spoke with Dennis Maggart via telephone regarding the health insurance renewal. Additional options for the prescription drug tiers were reviewed and details of stop loss carriers and their rates were discussed. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to renew the Cherry County employee health insurance, to select Companion Life as the stop loss carrier at the \$35,000 specific deductible, and to select the Blue Cross Blue Shield standard plan option 15 with the three-tier prescription drug plan. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board and Clerk Longcor reviewed a consulting proposal received from Zelle Human Resource Solutions. It was agreed that the level of services offered was more than the county would require, and Clerk Longcor will look into alternative options.

Valerio Jansante, Community Liaison for Congressman Adrian Smith, provided a legislative update to the Board and discussed meetings held with USPS officials, highlighted benefits of the SOAR Act, and support of the Firearm Due Process Protection Act.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer provided the Board with an estimate from Figgins of \$63 per ton, for roughly 10,000 tons, to produce material suitable for use as millings. Mr. Boyer stated that the millings between Mullen and Tryon won't be suitable for use by the county. Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith informed the Board that there won't be any millings available from the Highway 97 project by Merritt Dam, but that he will keep checking.

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith presented the Board with Requests to Occupy Cherry County Right-of-Way submitted by CenturyLink for fiber optic cable & enclosures along Meadow Lake Rd; Borman Bridge Rd and Pine Heights Dr; Chaduza Ridge Rd and Chaduza Canyon Rd; Alice St, Chestnut St, Birch St, Apple St, and Jenny St and a Request to Occupy submitted by Ainsworth Electric Motor, LLC for a water line in the SE1/4 of Sec. 34, T35N, R26W. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the Requests to Occupy and authorize Chairman DeNaeyer to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Elaine Menzel, NACO Legal Counsel, met with the Board to provide a legislative update. Upcoming workshops for county officials, NACO West in Ogallala, ARPA funds obligation deadline, Inheritance Tax legislation, restoration of felons' voting rights, Open Meetings Act updates, County Purchasing Act updates, and public records requests changes were discussed.

The Board reported regarding recent meetings they had attended.

The Board recessed from 12:17 p.m. to 1:02 p.m. Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

Building & Grounds Superintendent Pat Greenough met with the Board to discuss replacing lighting in the Cherry County south building, cleaning ducts in the Justice Center, and the roof leaking in the Justice Center. Using ARPA funds for replacing the Justice Center roof was discussed. The Board requested quotes prior to proceeding. Commissioner DeNaeyer will look into having specs drawn up for the potential roof replacement. An issue with the sidewalk sloping on the south side of Cherry County south was also discussed and Mr. Greenough will speak with the City about it first.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:31 p.m. to 2:06 p.m. The meeting moved from the Commissioners' Meeting Room to the Sheriff's Conference Room at 1:35 p.m. for the remainder of the meeting.

The Board conducted a Zoning Administrator interview with Amber Cozad.

At 2:23 p.m. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to enter closed session for the purpose of potential negotiations and discussion of terms and conditions of employment with the County Attorney Eric Scott, Board, Clerk Longcor, and interim Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle to be present. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried. Chairman DeNaeyer restated the purpose of the closed session to be potential negotiations and discuss of terms and conditions of employment.

At 3:06 p.m. the doors were reopened and the public was allowed to reenter. At 3:08 p.m. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to come out of closed session. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Chairman DeNaeyer stated that it was a consensus of the Board to request Mrs. Cozad to agree to preliminary terms prior to a formal offer of employment, including attendance of the May 6, 2024 Cherry County Planning Commission meeting at 4:30 p.m., a basic background check, and spending a couple of hours on May 9, 2024 with Interim Administrator Coyle and Commissioner McConaughy to review requirements of the position. Mrs. Cozad agreed to the preliminary terms. A formal offer of employment for the Zoning Administrator position will be added to the May 15, 2024 agenda.

The Board reviewed a letter received from Dave Rogers in which he resigned from the Planning Commission. The Board expressed appreciation for his years of service and wished him well. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to formally accept Dave Rogers' resignation from the Cherry County Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the extensive miles driven by some members of the Planning Commission to attend meetings and it was a consensus of the Board to encourage the Planning Commission members to turn in mileage reimbursement requests. The reimbursement form will be sent to Planning Commission members electronically and available in hard copy format at their meetings.

Creating a fee schedule for Conditional Use Permits was discussed by the Board and Interim Administrator Coyle stated that she has a draft fee schedule and had worked on it several years ago. The potential to charge for Zoning Building Permits was also discussed. Mr. Scott indicated the charging a percent of the projected project cost for CUP applications would retain the equal protection constitutionality. Keeping the fee schedule separate from the Zoning Regulations was discussed by Planning Commission member Marla Shelbourn.

The Board reviewed written correspondence from James Lambley. The Board discussed how the Planning Commission needed representation from the western side of Cherry County and Commissioner McConaughy indicated that there has been no interest in being appointed to the Commission from the individuals that he had contacted. The deadline for an updated Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations was discussed by the Board and Planning Commission members Marla Shelbourn and Sheri Bacon. Nelson moved to appoint Gordon Witte to the Cherry County Planning Commission. The Board discussed how they wanted to have someone from the western part of the county on the Commission, Mr. Rogers' term on the Planning Commission expires at the end of the year,

and the potential to have setbacks with updating the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations by appointing a new member to the Commission. McConaughy seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughy. No – DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding the controlled burn at McKelvie Forest, Capstone training completion, upcoming NC 911 and NC PET region meetings, Beacon GIS causing address mapping issues, disaster declaration for the fire north of Purdum, and working with villages for disaster plans.

At 3:43 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

## April 30, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on April 30, 2024 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published April 10, 2024 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 10:21 a.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. 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.

At 10:22 a.m. Chairman DeNaeyer opened the public hearing for property tax exemption applications on real and personal property by qualifying organizations. No one appeared to offer testimony regarding said applications. Assessor Moreland stated that Region 4 had been removed from the application list presented at their meeting in February because they are a governmental entity and aren't required to file the application. The 90% exemption for American Legion was also discussed. At 10:27 a.m. Chairman DeNaeyer closed the public hearing.

Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the permissive exemptions, Form 451 and authorize Chairman DeNaeyer to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the rural residential property reviews taking place by the Cherry County Assessor's Office and Lake Mac. The Board has been provided a list of the properties and Commissioner McConaughy has been calling the property owners in an attempt to let them know in advance about the reviews taking place. The reviews are starting on the western edge of the county and moving east, so Nelson will also attempt to provide notice as they work their way east.

Assessor Moreland provided information for three tax list corrections due to omitted personal property for Property ID: 160666021. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve tax list corrections #2021-13, #2022-12, and #2023-37 as presented by Assessor Moreland. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization schedule and deadlines for filing of and decisions regarding property valuations protests and reports of destroyed real property were discussed. A workday to review information for protests or destroyed properties will be tentatively scheduled, with appropriate notice provided by Clerk Longcor.

Assessor Moreland emailed the required monthly progress report to the Board of Equalization and Property Assessment Division on April 29, 2024.

At 10:55 a.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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# BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

April 30, 2024

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The meeting moved the Sheriff's Conference Room at 1:35 p.m. for the remainder of the meeting.

Administrator Hesse updated the Board regarding the staff census and jail census and that she is advertising again; that some positions have come open and she will be conducting interviews with a couple of applicants. The transport van is currently in Omaha being outfitted and will need to have communications equipment installed after the outfitting is complete. Administrator Hesse stated that she had questions about the Resolution requiring cross-training that was adopted in late 2023. County Attorney Eric Scott and Administrator Hesse met to discuss her questions and they will coordinate for a specific agenda item to be added to a Board of Corrections agenda for May 15<sup>th</sup>.

There was no business to come before the Board. At 2:06 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

## April 9, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on April 9, 2024 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 Commissioner regular meeting minutes from April 30, 2024 were read. The Board discussed corrections to the minutes. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from April 30, 2024 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 30, 2024 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Greg Wright, US Forest Service Wildlife Biologist, met with the Board to introduce Tedd Teahon as the Bessey District Ranger who started with the US Forest Service late last year. They updated the Board regarding Eastern Red Cedar removal progress and grants for said removal, Arbor Day education, fire management zones, potential purchase of 160 acres adjacent to McKelvie, timber contracts, and the prescribed burn at McKelvie.

Building & Grounds Superintendent Pat Greenough informed the Board that he has spoken with several electricians and would like to have some conformity for the bids he receives for lighting in Cherry County South. It was the consensus of the Board for Commissioner DeNaeyer and Mr. Greenough to inspect the current lighting and make a decision for how to replace it. Bob Dean will be providing quotes for signage for the building.

Clerk Longcor provided background information regarding payments received from the Department of the Interior. Cherry County received \$83,578.78 from the Forest Reserve Fund and in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute 79-1045 one-fifth of the apportionment shall be to the Road Fund in the amount of \$16,715.76 and the balance to the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of \$66,863.02 for the support of a county circulating library. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to adopt Resolution #2024-04 Forest Reserve Funds Distribution and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding rough road complaints, updating and upgrading road signing, obtaining estimates from Paulson for different types of material at their site between Mullen and Tryon, rock price increases, and the possibility of reclaiming abandoned highways for use as millings. Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith stated that he has spoken with an NDOT district engineer about reclaiming abandoned highways and that they have done it in the past with no cost for the material as long as the site is reseeded. The estimate from Figgins to recycle millings at Eli, requirements for formal sealed bidding, and remaining fiscal year spending authority were discussed. The Board briefly discussed expenditures that they would like to happen in the current fiscal year. Superintendent Smith reported that the material for the Brownlee Bridge is in Norfolk and the goal is to have it completed in June.

Cherry County Hospital Jim Barga met with the Board to update them regarding the electronic health record implementation, overcoming medical billing and coding issues, the next budget should be approved at their next meeting, staff recruiting strategies, and the optimization of space for outpatient services. The Board requested that Mr. Barga update them quarterly, or more often, if necessary.



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NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$4.70
NDOR, Property Assessment Division	Services	\$1,250.00
NE Secretary of State	Dues/Fees/Training	\$30.00
Nebraska Safety & Fire Equip	Services	\$345.00
Nextoner, LLC Print Tracker	Services	\$280.00
NK Waste Management Inc	Services	\$184.00
Northeast NE Area Agency on Aging	Services	\$1,948.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$2,187.83
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Services	\$240.00
Paper Tiger Shredding	Services	\$55.00
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$88.50
Presto X	Services	\$103.73
Quadient Leasing USA	Services	\$1,304.15
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$3,000.00
Quill Corporation	Services	\$58.34
Reese Inc	Services	\$693.13
Region IV Ince	Services	\$2,626.00
Ruby Law Office	Services	\$58.36
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$496.82
Andrea Schadel	Gross Wages	\$799.68
Lauren Schadel	Gross Wages	\$117.00
Eric Scott Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$5,714.04
Cardmember Service	Supplies	\$257.97
Sennet Duncan Jenkins & Wickham PC	Services	\$916.10
Springview Herald	Services	\$6.51
True Value	Supplies	\$28.28
US Cellular	Services	\$2.07
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$2,718.52
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$3,844.60
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$55.75
Wex Bank	Services	\$2,542.45
Laura Willert	Reimbursement	\$36.85
	Gross Total	\$108,360.05
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	-\$116.09
	<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$108,243.96</b>

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<b>ROAD</b>			
American Crane & Tractor	Services	\$1,337.19	
B's Enterprises Inc	Services	\$17,158.00	
Bacon Repair	Services	\$1,942.80	
Bill's Garage	Services	\$547.35	

Bomgaars	Supplies	\$625.24
Buckles Fuel Service Inc	Supplies	\$12,706.75
Central Valley Ag Cooperative	Services	\$6,409.79
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$232.78
Cody Oil	Services	\$10.00
Village of Cody	Services	\$155.80
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$307.00
Creative Printers	Supplies	\$60.00
Crossroads Auto Repair Specialists	Services	\$353.31
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$143.27
Danielski Farms	Services	\$12,128.69
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Dooley Oil Inc	Services	\$1,815.37
Bradly Fernau	Reimbursement	\$227.08
Grant County News	Services	\$54.00
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$320.45
Hoef's Skidloader Works LLC	Services	\$8,350.00
Hooker County Tribune	Services	\$25.00
Inland Truck Parts Company	Services	\$3,561.60
Interstate Battery System	Supplies	\$1,251.60
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$384.05
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$416.32
Medical Enterprises Inc	Supplies	\$70.00
Village of Merriman	Services	\$61.77
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Modern Farm Equipment Corporation	Services	\$5,138.48
Nebraska Machinery Company	Services	\$6,269.88
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$59.47
Nebraska Truck Center	Services	\$342.31
NK Waste Management Inc	Services	\$115.00
Office Products Center	Supplies	\$22.12
The Parts Company	Services	\$1,940.55
Perrett Construction	Services	\$156.08
Platte Valley Communications Inc	Services	\$1,839.64
Powerplan	Services	\$10,969.62
Prema	Services	\$128.44
Reese Inc	Services	\$1,473.00
Road Builders	Services	\$2,560.88
Sandhill Fertilizer	Services	\$200.08
Sandhill Oil Company	Services	\$14,481.78
Sandhills Ranch Supply	Services	\$1,818.88
Sheridan County Journal Star	Services	\$84.00
Leroy Songer	Reimbursement	\$25.35
Surplus Center	Supplies	\$264.83
US Cellular	Services	\$105.74
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$144.40
City of Valentine	Services	\$921.01
3S Fabrication & Repair	Services	\$148.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$120,072.45</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,618.94	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of	\$	1,618.94	

**VISITOR PROMOTION**

Cherry County Visitors Promo Board	Reimbursement	\$225.99
Great Plains Communication	Services	\$185.44
Tony Hanson	Services	\$75.00
Journal Entry	Void Ck# 21086796	-\$102.00
Hollman Media	Services	\$360.00
NK Waste Management	Services	\$89.00
Office Products	Services	\$35.00
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Services	\$169.75
Valentine Chamber of Commerce	Dues/Fees/Training	\$200.00
Valentine Rotary Club	Dues/Fees/Training	\$102.00
City of Valentine	Services	\$278.76
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,618.94</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 49,873.58 .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of \$ 49,873.58

**EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS**

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$49,873.58
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$49,873.58</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 10,367.89 .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of \$ 10,367.89

**BOOKMOBILE**

Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	\$ 658.00
Valentine Public Library	Bookmobile	\$9,709.89
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,367.89</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 25,433.75 .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Disaster Fund in the amount of \$ 25,433.75

**DISASTER FUND**

BOKF,NA	Interest Payment	\$25,433.75
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,433.75</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 2,012.32 .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ 2,012.32

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Century Link	Services	\$268.85
Jessica Coyle	Reimbursement	\$81.91
KBR Rural Public Power	Services	\$94.04
Office Products	Supplies	\$1,310.32
Prema	Services	\$182.44
Springview Herald	Services	\$74.76
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,012.32</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 45,649.00 .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of \$ 45,649.00

**INHERITANCE TAX**

Anderson Ford of Lincoln	Vehicle	\$44,389.00
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Houghton Bradford Whitted PC	Services	\$1,260.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$45,649.00</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	4,859.16	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of		\$	<b>4,859.16</b>

**911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)**

Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$111.76
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$4,747.40
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,859.16</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,094.80	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of		\$	<b>1,094.80</b>

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)**

Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$117.20
OPTK Networks	Services	\$977.60
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,094.80</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	6,487.00	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Courthouse (Special Building) Fund in the amount of		\$	<b>6,487.00</b>

**Courthouse (Special Building)**

Wickett Construction	Services	\$6,487.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,487.00</b>

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# BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

## May 15, 2024

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Mr. Scott stated that there has been a grievance filed by a woman in the jail by the name of Nikkia Rabago and that on Monday, May 13, 2024, on the record during her court appearance with her counsel present, she had waived her right to attend the meeting today. The Board and Administrator Hesse confirmed to Mr. Scott that they were in possession of and had reviewed the grievance filed by Ms. Rabago. Administrator Hesse confirmed to Mr. Scott that there is no truth or substance to any of the claims by Ms. Rabago. The Board indicated that they had all investigated the claims. Mr. Scott advised the Board to dismiss Ms. Rabago's grievance, since it weighs heavily that she is not willing to appear and plead her case or be cross-examined, and that her complaint is not against a standard that can be measured against other people. The legal standard that jail officials are held to is that of reckless indifference and Mr. Scott's opinion is that our facility is far above and away from the standard of reckless indifference.

DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to dismiss the grievance(s) of Nikkia Rabago after consideration. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Regarding the personnel issue, Mr. Scott's opinion is that it is not a decision about an individual, but it is a policy decision. Administrator Hesse shared a letter received from Jail Standards concerning the cross-training and certification of Justice Center employees as both Corrections Officers and Dispatchers. EM Director Jessica Coyle reviewed correspondence received from the Public Service Commission regarding use of 911 funds for Dispatcher wages. Mr. Scott questioned the legal authority of the Jail Standards Division and the individual at the Public Service Commission to issue opinions for the Crime Commission and Public Service Commission. Administrator Hesse informed the Board regarding the number of employees who are cross-trained, hiring issues that she believes are related to the required cross-training resolution, and the recent Jail Standards inspection. Administrator Hesse stated that the biggest concern during the jail inspection is staff shortage. Mr. Scott discussed the history of the cross-training policy. The Board and Administrator Hesse discussed whether or not Corrections Officer and Dispatcher were similar enough jobs to require one individual to have the capabilities to perform both.

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NACO	Dues/Fees/Training	\$125.00
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NE Clerks of District Court	Dues/Fees/Training	\$75.00
NACEB	Dues/Fees/Training	\$100.00
Nebraska Assn of County Treasurers	Dues/Fees/Training	\$150.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$4.70
NDOR, Property Assessment Division	Services	\$1,250.00
NE Secretary of State	Dues/Fees/Training	\$30.00
Nebraska Safety & Fire Equip	Services	\$345.00
Nextoner, LLC Print Tracker	Services	\$280.00
NK Waste Management Inc	Services	\$184.00
Northeast NE Area Agency on Aging	Services	\$1,948.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$2,187.83
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Services	\$240.00
Paper Tiger Shredding	Services	\$55.00
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$88.50
Presto X	Services	\$103.73
Quadient Leasing USA	Services	\$1,304.15
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$3,000.00
Quill Corporation	Services	\$58.34
Reese Inc	Services	\$693.13
Region IV Ince	Services	\$2,626.00
Ruby Law Office	Services	\$58.36
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$496.82
Andrea Schadel	Gross Wages	\$799.68
Lauren Schadel	Gross Wages	\$117.00
Eric Scott Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$5,714.04
Cardmember Service	Supplies	\$257.97
Sennet Duncan Jenkins & Wickham PC	Services	\$916.10
Springview Herald	Services	\$6.51
True Value	Supplies	\$28.28
US Cellular	Services	\$2.07
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$2,718.52
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$3,844.60
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$55.75
Wex Bank	Services	\$2,542.45
Laura Willert	Reimbursement	\$36.85
	Gross Total	\$108,360.05
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	-\$116.09
	<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$108,243.96</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	120,072.45	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of		\$	120,072.45
<b>ROAD</b>			
American Crane & Tractor	Services	\$1,337.19	
B's Enterprises Inc	Services	\$17,158.00	
Bacon Repair	Services	\$1,942.80	
Bill's Garage	Services	\$547.35	

Bomgaars	Supplies	\$625.24
Buckles Fuel Service Inc	Supplies	\$12,706.75
Central Valley Ag Cooperative	Services	\$6,409.79
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$232.78
Cody Oil	Services	\$10.00
Village of Cody	Services	\$155.80
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$307.00
Creative Printers	Supplies	\$60.00
Crossroads Auto Repair Specialists	Services	\$353.31
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$143.27
Danielski Farms	Services	\$12,128.69
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Dooley Oil Inc	Services	\$1,815.37
Bradly Fernau	Reimbursement	\$227.08
Grant County News	Services	\$54.00
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$320.45
Hoef's Skidloader Works LLC	Services	\$8,350.00
Hooker County Tribune	Services	\$25.00
Inland Truck Parts Company	Services	\$3,561.60
Interstate Battery System	Supplies	\$1,251.60
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$384.05
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$416.32
Medical Enterprises Inc	Supplies	\$70.00
Village of Merriman	Services	\$61.77
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Modern Farm Equipment Corporation	Services	\$5,138.48
Nebraska Machinery Company	Services	\$6,269.88
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$59.47
Nebraska Truck Center	Services	\$342.31
NK Waste Management Inc	Services	\$115.00
Office Products Center	Supplies	\$22.12
The Parts Company	Services	\$1,940.55
Perrett Construction	Services	\$156.08
Platte Valley Communications Inc	Services	\$1,839.64
Powerplan	Services	\$10,969.62
Prema	Services	\$128.44
Reese Inc	Services	\$1,473.00
Road Builders	Services	\$2,560.88
Sandhill Fertilizer	Services	\$200.08
Sandhill Oil Company	Services	\$14,481.78
Sandhills Ranch Supply	Services	\$1,818.88
Sheridan County Journal Star	Services	\$84.00
Leroy Songer	Reimbursement	\$25.35
Surplus Center	Supplies	\$264.83
US Cellular	Services	\$105.74
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$144.40
City of Valentine	Services	\$921.01
3S Fabrication & Repair	Services	\$148.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$120,072.45</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,618.94	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of	\$	1,618.94	

**VISITOR PROMOTION**

Cherry County Visitors Promo Board	Reimbursement	\$225.99
Great Plains Communication	Services	\$185.44
Tony Hanson	Services	\$75.00
Journal Entry	Void Ck# 21086796	-\$102.00
Hollman Media	Services	\$360.00
NK Waste Management	Services	\$89.00
Office Products	Services	\$35.00
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Services	\$169.75
Valentine Chamber of Commerce	Dues/Fees/Training	\$200.00
Valentine Rotary Club	Dues/Fees/Training	\$102.00
City of Valentine	Services	\$278.76
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,618.94</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **49,873.58** .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of \$ **49,873.58**

**EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS**

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$49,873.58
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$49,873.58</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **10,367.89** .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of \$ **10,367.89**

**BOOKMOBILE**

Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	\$ 658.00
Valentine Public Library	Bookmobile	\$9,709.89
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,367.89</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **25,433.75** .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Disaster Fund in the amount of \$ **25,433.75**

**DISASTER FUND**

BOKF,NA	Interest Payment	\$25,433.75
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,433.75</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **2,012.32** .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ **2,012.32**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Century Link	Services	\$268.85
Jessica Coyle	Reimbursement	\$81.91
KBR Rural Public Power	Services	\$94.04
Office Products	Supplies	\$1,310.32
Prema	Services	\$182.44
Springview Herald	Services	\$74.76
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,012.32</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **45,649.00** .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of \$ **45,649.00**

**INHERITANCE TAX**

Anderson Ford of Lincoln	Vehicle	\$44,389.00
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Houghton Bradford Whitted PC	Services	\$1,260.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$45,649.00</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	4,859.16	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of		\$	<b>4,859.16</b>

**911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)**

Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$111.76
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$4,747.40
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,859.16</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,094.80	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of		\$	<b>1,094.80</b>

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)**

Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$117.20
OPTK Networks	Services	\$977.60
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,094.80</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	6,487.00	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Courthouse (Special Building) Fund in the amount of		\$	<b>6,487.00</b>

**Courthouse (Special Building)**

Wickett Construction	Services	\$6,487.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,487.00</b>

At 3:43 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

## May 15, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on May 15, 2024 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published May 8, 2024 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 Brittny 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 stated that there has been a grievance filed by a woman in the jail by the name of Nikkia Rabago and that on Monday, May 13, 2024, on the record during her court appearance with her counsel present, she had waived her right to attend the meeting today. The Board and Administrator Hesse confirmed to Mr. Scott that they were in possession of and had reviewed the grievance filed by Ms. Rabago. Administrator Hesse confirmed to Mr. Scott that there is no truth or substance to any of the claims by Ms. Rabago. The Board indicated that they had all investigated the claims. Mr. Scott advised the Board to dismiss Ms. Rabago's grievance, since it weighs heavily that she is not willing to appear and plead her case or be cross-examined, and that her complaint is not against a standard that can be measured against other people. The legal standard that jail officials are held to is that of reckless indifference and Mr. Scott's opinion is that our facility is far above and away from the standard of reckless indifference.

DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to dismiss the grievance(s) of Nikkia Rabago after consideration. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Regarding the personnel issue, Mr. Scott's opinion is that it is not a decision about an individual, but it is a policy decision. Administrator Hesse shared a letter received from Jail Standards concerning the cross-training and certification of Justice Center employees as both Corrections Officers and Dispatchers. EM Director Jessica Coyle reviewed correspondence received from the Public Service Commission regarding use of 911 funds for Dispatcher wages. Mr. Scott questioned the legal authority of the Jail Standards Division and the individual at the Public Service Commission to issue opinions for the Crime Commission and Public Service Commission. Administrator Hesse informed the Board regarding the number of employees who are cross-trained, hiring issues that she believes are related to the required cross-training resolution, and the recent Jail Standards inspection. Administrator Hesse stated that the biggest concern during the jail inspection is staff shortage. Mr. Scott discussed the history of the cross-training policy. The Board and Administrator Hesse discussed whether or not Corrections Officer and Dispatcher were similar enough jobs to require one individual to have the capabilities to perform both.

No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding Personnel Issue. The Board requested that an individual from the Jail Standards Division attend their next Board of Corrections meeting.

At 2:18 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

## May 28, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on May 28, 2024 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 May 15, 2024 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from May 15, 2024 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye - DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Noxious Weed Control Superintendent Dave Leonard updated the Board regarding inspection reports and notices sent, right-of-way spraying, weed-free forage inspections, training attended, and upcoming events. The prevalence of leafy spurge was discussed. The Board encouraged Mr. Leonard to utilize custom sprayers to assist with his duties and discussed the remaining fiscal year budget.

Cherry County Ag Society members, Andy Dawson & Jon Kime, updated the Board regarding new members on the board and that Brad Michalek has taken over the maintenance responsibilities for the fairgrounds. Projects for thirty new RV/electrical hookups and new bathrooms with showers were discussed. The Cherry County Fairgrounds will host the 2025, 2026 Nebraska High School Finals Rodeo. The Ag Society is sponsoring and accepting donations for the fireworks display after the demolition derby.

In remembrance of Zale Quible and in recognition of his years of service to Cherry County, Clerk Longcor read the following message written by former Cherry County Commissioner Jim Van Winkle: Today the Cherry County Commissioners, along with all current and past elected officials, employees, and residents of our county would like to express our condolences to the family of Zale Quible. Zale served Cherry County for five terms over a twenty-year span. Zale was proud of our people and loved the Sandhills way of life. He worked hard to assure the budget and resources within Cherry County were administered fairly and represented good long-term value for all residents and taxpayers. He had a passion for controlling invasive plants, which was probably the only thing that escaped his great sense of humor. He worked hard at dealing with road and bridge upgrades and the constant maintenance, as well as hundreds of other commissioner duties. Zale brought integrity, honesty, and fairness to all and will be remembered for his passion and good humor. His efforts are greatly appreciated. His contributions and standards will be built upon by all of us going forward. Thank you, Zale, for sharing your time and efforts with Cherry County.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding the possibility of reclaiming seven miles of abandoned highway along Highway 83. Figgins Construction is working on a proposal for said project and potential uses for the millings were discussed.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding 911 call handling equipment quotes for the NC911 region, NC PET Region meeting, NEMA grant money purchases, GeoComm mapping changes, Merriman siren grant, and attendance at the Merriman Fire Department meeting. Civil Air Patrol was dispatched to a fire in the Snake River Falls area, so Cherry County will need to submit a disaster declaration. Director Coyle informed the Board that the Motorola dispatch consoles project is almost completed and that the NC911 region will be deciding at their next meeting regarding the 911 call handling equipment.



The Board conducted Zoning Administrator interviews with Catherine Morris and Jane Stolzenburg. Jessica Coyle read a letter and submitted it to the Board expressing interest in being both the Zoning Administrator and Emergency Management Director. Sherri Bacon read a statement on behalf of some members of the Cherry County Planning Commission and submitted it in writing to the Board. The Board discussed the time commitment, required qualifications, and part-time status of the Zoning Administrator position.

At 12:12 p.m. Nelson moved and McConaughey seconded to enter closed session for the purpose of potential negotiations and discussion of terms and conditions of employment, regarding the Zoning Administrator position, with the Board and Clerk Longcor to be present. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried. The purpose of the closed session was restated to be potential negotiations and discussion of terms and conditions of employment regarding the Zoning Administrator position. At 12:46 p.m. the meeting room doors were reopened and the public was allowed to enter. At 12:47 McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to come out of closed session. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

Nelson moved and McConaughey seconded to authorize Chairman DeNaeyer to extend an offer to Jane Stolzenburg for the Zoning Administrator position. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried. DeNaeyer offered the position to Mrs. Stolzenburg, effective immediately, at \$800 per month, in addition to the hourly wage paid by the Clerk's Office. The public will have access to the Zoning Administrator for 35 hours per week, the same hours as the Clerk's Office, in addition to the Planning Commission meetings. Mrs. Stolzenburg agreed to these conditions. It was clarified by Mrs. Coyle that there will be no additional Zoning Administrator duties or training performed by her.

The Board spoke with Clerk Longcor and Clerk's Office employee ,Billie Brockley, regarding the TimeClock Plus system. Currently there are 25 users within the system, with the need for up to ten additional users. Functionality for Justice Center scheduling with the TCP software was discussed. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to authorize Clerk Longcor to coordinate the installation of the timeclock and to add Extension employees to the TimeClock Plus system. 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 1:42 p.m.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:43 p.m. to 2:43 p.m.

Mid-Plains Community College (MPCC) President Ryan Purdy, MPCC Vice President of Administrative Services Mike Steele, Cherry County Tourism Director Regina Osburn, and members of the Visitors Promotion Board met with the Board to present a draft Interlocal Agreement regarding construction and use of a convention center at the existing MPCC campus in Valentine. The amounts for the fiscal terms in the agreement were discussed and will need to be decided upon. The ownership structure, use, and operation of the facility were also discussed. The next step is to have legal counsel review the agreement and it will be added to the Board's June 10<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Clerk of District Court Lorana Eggert and County Court Clerk Magistrate Michaela Hobbs met with the Board to provide information regarding the Nebraska Administrative Office of Courts and Probation technology upgrade for the Courtroom. The upgrade is complete and was paid for by the AOC. The Board reviewed the Statement of Acceptance of Possession and Future Responsibility and requested that a date be added for when the service agreement portion will end. No Board action was taken on the agenda item regarding Statement of Acceptance of Possession and Future Responsibility re: AOC Courtroom Technology.

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

# May 31, 2024

## CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 264,086.84 .  
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of \$ 264,086.84

### GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,022.13
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$18,198.78
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,154.36
Andy's Glass Shop	Services	\$70.00
APCO International	Services	\$60.00
Black Hills Chemical	Services	\$416.43
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding	\$2,035.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$86.64
Cherry County Clinic	Services	\$28.00
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$5,528.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$39,181.04
Credit Management Services	Garnishment	\$559.87
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$31,791.93
Galls Parent Holdings	Supplies	\$25.84
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$29.58
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Insurance Funding	\$22,117.82
Journal Entry	Void Ck# 24053845	(\$58.36)
Justice Data Solutions Inc	Supplies	\$500.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$2,900.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$4,727.34
Office Products	Supplies	\$191.54
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Services	\$90.00
Cassandra Price	Reimbursement	\$100.00
Ruby Law Office	Services	\$5,836.24
Sandhill Oil Company	Services	\$58.16
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$6,677.68
Scotty's Ranchland Food	Services	\$22.09
True Value	Supplies	\$25.98
Valentine Dental Clinic	Services	\$72.75
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$515.06
Western Oil Inc	Supplies	\$59.20
General Fund Payroll	Gross Payroll	\$156,316.93
	GROSS TOTAL	\$304,340.03
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$40,253.19)
	NET TOTAL	\$264,086.84

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 116,590.55 .  
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$ 116,590.55

### ROAD FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,861.19
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$8,659.76
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,290.32
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$825.00

Cherry County Treasurer	Taxes/Withholdings	\$85.92
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$16,525.30
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$16,138.57
HM Life Insurance Company	Health Claim Funding	\$9,250.15
Legal Shield	Services	\$101.70
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,250.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,309.53
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$193.37
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Payroll	\$78,175.54
	GROSS TOTAL	\$136,980.85
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$20,390.30)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$116,590.55</b>

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	\$796.10
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$107.66
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Visitors Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Payroll	\$3,891.32
	GROSS TOTAL	\$5,424.18
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$984.72)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$4,439.46</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **35,271.86** .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of \$ **35,271.86**

#### **HEALTH CLAIMS FUND**

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$35,271.86
	TOTAL	<b>\$35,271.86</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **9,796.20** .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ **9,796.20**

#### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	143.39
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$595.37
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	\$1,130.99
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	\$148.68
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Payroll	\$5,292.21
	GROSS TOTAL	\$9,796.20

Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings  
NET TOTAL

**\$9,796.20**

The Board discussed a potential grant opportunity for the convention center project and Clerk Longcor will submit a Letter of Intent.

At 3:52 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 28, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on May 28, 2024 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published May 8, 2024 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 were Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, Cherry County Clerk Brittney 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 provided information regarding a tax list correction for Property ID: 160249085 for a clerical error, personal property that was disposed. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve Tax List Correction #2023-38. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Treasurer Kathy Hammond presented an Application for Exemption from motor vehicle taxes for a 2002 GMC Savana by Sandhills Church of Hope. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption for Sandhills Church of Hope. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Bryan Hill, Lake Mac Assessment appraiser, met with the Board to provide an update regarding the residential revaluation services that are being provided to the county. The Village of Cody has been reviewed and will be equalized after last year's 60% valuation increase. Rural residential revaluation is ongoing and the rest of the villages in the county will also be reviewed. Notices sent to landowners and information returned were also discussed.

Assessor Moreland discussed the schedule for June and July Board of Equalization meetings. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to schedule a special meeting for a Board of Equalization valuation protest workshop at 9:00 a.m. on July 8, 2024. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 1:42 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

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# BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

## May 28, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on May 28, 2024 in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published May 8, 2024 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 1:43 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Present 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.

Jodi Elsea, Jail Standards Jails Examiner/Consultant, and James Almond, Public Service Commissioner 911 Field Coordinator, spoke with the Board via telephone to discuss the county's cross-training requirement for Corrections Officers and Dispatchers. Hiring difficulties and potential safety issues resulting from requiring cross training were discussed. The Board requested feedback from Dispatch Sergeant Gary Jackson, Jail Sergeant David Stoeger, and Corrections Officer Cassandra Price regarding their experience and opinions of the cross-training requirement. EM Director Coyle read a statement written by Valentine Police Chief Dana Miller expressing her concerns with the cross-training requirement. 2022 mandates regarding minimum training standards for dispatchers were discussed. The 207k exemption for corrections officers was revisited. Administrator Hesse agreed that the scheduling for dispatchers would be switched to allow for as minimal as possible overtime starting with the next schedule, due to overtime calculation for dispatchers being based on 40 hours in a seven-day period. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to rescind Resolution #2023-13. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed an extension to a maintenance agreement for the Justice Center's LiveScan hardware and software. The price of the prior year's agreement and the renewal rate were compared. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the IDEMIA LiveScan Extension to Maintenance and Support Agreement #007044-000 and authorize Administrator Hesse to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Administrator Hesse updated the Board regarding upcoming jail school and NCIC dispatcher training, staff census, jail census, and fingerprinting and criminal history training from the FBI and State Patrol.

At 2:43 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

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# CHERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## MEETING MINUTES

### JUNE 10, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on June 10, 2024 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 Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and 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 May 28, 2024 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 May 28, 2024 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 May 28, 2024 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 and Clerk Longcor discussed the authorized balance in the health insurance petty cash account. Said account is used to pay the county's employee health insurance claim and all expenditures are submitted to the Board twice a month for reimbursement to the account. The account with a balance of \$75,000 has been overdrawn in recent years and has resulted in emergency meetings to fund the account. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to increase the balance of the petty cash health fund to \$100,000. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer provided the Board with a Request to Occupy County Right-of-Way for CenturyLink that was previously approved but had expired. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the Request to Occupy County Right-of-Way for CenturyLink to construct fiber optic cable & enclosures along Borman Bridge Road and Pine Heights Drive. Roll call vote: Aye - DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Supervisor Boyer reported that Cherry County has received approval from Mark Kovar, NDOT to reclaim 4.75 miles in the Brownlee area of abandoned oil strip along Highway 83. The stipulations for access to the material would be that it must be used on county roads and the area would need to be hayed and reseeded. Figgins is working on a quote and process for reclaiming the material. If the material can be successfully reclaimed it would be enough for 20-25 miles of single lane road and can be laid back down, armor coated, and would not require adding additional oil. There are other oil strips with the potential to be reclaimed along Highway 20 and along Highway 2 in the Hyannis-Ashby area.

Commissioner McConaughy reported that he has received competitive bids for various rock materials and that he was going to move forward with the purchase of rock from Josh Whipple. No action was taken on the agenda item re: District 3 Rock Purchase. The invoice for said rock will be submitted with payroll claims in order to be paid during the current fiscal year. Requesting a spec for bidding out the processing of the material at the Eli site from Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith several weeks ago was discussed.

Clerk Longcor informed the Board that during a recent Public Service Commission (PSC) audit of 911 funds it was realized that the funds for the purchase of a Computer Assisted Dispatch (CAD) system, as approved by PSC, were not returned to the Inheritance Tax Fund. Funds were transferred from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the 2914 911

Wireless Holding Fund in 2021 to purchase the CAD system. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve Resolution #2024-05 Fund Transfer for the reimbursement of the Inheritance Tax Fund for the purchase of a CAD system, as suggested by the Public Service Commission auditor. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding the near completion of the Motorola dispatch consoles project, there was \$41,000 of damage reported to NEMA caused by the storm on May 29<sup>th</sup>, a tornado reported north of Whitman, radio issues, Holt County would like to borrow the Communications trailer in July for The Nebraska State Fly-In and Airshow, a fire on June 6<sup>th</sup>, potential upcoming severe weather, 911 funds Public Service Commission audit, and the NC911 region will be deciding on call handling equipment at their next meeting. The Board requested more information from the county's insurance company prior to granting permission for the Communications trailer to be in Holt County and discussed how to transport the trailer.

EM Director Coyle presented the Board with bids from Applied Connective and Control Masters for installing security cameras and video storage at the Cherry County South building. A bid was requested and not provided by Boyd Electric. Video storage capabilities and installation timelines were discussed. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the quote from Applied Connective for \$10,653.93, to be paid out of the ARPA Fund, for the Cherry County South Courthouse security camera system, and authorize EM Director Coyle to sign the contract. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Tourism Director Regina Osburn and Visitors Promotion Board members met with the Board to discuss the Interlocal Agreement – MPCC Convention Center. It was reported that County Attorney Eric Scott has received and reviewed said interlocal agreement and didn't see very many concerns, but that there a couple of details he would like to review. Ownership of the proposed convention center, design control of the project, and a committee to have involvement with the management of the convention center were discussed. Mid Plains Community College will receive the interlocal agreement with numbers for contributions, fundraising, and grants added by the Visitors Promotion Board and changes/additions deemed necessary by the County Attorney. Director Osburn and Commissioner DeNaeyer will coordinate with Mr. Scott prior to the next meeting. There was no action taken on the agenda item re: Interlocal Agreement – MPCC Interlocal Agreement. Said item will be added to the agenda for the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

District Court Clerk Lorana Eggert met with the Board to provide an updated Statement of Acceptance that included dates as requested by the Board. The courtroom technology items and five-year service agreement totaling \$84,313.60 were gifted to Cherry County by the AOC. After five years, there are no mandatory technology upgrades or updates, and the county will be granted control. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the Statement of Acceptance of Possession and Future Responsibility re: AOC Courtroom Technology. Roll call vote: Aye - DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of District Court fee report for May 2024, Clerk/Register of Deeds fee report for May 2024, Treasurer's Fund Balance for May 31, 2024, Operating Statement of budgeted v. actual spending for May 31, 2024, and BSH Kilgore (CUP #003/18) - Annual Update for 2024. The Board requested that the Zoning Administrator provide an update re: BSH Kilgore easements and leases at their next meeting. The Board and Clerk Longcor reviewed remaining fiscal year spending authority in department and fund budgets.

The potential provision of backup Emergency Manager services by a local fire chief was discussed with the Board. The Board recessed from 12:07 p.m. to 1:00 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 1:32 p.m. to 2:28 p.m.

The Board discussed travel reimbursement expenses and amounts in the Board's budget. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve claims and hold check #24064159 until products are provided and services are completed. Roll call vote: Aye - DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.



June 10, 2024  
CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	257,697.13	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of			\$	257,697.13

**GENERAL**

Allen Monument Company	Services	\$485.00
Wade Andrews	Reimbursement	\$73.70
Applied Connective Technologies	Services	\$4,720.80
Black Hills Chemical	Services	\$691.10
Bob Barker Company Inc	Supplies	\$439.35
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$26.48
Michael Borders	Services	\$923.62
Boyd's Network Solutions	Services	\$11,100.08
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$62.34
CenturyLink	Services	\$1,840.09
Cherry County Court	Services	\$90.00
Cherry County District Court	Services	\$36.00
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$4,926.50
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$317.99
Cherry County Sheriff	Services	\$422.10
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees	\$5.00
Cherry Street Nursery	Supplies	\$51.25
Circle K Motor Company	Services	\$227.82
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service	\$318.55
CNA Surety	Services	\$100.00
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services	\$537.60
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services	\$220.55
Election Systems & Software	Services	\$1,190.25
Equature/DSS Corporation	Services	\$6,339.60
Ferris HVAC & Plumbing, LLC	Services	\$447.26
Firstnet/AT&T	Services	\$641.51
Michelle Garwood	Reimbursement	\$9.50
Geo-Comm Inc	Services	\$582.00
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$100.00
GRP & Associates	Services	\$58.00
Timothy Hanson	Equipment	\$2,636.75
Heart City Drug	Supplies	\$449.25
Heart City Plumbing & Heating LLC	Services	\$346.85
Henderson's IGA Inc	Supplies	\$69.48
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,264.69
Journal Entry	Refund	-\$6.51
Jones Automotive	Services	\$3,245.00
Justice Data Solutions	Services	\$3,000.00
John Michalek	Services	\$192.00
Lake Mac Assessment, LLC	Services	\$64,500.00
Dave Leonard	Reimbursement	\$70.00
Brittney Longcor	Reimbursement	\$12.83
Diedre Markus	Services	\$303.75
Marvin Planning Consultants	Services	\$1,000.00
Valerie Matulka	Services	\$303.75

Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$216.00
MidAmerica Admin & Retirement Solutions	Dues/Fees/Training	\$732.00
MIPS	Services	\$3,177.62
NACO	Dues/Fees/Training	\$2,151.61
Nebraska Weed Control Association	Dues/Fees/Training	\$150.00
Ann Neiffer	Mileage	\$2.68
NIRMA	Dues/Fees/Training	\$120,215.00
NK Waste Management Inc	Services	\$184.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$2,200.47
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$85.46
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$1,545.50
Postmaster	Services	\$460.00
Presto-X	Services	\$103.73
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$400.00
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$542.47
Cynthia Scott	Services	\$303.75
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$50.00
Ryan Sexson	Mileage	\$53.60
Marla Shelbourn	Mileage	\$272.02
Stanek Fire Protection	Services	\$173.00
Steele Feed Service	Services	\$40.00
Timeclock Plus	Services	\$288.53
True Value	Supplies	\$45.24
US Cellular	Services	\$57.00
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$266.39
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$3,692.09
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$10.00
Wex Bank	Services	\$2,603.34
Lindsay Wonnenberg	Services	\$303.75
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$257,697.13</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	508,133.61	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$
<b>ROAD</b>			<b>\$ 508,133.61</b>

AKRS Equipment	Services	\$1,635.18
Allard Precast	Services	\$3,300.00
Andy's Glass Shop	Services	\$375.00
Applied Connective Technologies	Services	\$1,054.41
Bacon Repair	Services	\$25.40
Big State Industrial Supply	Services	\$199.80
Bill's Garage	Services	\$52.98
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$942.87
Doug Boyer	Reimbursement	\$10.00
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$5,095.16
Central Valley Ag Cooperative	Services	\$9,527.53
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$66.97
Circle K Motor Company	Services	\$14,496.89
Cody Oil	Services	\$4,488.75
Brent Collier	Reimbursement	\$64.01
Colonial Research Chemical Company	Services	\$1,375.39
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$288.64
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$133.65

Daly Enterprises	Services	\$2,975.00
Danielski Farms	Services	\$28,796.80
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Deere Credit Inc	Services	\$83,893.00
Dooley Oil Inc	Services	\$509.65
Flat Creek Construction	Services	\$38,425.00
Gary Gross Truck & Assessories	Services	\$37,900.00
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$320.45
Great Plains Health	Services	\$28.00
Hoef's Skidloader Works LLC	Services	\$7,611.00
Hooker County Tribune	Services	\$120.00
J&J Trailer Sales	Services	\$24.00
Jebro Inc	Supplies	\$61,087.01
Journal Entry	Void Ck# 20074111	-\$240.00
JM Parts & Equipment	Services	\$89.96
Josh Whipple Trucking	Services	\$8,052.60
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$254.09
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$343.00
Martin Marietta Materials	Services	\$3,563.11
Brent McIntosh	Reimbursement	\$501.11
Bentz Kenyon McWhirter	Reimbursement	\$99.99
Medical Enterprises	Services	\$40.00
Village of Merriman	Services	\$61.50
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Services	\$6,402.34
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Company	Services	\$36,050.00
Nebraska Dept of Correctional Services	Services	\$31,563.80
Nebraska Machinery Company	Services	\$3,076.95
Nebraska Truck Center	Services	\$2,750.51
Newman Signs	Supplies	\$13,993.96
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$3,112.50
Nirma	Services	\$67,386.00
NK Waste Management Inc	Services	\$115.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Supplies	\$38.00
J.D. Osburn	Reimbursement	\$235.67
Perrett Construction LTD	Services	\$881.92
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$10.00
Powerplan	Services	\$12,785.55
Prema	Services	\$115.26
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$100.00
Sandhill Oil Company	Services	\$10,760.32
Sheridan County Journal Star	Services	\$84.00
The Dent and Tint Shop	Services	\$160.00
US Cellular	Services	\$105.74
City of Valentine	Services	\$600.49
Western Oil	Services	\$10.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$508,133.61</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	3,757.54	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of		\$	3,757.54
<b>VISITOR PROMOTION</b>			
Cherry County Visitors Promo Board	Reimbursement		\$424.98

Great Plains Communication	Services	\$184.87
John L Michalek	Services	\$100.00
KVSH	Services	\$500.00
Nebraska Travel Association	Services	\$500.00
Office Products	Services	\$320.46
Regina Osburn	Reimbursement	\$1,500.14
City of Valentine	Services	\$227.09
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,757.54</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 8,728.00 .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Improvement Fund in the amount of \$ 8,728.00

#### **VISITOR IMPROVEMENT (995)**

Central Nebraska Economic Dev Dist	Services	\$8,728.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,728.00</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 1,057.50 .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Register of Deeds P&M Fund in the amount of \$ 1,057.50

#### **REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M**

Spectra Associates	Supplies	\$ 1,057.50
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,057.50</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 130,239.88 .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of \$ 130,239.88

#### **EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS**

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$130,239.88
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$130,239.88</b>

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
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,709.89</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 1,647.88 .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ 1,647.88

#### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Applied Connective Technologies	Services	\$1,332.48
KBR Rural Public Power	Services	\$96.57
Office Products	Supplies	\$94.28
Prema	Services	\$124.55
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,647.88</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 1,140.00 .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of \$ 1,140.00

#### **INHERITANCE TAX**

Houghton Bradford Whitted PC	Services	\$1,140.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,140.00</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 6,866.11 .

and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of	\$		<b>6,866.11</b>
<b>911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)</b>			
Boyd's Network Solutions	Services		\$140.00
CenturyLink	Services		\$255.91
Geo-Comm	Services		\$6,353.00
Great Plains Communications	Services		\$117.20
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$6,866.11</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>1,033.48</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of	\$		<b>1,033.48</b>
<b>911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)</b>			
Great Plains Communications Inc	Services		\$55.88
OPTK Networks	Services		\$977.60
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,033.48</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>20,013.00</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Holding Fund in the amount of	\$		<b>20,013.00</b>
<b>911 WIRELESS Holding (2914)</b>			
Cherry County Treasurer	Fund Transfer		\$20,013.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$20,013.00</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>5,450.00</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Courthouse (Special Building) Fund in the amount of	\$		<b>5,450.00</b>
<b>Courthouse (Special Building)</b>			
Bob's Signs	Services		\$4,450.00
Nelsen Furniture	Services		\$1,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$5,450.00</b>

At 2:38 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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# CHERRY COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

## MEETING MINUTES

### JUNE 10, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on June 10, 2024 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published May 29, 2024 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 1:32 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, County Clerk Brittny Longcor, County Assessor Jackie Moreland, and Deputy Assessor Andrea Andre. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

There were no tax list corrections.

Assessor Moreland provided information for 409 valuation errors in the residential lot model and for 2,757 valuation errors in Ag Land 3GF soil type. The Board and Assessor Moreland discussed what caused the errors and why the errors weren't realized to avoid the incorrect valuation notices to be sent. Assessor Moreland stated that the incorrect valuations were caused by data entry errors. The Property Assessment Division liaison for Cherry County directed Assessor Moreland to correct the errors through the submission of Overvalued, Undervalued, and Omitted Property Reports. The Board requested Assessor Moreland issue an apology and a public acknowledgement regarding the errors, with Assessor Moreland taking responsibility for her actions and the mistakes made, to be on the radio and in the newspaper. The Board discussed Assessor Moreland's probation and notifying the Department of Revenue regarding the errors. The Board and Assessor Moreland discussed land valuations throughout the villages and City of Valentine and acceptable valuation ranges for different classifications. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Overvalued, Undervalued, and Omitted Property Reports – Residential Lot Model and Ag Land 3GF Values as presented by Assessor Moreland. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Assessor Moreland informed the Board that she had received information from the State that Sparks Fairgrounds (Old Settler's) would need to edit their application to change the Type of Organization from Agricultural Society to Charitable Organization. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve of Old Settler's modifying their permissive exemption application (Form 451) to be a charitable organization, rather than an agricultural society, at the request of the Department of Revenue. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board and Assessor Moreland discussed the Order for Single Commissioner and Notice of Hearing for Beatrice M. Jones, Appellant, v. Cherry County Board of Equalization, Appellee. The property for the appeal has been sold in the interim and Brian Hill, Lake Mac Assessment, would be an expert to appear on behalf of Cherry County. There was no action taken on the agenda item re: TERC Hearing.

Assessor Moreland informed the Board that informal hearings will be held in her office on June 18<sup>th</sup>, with an additional day to be set aside if necessary.

At 2:28 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

## June 25, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on June 25, 2024 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 Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer and Mike McConaughey and County Clerk Brittney Longcor. Commissioner Nina Nelson had an excused absence. 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 10, 2024 were read. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from June 10, 2024 were read. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

Charil Moe, Flight Commander, and Jason Vaisvilas, Mission Observer, met with the Board to update them regarding Civil Air Patrol services and flight request protocol. A brief history of the organization, local flight practices, and fly along preauthorization were discussed.

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

### June 28, 2024

#### CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	271,326.63	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$	271,326.63	
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,022.13	
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$18,746.91	
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,402.84	
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Funding	\$2,827.00	
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$39,281.04	
Credit Management Services	Garnishment	\$559.87	
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$33,424.79	
Holt County Treasurer	Dues/Fees	\$6,996.27	
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$3,000.00	
NACO	Dues/Fees/Training	\$250.00	
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$4,955.02	
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Insurance Funding	\$21,066.36	
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$11,223.98	
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$597.27	
General Fund Payroll	Gross Payroll	\$164,138.03	
	GROSS TOTAL	\$313,491.51	
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$42,164.88)	
	NET TOTAL	\$271,326.63	

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	380,434.22	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of	\$	380,434.22	

#### ROAD FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,699.41
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$8,111.00
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,166.08
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Claim Funding	\$770.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$15,107.34
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$15,483.25
Farritor Auto Parts	Services	\$175.00
Figgins Construction	Services	\$17,999.10
Josh Whipple Trucking	Services	\$210,246.80
Legal Shield	Services	\$67.80
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,150.00
Modern Farm Equipment Corporation	Services	\$12,000.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,191.69
NE Dept of Correctional Service	Supplies	\$1,500.00
NE Public Power District	Services	\$46.01
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Claim Funding	\$8,100.32
Pomp's Tire Service	Services	\$23,182.00
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$193.37
Westover Construction	Services	\$4,328.00
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Payroll	\$75,719.58
	GROSS TOTAL	\$399,551.25
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$19,117.03)
	NET TOTAL	\$380,434.22

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	5,085.36	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of	\$	5,085.36	

#### 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	\$887.90
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$107.66
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Visitors Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Payroll	\$4,491.32
	GROSS TOTAL	\$6,115.98
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,030.62)
	NET TOTAL	\$5,085.36

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	11,320.63	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of	\$	11,320.63	

#### HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$11,320.63
	TOTAL	\$11,320.63

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	7,626.40	.
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and disallowed in the amount of \$ -  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ 7,626.40

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	143.39
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$529.07
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	\$991.85
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$100.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$129.50
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Claim Funding	\$733.88
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Payroll	\$4,702.88
	GROSS TOTAL	\$8,959.61
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,333.21)
	NET TOTAL	\$7,626.40

Cherry County Hospital CEO Jim Barga presented the Board with the fiscal year 2025 operating budget and capital expenditures. Mr. Barga updated the Board regarding accounts receivable status and changes to the budgeted expenses and revenues compared to the previous year were discussed. The currently proposed budget is an overview of what the final budget will be until after financial statements from 2024 are completed. Staff recruitment and retention were also discussed. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget for Cherry County Hospital as presented by CEO Jim Barga. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding the mutual aid meeting for fire departments, UPS battery backup installation progress, flood warnings, the Motorola dispatch consoles project will be complete pending final inspection and signoff in July, upcoming NC911 and PET region meetings, Applied Connective will be installing security cameras next week, and mowing required around communications towers. Director Coyle informed the Board that she will be speaking to the Keya Paha County Commissioners later today regarding the emergency management interlocal agreement and funding.

Director Coyle reviewed information regarding emergency management funding cuts that have been made at the federal level. She provided a letter to be sent to our Congressional Representative to support restoring prior funding levels. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the Letter of Support to Congressional Representative for Emergency Management Funding from Director Coyle. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

At 11:02 a.m. the meeting moved to the Sheriff's Conference Room for the remainder of the meeting.

The Board opened sealed bids for the processing of county-owned asphalt millings. Bids were received as follows:

1. Figgins Construction Co., Inc. - \$63 per ton to process millings.

McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the proposal from Figgins Construction to process the millings at the Eli site for \$63 per ton. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, DeNaeyer. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

Clint Baker, Figgins Construction Project Manager, spoke with the Board regarding the proposed oil strip reclamation project and Figgins' company history. The method for reclaiming the millings, preliminary oil content tests, and the tonnage of millings to be reclaimed were discussed. Mr. Baker informed the Board that he would like to do more testing at no cost to the county. It was a consensus of the Board to approve Figgins to do a more thorough survey of the highway reclaiming project along Highway 83.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer and Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith updated the Board regarding routine road maintenance, District 2 hired a new foreman, upcoming federal surplus compliance check, and the Brownlee Bridge project timeline.

Tourism Director Regina Osburn and Visitors Promotion Board member Kim Epke met with the Board to discuss the updates made to the proposed Interlocal Agreement after review by the County Attorney. Payment amounts, construction timeline, and fund balances were discussed. The Board reiterated that there will not ever be bonds issued or property taxes collected to fund the project. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement with the County of Cherry, Nebraska and Mid-Plains Community College Regarding Construction and Use of a Convention Center. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

Prompted by the 2024 BSH Kilgore Annual Update, Zoning Administrator Jane Stolzenburg provided information to the Board regarding Cherry County Wind and BSH Kilgore easement agreements and wind energy leases filed in the Register of Deeds Office. The matter will be referred to the County Attorney. Administrator Stolzenburg informed the Board that the Planning Commission's review of the Comprehensive Plan is complete and a date for a public hearing will be set for July. After review of Keith Marvin's contract, additional trips for public hearings might be necessary and will be added to the Board's next agenda for authorization.

After review of a letter from Veterans Service Officer Shawn Hamling, McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to appoint Jerry Fullerton to the Cherry County Veterans Service Committee to a five-year term set to expire June 30, 2029. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried. Mr. Fullerton will be filling the position vacated by Bill Williams. The Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Williams for his years of service.

The Board reviewed information from the U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division regarding Final Rule: Restoring and Extending Overtime Protections. The Board and Clerk Longcor reviewed the timeline and salary thresholds for employees to be classified as exempt and not paid overtime. The July 1, 2024 standard salary level for exempt employees will be set at \$43,888 per year and the January 1, 2025 standard salary level will be set at \$58,656 per year. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to convert the Noxious Weed Control Superintendent position from exempt, salary to non-exempt, hourly based on 35 hours per week, with hourly wage to be set at \$18.60 per hour, effective July 1, 2024, based on the U.S. Department of Labor Final Rule. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, DeNaeyer. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board recessed from 12:24 p.m. to 1:01 p.m. Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

The Board spoke with former Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle regarding the length of time between when she was hired as EM Director and when the new Zoning Administrator was hired and the salary she was being paid. The Board agreed that any additional pay is not a bonus; the wages were earned and already in place at a set amount. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to retroactive pay Jessica Coyle for the three months she served as the Zoning Administrator at her former salaried wage of \$1,773.73, totaling \$5,321.19. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:15 p.m. to 1:21 p.m.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Extension employees, Michelle Garwood and Eve Millar, regarding the use of the TimeClock Plus timekeeping software. It was a consensus of the Board to allow Extension employees to use the TimeClock Plus app at their own expense.

McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to designate the joint public hearing postcard printing service to be NACO/MIPS's partner CSG. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:45 p.m. to 3:33 p.m.

At 3:34 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 25, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on June 25, 2024 in the Sheriff's Conference Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published June 12, 2024 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 were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer and Mike McConaughy, County Clerk Brittny Longcor, and Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse. Commissioner Nina Nelson had an excused absence. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Administrator Hesse updated the Board regarding jail school completion by two staff members, staff census, hospital billing, jail census, and Justice Center revenue. There was no business to come before the Board.

At 1:21 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

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# BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

## June 25, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on June 25, 2024 in the Sheriff's Conference Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published June 12, 2024 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 1:45 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Present were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer and Mike McConaughy, Clerk Brittny Longcor, Deputy Assessor Andrea Andre, and Treasurer Kathy Hammond. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

Treasurer Hammond presented an Application for Exemption from motor vehicle taxes for a 2014 Chevrolet van and a 1986 Chevrolet bus by Berean Bible Church and Lakota Mission. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption for Berean Bible Church as presented by Treasurer Hammond. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, DeNaeyer. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

Bryan Hill, Lake Mac Assessment appraiser, met with the Board to discuss the 2024 revaluation that was completed. Land values in Valentine and the villages and the combining of assessment neighborhoods were discussed.

For all property valuation protests, Assessor Moreland provided her recommendations in writing and Deputy Assessor Andre was present to confirm the recommendations.

Protest #422-24-01 - #422-24-07 for Property IDs: 160154111, 160156211, 160151570, 160151589, 160154081, 160156203, 160154103 were filed by Kirk Barnes who was not present. Assessor Moreland recommended reclassifying the property to NBHD 232 for #01. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #01. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried. Assessor Moreland recommended reclassifying the use to agricultural for #02-05, #07 per lease confirmation. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protests #02-05, #07. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried. Assessor Moreland recommended no change in value after reviewing the record card with Kirk and no errors were found for #06. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation of no change in value for Protest #06. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, DeNaeyer. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

Protest #422-24-08 for Property ID: 160665238 was filed by Whitney Barnes who was not present. After reviewing the record card, Assessor Moreland recommended correcting the basement finish. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation for Protest #08. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

Protest #422-24-09 for Property ID: 160002710 was filed by Douglas & Brenda Sanford, with Mr. Sandford being present. The property was inspected and the record card was reviewed and Assessor Moreland recommended no change in value. The Board requested that Deputy Assessor Andre and Mr. Hill provide the Board with neighboring property values and valuation changes.

Protest #422-24-10 for Property ID: 160648316 was filed by Michael R. & Kelly J. Petersen who were not present. The record card was reviewed and the property was purchased in 2018 for more than the current assessed value. Assessor Moreland recommended no change in value. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation of no change in value for Protest #10. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

Protest #422-24-12 for Property ID: 160008832 was filed by Michael W. Elliott who was not present. The record card was viewed and the property was inspected. Assessor Moreland recommended no change in value. DeNaeyer moved

and McConaughey seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation of no change in value for Protest #12. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, DeNaeyer. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

Protest #422-24-13 - #422-24-14 for Property IDs: 160149185, 160262445 were filed by William Sherman who was present. The record cards were reviewed and 25% economic depreciation was applied in error, increasing the property values instead of decreasing them. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendations for Protests #13, #14. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed neighboring property values and valuation changes for Protest #09 and all residential sales in Valentine from October 2021 through September 2023. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation of no change in value for Protest #09. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

At 3:33 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

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# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## SPECIAL MEETING

### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in special session on July 8, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughey, Clerk Brittny Longcor, and Assessor Jackie Moreland. Bryan Hill, Lake Mac Appraiser, was present for the duration of the meeting to aid Assessor Moreland.

Assessor Moreland provided recommendations for Property Valuation Protests and reviewed property records cards with the Board.

At 12:03 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

***In accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute 23-122, and in the interest of saving property taxes, these minutes are not the complete record. The complete record is available to the public within ten working days in the Cherry County Clerk's Office and on [www.cherrycountyne.gov](http://www.cherrycountyne.gov). The approved, official minutes are available to the public after approval by the County Board in the Cherry County Clerk's Office.***

# CHERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS & CLAIMS PAID

### July 9, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened on July 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and County Clerk Brittny Longcor.

The Board approved meeting minutes from June 25, 2024.

Building & Grounds Superintendent Pat Greenough provided the Board with bids for lighting replacement in the Cherry County South building and the bid was awarded to Anderson Electric

The Board reviewed and approved the Semi-Annual Statement for the six months ended June 30, 2024 presented by Treasurer Kathy Hammond. The Board reviewed the Distress Warrant Report and the Three-Year Comparison Statement of Uncollected Taxes. The Board reviewed the list of delinquent real estate taxes and directed Treasurer Hammond to issue county tax sale certificates for 2022 and prior delinquent taxes.

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith provided a Road update.

Noxious Weed Control Superintendent Dave Leonard provided a Noxious Weed update.

The Board spoke with Zoning Administrator Jane Stolzenburg regarding the contract in place with Marvin Planning Consultants and authorized two additional public hearings trips for Keith Marvin.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle provided an EM update and discussed her attendance at first responder calls. The Board reviewed correspondence from the Cherry County Hospital Ambulance Service.

EM Director Coyle provided background information and a quote from Platte Valley for a radio equipment upgrade. The Board accepted the quote from Platte Valley for a Motorola all-band console and equipment.

EM Director Coyle provided background information for the 2914 legacy funds and requested authorization to use them for purchasing 911 call handling equipment. The Board authorized spending the legacy 911 funds for the purchase of the Lumen-Vesta 911 systems.

The Board reviewed fee reports and correspondence. The Board recessed from 11:48 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

The Board approved claims listed as follows:

### July 9, 2024

#### CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	80,466.56	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$		80,466.56
<b>GENERAL</b>			
Allen Monument Company	Services		\$95.00
Wade Andrews	Reimbursement		\$73.70
APCO International	Dues/Fees/Training		\$30.00



Applied Connective Technologies	Services	\$4,743.50
Timothy Bader	Reimbursement	\$34.00
Black Hills Chemical	Services	\$177.53
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$73.47
Michael Borders	Services	\$3,072.46
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$28.13
Shelbie Buechle	Reimbursement	\$736.46
Cherry County Sheriff	Services	\$367.40
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees	\$5.00
Circle K Motor Company	Services	\$139.84
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service	\$319.36
Comfort Inn Kearney	Lodging	\$359.85
Consolidated Management Company	Services	\$323.55
Crowne Plaza/IHG Hotel	Lodging	\$608.85
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services	\$537.60
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services	\$220.55
Cynthia Dobbins	Reimbursement	\$10.60
Lorana Eggert	Reimbursement	\$473.42
Election Systems & Software	Services	\$1,182.32
Embassy Suites	Lodging	\$214.00
Firstnet/AT&T	Services	\$641.51
Geo-Comm Inc	Services	\$9,317.00
Government Forms & Supplies	Supplies	\$218.00
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$100.00
Kathy Hammond	Reimbursement	\$316.15
Timothy Hanson	Equipment	\$2,636.75
Heart City Drug	Supplies	\$182.90
Heart City Plumbing & Heating LLC	Services	\$802.37
Edward Heinert	Reimbursement	\$24.12
Henderson's IGA Inc	Supplies	\$108.61
Sharon Hesse	Reimbursement	\$216.88
Hoffman Monuments & Stoneworks	Services	\$250.00
Holt County Treasurer	Services	\$2,513.52
Interstate Battery System	Services	\$296.50
John E Reid & Associates	Services	\$580.00
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,479.42
Journal Entry	Refund	-\$300.00
Brooke Kumm	Reimbursement	\$201.80
La Quinta Inn & Suites	Lodging	\$214.00
Dave Leonard	Reimbursement	\$509.23
Brittany Longcor	Reimbursement	\$285.80
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$136.00
Midwest Radar & Equipment	Services	\$164.00
MIPS	Services	\$3,177.62
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training	Dues/Fees/Training	\$475.00
Ann Neiffer	Mileage	\$2.68
Nina Nelson	Reimbursement	\$1,075.95
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$1,259.70
NK Waste Management Inc	Services	\$20.00
North Central Nebraska RC&D	Dues/Fees/Training	\$200.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$6,910.87
Paper Tiger Shredding	Services	\$55.00
Prema	Services	\$100.36

Presto-X	Services	\$114.10
Quadient Leasing USA	Services	\$63.27
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$2,000.00
Quill Corporation	Services	\$27.19
Ramada Midtown Grand Island	Lodging	\$214.00
Red Beard Garage and Towing	Services	\$2,642.90
Cheyenne Red Fish	Reimbursement	\$282.74
Region 2 Weed Control Weed Management	Services	\$50.00
Region 4 Behavioral Health System	Services	\$5,407.50
Rixstine Recognition	Services	\$24.31
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$592.82
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$105.39
Sennet Duncan Jenkins & Wickham	Services	\$736.70
Ryan Sexson	Mileage	\$53.60
James Stokley	Services	\$20.00
Tony's Tire & Auto Repair	Services	\$303.49
True Value	Supplies	\$23.96
US Cellular	Services	\$59.07
Valentine Dental Clinic	Services	\$72.75
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$10,617.45
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$3,693.85
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$56.85
Wex Bank	Services	\$2,223.54
Wrenched Tire & Auto LLC	Services	\$82.75
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$80,466.56</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	107,423.38	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$

#### ROAD

Allard Precast	Services	\$2,750.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$1,979.94
Brad White Equipment	Services	\$1,078.57
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$6,279.33
Central Valley Ag Cooperative	Services	\$9,106.08
Cherry County Clerk	Plat Map	\$30.00
Cherry County Clinic	Services	\$39.00
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$1,568.06
Circle K Motor Company	Services	\$1,444.26
Cody Oil	Services	\$3,750.46
Village of Cody	Services	\$155.50
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$290.83
Creative Printers	Services	\$120.00
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$138.44
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Dooley Oil Inc	Services	\$175.82
Grant County News	Services	\$36.00
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$320.45
Hoef's Skidloader Works LLC	Services	\$8,275.00
Inland Truck Parts Company	Services	\$366.18
Interstate Battery System	Services	\$166.95
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$185.95

Kimball Midwest	Services	\$2,841.89
Mathis Equipment	Services	\$17,333.78
Village of Merriman	Services	\$61.96
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Modern Farm Equipment Corporation	Services	\$116.15
Motor Carrier Services Division	Services	\$0.29
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Services	\$2,191.12
Nebraska Motor Fuels Division	Services	\$2,690.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$47.78
Newman Signs	Supplies	\$185.40
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$5,343.75
Office Products	Supplies	\$213.22
The Parts Company	Supplies	\$260.62
Perrett Construction LTD	Services	\$66.68
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$30.00
Pit Stall	Services	\$536.50
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$550.07
Powerplan	Services	\$20,291.21
Prema	Services	\$111.38
Road Builders	Services	\$384.19
Sandhill Oil Company	Services	\$12,736.24
Sandhills Ranch Supply	Services	\$1,852.82
Sheridan County Journal Star	Services	\$84.00
True Value	Supplies	\$3.78
US Cellular	Services	\$105.74
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$82.80
City of Valentine	Services	\$359.49
Village of Thedford	Services	\$468.00
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$10.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$107,423.38</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	17,211.88	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of			\$

#### **VISITOR PROMOTION**

Cox/Johnson Corporation	Services	\$880.00
Great Plains Communication	Services	\$179.93
Just 4 You/Jennifer Vanderwey	Services	\$664.42
KVSH	Services	\$1,000.00
Miles Partnership LLLP	Services	\$2,000.00
NRG Media LLC	Services	\$8,232.50
Old West Days	Grant	\$4,000.00
Scotty's Ranchland Food	Supplies	\$48.25
City of Valentine	Services	\$206.78
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,211.88</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	9,978.00	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Improvement Fund in the amount of			\$

#### **VISITOR IMPROVEMENT (995)**

Central Nebraska Economic Dev Dist	Services	\$8,728.00
Cherry County Agricultural Society	Services	\$1,250.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,978.00</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	16,461.24	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of			\$	16,461.24

**EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS**

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims			\$16,461.24
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$16,461.24</b>

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
	<b>TOTAL</b>		\$	<b>9,709.89</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	3,984.83	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of			\$	3,984.83

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Huskerland Communications	Services			\$1,204.95
KBR Rural Public Power	Services			\$92.88
Regroup	Services			\$2,687.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$3,984.83</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	4,371.00	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of			\$	4,371.00

**INHERITANCE TAX**

Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Services			\$1,470.00
Middle Niobrara NRD	Services			\$2,901.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$4,371.00</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	258.10	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of			\$	258.10

**911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)**

Centurlink	Services			\$258.10
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$258.10</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,140.94	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of			\$	1,140.94

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)**

Great Plains Communications Inc	Services			\$163.34
OPTK Networks	Services			\$977.60
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,140.94</b>

The Board spoke with County Attorney Eric Scott concerning bidding requirements.

The Board convened as a Board of Equalization from 1:34 p.m. to 9:35 p.m.

At 9:36 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

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# CHERRY COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION STATEMENT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in special session as a Board of Equalization on July 22, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughey, County Clerk Brittny Longcor, and County Assessor Jackie Moreland.

There were no comments from the public during the allotted time. Bryan Hill, Lake Mac Appraiser, was present for the duration of the meeting to aid Assessor Moreland. The Board conducted property valuation protest hearings. The Board made decisions regarding property valuations protests. The Board approved the Overvalued, Undervalued, and Omitted Property Report.

At 11:48 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

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# CHERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## July 30, 2024

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The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened on July 30, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and County Clerk Brittny Longcor.

The Board approved meeting minutes from July 8, 2024 and July 9, 2024.

Building & Grounds Superintendent Pat Greenough spoke to the Board regarding deferred maintenance for the Courthouse generator. The Board requested bids for said maintenance.

District Court Clerk Lorana Eggert and County Court Clerk Magistrate Michaela Hobbs provided a list of obsolete Courtroom equipment. The Board declared said equipment as surplus and authorized Clerk Eggert to dispose of it.

Tom Thompson and Kenny Liebsock, NMC Cat Representatives, met with the Board to introduce Mr. Liebsock and to discuss equipment.

Neil Coleman, Bobcat of North Platte, met with the Board to discuss skid steer options.

Dennis Maggart, McInnes Group President, spoke with the Board via telephone regarding a Blue Cross Blue Shield accounting error. The Board requires additional information prior to proceeding with reimbursing Blue Cross.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Veterans Service Officer Shawn Hamling and Department of Veterans' Affairs regarding the Veterans Service Officer position. The Board appointed Ashley Blume-Vackiner as the Cherry County Veterans Service Officer, effective August 12, 2024. The Board expressed their gratitude to Mr. Hamling for his years of service to our local Veterans.

Sheriff Rusty Osburn met with the Board to discuss upgrading the hand-held & patrol unit radios and using the ARPA funds to pay for said radios. This upgrade would allow for connection to the state radio system. It was a consensus of the Board to authorize Sheriff Osburn to proceed with obtaining bids for the radio upgrades.

EM Director Jessica Coyle provided an Emergency Management update.

In accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute 23-154, Clerk Longcor will call a special session for the Board to meet on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. for a Budget Workshop.

The Board appointed Commissioner Nelson to the subcommittee for the MPCC Convention Center Project until the project is complete. Commissioner Nelson provided a brief project update to the Board.

The Board recessed from 12:37 p.m. to 1:04 p.m. There were comments from the public during the allotted time.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer and Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith provided a Roads update.

The Board convened as a Board of Corrections from 1:26 p.m. to 1:35 p.m.

In remembrance of Lila Churchill and in recognition of her years of service to Cherry County on the Board of Commissioners, Clerk Longcor read a message written by former Cherry County Commissioner Bill Ward.

The Board convened as a Board of Equalization from 1:45 p.m. to 2:10 p.m.

The Board approved claims listed as follows:

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$4,875.20
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$34,093.07
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$4,463.76
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Administration Fees	\$2,860.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$57,224.03
Betty Copeland	Prior Service	\$132.00
Credit Management Services	Garnishment	\$559.87
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$65,273.12
EFTPS	PCORI Fees	\$136.05
Journal Entry	Fund Transfer	\$2,674.45
Journal Entry	Void Ck# 24074287	(\$10,617.45)
Margaret Lutter	Prior Service	\$72.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$4,350.00
MIPS	Services	\$8,446.68
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$10,119.55
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Insurance Funding	\$30,335.36
Gloria Ritchey	Prior Service	\$180.00
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$11,957.95
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$2,769.26
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$812.86
Payroll	Gross Payroll	\$303,964.88
Adjust for Employees' Share of Withholdings		(\$79,017.72)
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Merle Ford	Prior Service	\$300.00
Legal Shield	Services	\$67.80
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
Vernon Shears	Prior Service	\$72.00
Charles Smith	Prior Service	\$288.00
Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$57,084.50
Cherry County Treasurer	Fund Transfer	\$96,386.90
Journal Entry	Fund Transfer	(\$2,674.45)
Miller Painting Company	Services	\$2,175.00

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.



# CHERRY COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

## STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS

### August 13, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Equalization convened on August 13, 2024 at 1:23 p.m. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, County Clerk Brittney Longcor, and County Assessor Jackie Moreland.

The Board held a public hearing from 1:25 p.m. to 1:26 p.m. for a property tax exemption application on real and personal property by qualifying organizations. The Board approved Form 451 for Wood Lake Athletic Association, Inc.

The Board held a hearing for Form 458R Notice of Rejection of Homestead Exemption for filer Nancy Stephens, who was not present. The Board approved the Homestead Exemption Application for Nancy Stephens due to the required information being provided.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

## August 27, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on August 27, 2024 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 Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughey, and 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 special meeting minutes from August 12, 2024 were read. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

The Board of Commissioners regular meeting minutes from August 13, 2024 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes. Roll call vote: Aye - DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from August 13, 2024 were read. Nelson moved and McConaughey seconded to approve the minutes. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

Mike Bateman, Murphy Tractor, met with the Board to introduce Casey Rau, Branch Manager, and to discuss skid steer prices.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding Perma-Zyme road sampling & results and to submit his notice of retirement for December 31, 2024. Other sites for Perma-Zyme sampling were discussed.

Matt Childress and Brandon Petersen, both with Applied Connective, met with the Board to present information for updates to the county's network and server and to discuss background information for the current IT services provided to the county. Application status for HAVA and SLCG grants were also discussed. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the quotes from Applied Connective for the network refresh, totaling \$4,300, and the server refresh, totaling \$15,597.47, to be paid out of the ARPA fund, and authorize Clerk Longcor to sign said quotes. Roll call vote: Aye - McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Noxious Weed Control Superintendent Dave Leonard updated the Board regarding completed inspections, forced control spraying, upcoming training, a new chemical for range spraying, and possible grant money for drone spraying.

DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to set the time and date for the public hearing re: Proposed 2024-2025 Cherry County budget to be held at 1:30 p.m. on September 10, 2024 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

Nelson moved and McConaughey seconded to set the time and date for the public hearing to set final tax request to be held on September 10, 2024 immediately following the conclusion of the budget hearing. Roll call vote: Aye - DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Valentine Public Library budget was presented to and reviewed by the Board at their meeting on August 13, 2024. Nelson moved and McConaughey seconded to approve the 2024-2025 Valentine Public Library budget. Roll call vote: Aye - DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed preliminary request for levy authority received from Cherry County political subdivisions. Commissioner McConaughey stated that he is the Treasurer and budget preparer for Merriman Rural Fire District so he will be abstaining from voting. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to adopt Resolution #2024-08 Preliminary Levy Authority. Roll call vote: Abstain – McConaughey. Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding the recent NC911 meeting, 911 PSAP funds audits, OCIO equipment malfunction after a power outage, NRIN connection issues, and a mutual aid response agreement gap on Highway 61. It was confirmed with Director Coyle that she will provide hours worked per day on her timesheet moving forward. The Board requested that Director Coyle check with a landowner to see if Cherry County can place a repeater on their tower.

The Board recessed from 12:17 p.m. to 12:51 p.m.

The Board met with Sheriff Rusty Osburn to discuss his department budget request. Changes to various department budget requests were discussed.

The Board recessed from 1:15 p.m. to 1:44 p.m. to convene as a Board of Equalization.

The Board recessed from 1:45 p.m. to 1:54 p.m. to convene as a Board of Corrections.

The Board met with Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse and EM Director Coyle to discuss their respective department budget requests.

The Board recessed from 3:15 p.m. to 3:28 p.m.

The \$58,656 salary threshold for the U.S. Department of Labor Final Rule, hours worked, and potential overtime amounts for the positions subject to said Final Rule were discussed. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the reclassification of employees and changes to the salaries as per listed, effective for September payroll:

- Road Foremen (3 districts) – Increase yearly salary from \$53,744.16 to \$60,000 yearly salary; remain classified as salaried, exempt
- Justice Center Administrator – Increase yearly salary from \$55,755.72 to \$62,500 yearly salary; remain classified as salaried, exempt
- Veterans Service Officer – Yearly salary of \$48,813.48 converted to \$27.61 per hour based on 34 hours worked per week; reclassified as hourly, non-exempt
- Tourism Director – Yearly salary of \$48,563.64 converted to \$23.35 per hour based on 40 hours worked per week; reclassified as hourly, non-exempt
- Emergency Management Director – Increase yearly salary from \$48,933.96 to \$58,656 yearly salary; remain classified as salaried, exempt

Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

No Board action was taken on the agenda item re: Roof Repair Bids.

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

August 30, 2024  
CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	256,358.90	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$	256,358.90	

GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,740.49
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$18,095.57
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,278.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Administration Fees	\$1,417.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$42,016.96
Credit Management Services	Garnishment	\$114.80
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$31,560.89
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$3,050.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$4,591.10
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Insurance Funding	\$22,534.12
Maxwell Renning	Reimbursement	\$746.84
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$5,485.06
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$579.54
Andre, Andrea	Gross Wages	\$3,536.03
Bauer, Daniel	Gross Wages	\$2,840.40
Blume, Ashley	Gross Salary	\$2,816.16
Brockley, Billie	Gross Wages	\$2,989.98
Buechle, Shelbie	Gross Wages	\$3,819.90
Coates, Sonia	Gross Wages	\$3,519.33
DeNaeyer, Martin	Gross Salary	\$2,012.50
Dobbins, Cynthia	Gross Wages	\$3,054.70
Duffield, Janette	Gross Wages	\$3,899.72
Eggert, Lorana	Gross Salary	\$4,785.64
Froning, Ellen	Gross Wages	\$4,150.01
Goodrich, Dustina	Gross Wages	\$2,855.00
Goodrich, Weston	Gross Wages	\$3,482.43
Greenough, Pat	Gross Wages	\$3,754.23
Hamlin, Ashtyn	Gross Wages	\$2,572.13
Hamling, Shawn	Gross Salary	\$4,467.79
Hammond, Kathy	Gross Salary	\$4,785.64
Hanson, Timothy	Gross Salary	\$2,392.82
Hesse, Sharon	Gross Salary	\$4,646.31
Hunt, Clarissa	Gross Wages	\$3,111.51
Jackson, Gary	Gross Wages	\$4,816.70
Johnson, Andrew	Gross Salary	\$3,503.16
Knox, Calvin	Gross Wages	\$1,003.00
Kumm, Brooke	Gross Wages	\$2,237.95

Leonard, David	Gross Wages	\$3,129.45
Leonard, Samantha	Gross Wages	\$2,918.35
Longcor, Brittny	Gross Salary	\$4,785.64
Lutter, Tammy	Gross Wages	\$2,749.59
McConaughey, Michael	Gross Salary	\$2,012.50
McSweeney, Ryan	Gross Wages	\$4,124.82
Millar, Eve	Gross Wages	\$2,386.11
Moreland, Jacqueline	Gross Salary	\$4,785.64
Nelson, Nina	Gross Salary	\$2,012.50
Ormesher, Katie	Gross Wages	\$2,126.77
Osborne, Joanie	Gross Wages	\$484.23
Osburn, Albert	Gross Salary	\$4,938.85
Pier, Shelley	Gross Wages	\$2,783.63
Price, Cassandra	Gross Wages	\$3,494.45
Red Fish, Cheyenne	Gross Wages	\$3,912.78
Renning, Maxwell	Gross Wages	\$4,462.24
Scott, Adelia	Gross Wages	\$1,154.70
Scott, Eric	Gross Salary	\$5,389.48
Starr, Christopher	Gross Wages	\$3,866.03
Stec, Nicholas	Gross Wages	\$5,138.78
Stoeger, David	Gross Wages	\$3,400.83
Stolzenburg, Jane	Gross Wages	\$3,703.18
Wickman, Erick	Gross Wages	\$4,645.04
GROSS TOTAL		\$295,669.60
Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings		(\$39,310.70)
NET TOTAL		<b>\$256,358.90</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>120,605.19</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$ <b>120,605.19</b>

**ROAD FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,809.91
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$8,890.54
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,166.08
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Administration Fees	\$270.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$16,525.30
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$17,069.48
Legal Shield	Services	\$67.80
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,250.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,460.66
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Claim Funding	\$8,834.20
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$202.99
Boyer, Douglas	Gross Salary	\$4,862.45
Buechle, Jordan	Gross Wages	\$3,178.01
Bunner, Bradley	Gross Wages	\$3,787.00
Cash, Tyler	Gross Wages	\$3,981.53
Collier, David	Gross Salary	\$4,478.68
Dahlberg, Brady	Gross Wages	\$612.00
Donner, Abigayle	Gross Wages	\$3,332.00
Egger, Garrett	Gross Wages	\$4,181.92
Fernau, Bradly	Gross Wages	\$3,500.94
Fish, Tristan	Gross Wages	\$2,499.00
Graeff, Randy	Gross Wages	\$3,561.25
Hampton, Donald	Gross Wages	\$3,027.84
Hart Benjamin	Gross Wages	\$1,491.00
McIntosh, Drew	Gross Wages	\$3,425.80
McWhirter, Bentz	Gross Wages	\$3,850.17
Olson, Arnold	Gross Wages	\$2,119.48
Osburn, Jay D	Gross Salary	\$4,478.68
Pearman, Terry	Gross Wages	\$4,307.20
Reese, Kay	Gross Wages	\$1,834.17
Smith, Lloyd	Gross Salary	\$750.00
Songer, LeRoy	Gross Wages	\$3,784.80
Szakacs, Brye	Gross Wages	\$4,187.01
Szakacs, Ryan	Gross Wages	\$3,052.50
Stichka, Steven	Gross Salary	\$4,478.68
Thompson, Shawn	Gross Wages	\$3,963.79
GROSS TOTAL		\$141,587.36
Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings		(\$20,982.17)

		NET TOTAL	\$120,605.19
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	7,541.37	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of		\$	7,541.37
<b>VISITORS PROMOTION FUND</b>			
AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance		97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement		\$675.06
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance		\$62.12
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings		\$1,359.46
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings		\$182.58
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance		\$31.84
Battershaw, Taylor	Gross Wages		\$640.00
Braun, Regina	Gross Salary		\$5,136.52
Graeff, Lynn	Gross Wages		\$864.00
	GROSS TOTAL		\$9,048.95
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings		(\$1,507.58)
	NET TOTAL		<b>\$7,541.37</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	22,017.56	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of		\$	22,017.56
<b>HEALTH CLAIMS FUND</b>			
Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims		\$22,017.56
	TOTAL		<b>\$22,017.56</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	8,273.21	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of		\$	8,273.21
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND</b>			
AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance		143.39
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement		\$596.32
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance		\$124.24
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Administration Fees		\$18.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding		\$1,417.96
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings		\$1,133.13
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding		\$100.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings		\$149.07
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Claim Funding		\$733.88
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance		\$31.84
Coyle, Jessica	Gross Salary		\$4,077.83
Reese, Kay	Gross Wages		\$1,222.78
	GROSS TOTAL		\$9,748.44
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings		(\$1,475.23)
	NET TOTAL		<b>\$8,273.21</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	40,900.00	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of		\$	40,900.00
<b>Inheritance Tax Fund</b>			
Tehrani Motors	Patrol Vehicle		\$40,900.00
	TOTAL		<b>\$40,900.00</b>

At 4:47 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

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

I, Brittny N. Longcor, the undersigned County Clerk of Cherry County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

Brittny N. Longcor  
Cherry County Clerk

Martin K. DeNaeyer, Chairperson  
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES  
August 27, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on August 27, 2024 in the Commissioner Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published August 14, 2024 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 were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, and Mike McConaughy, Deputy County Clerk Samantha Leonard, and Assessor Staff Daniel Bauer. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

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

Mr. Bauer presented tax list corrections for multiple years of personal property omitted on personal property returns. The Board will seek clarification and guidance from the Property Tax Administrator prior to deciding on said tax list corrections.

Protest #422-24-278 for Property ID: 160263409 was filed by Brittny Longcor who was present. Assessor Jackie Moreland recommended no change in value as relayed by Mr. Bauer. Ms. Longcor provided additional written documentation to the Board. No Board action was taken on Protest #278.

At 1:41 p.m. County Clerk Brittny Longcor took minutes for the remainder of the meeting. No Board action was taken on the agenda item re: Tax List Correction(s). No Board action was taken on the agenda item re: Property Valuation Protest Decision(s). Both items will be added to the Board of Equalization for September 10, 2024.

At 1:44 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

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

I, Brittny N. Longcor, the undersigned County Clerk of Cherry County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

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Brittny N. Longcor  
Cherry County Clerk

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Martin K. DeNaeyer, Chairperson  
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES  
August 27, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on August 27, 2024 in the Commissioner Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published August 14, 2024 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 1:45 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Present were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughey, County Clerk Brittny Longcor, and Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

There were no comments from the public during the allotted time.

Adminstrator Hesse updated the Board regarding the recent Jail Standards inspection, dispatch and jail revenue received, jail census, and staff census. Potential call-in pay for those employees who work outside their department was discussed. No Board action was taken.

At 1:54 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

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

I, Brittny N. Longcor, the undersigned County Clerk of Cherry County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

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Brittny N. Longcor  
Cherry County Clerk

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Martin K. DeNaeyer, Chairperson  
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

## September 10, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on September 10, 2024 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 Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and 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 27, 2024 were read. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from August 27, 2024 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes. Roll call vote: Aye - DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from August 27, 2024 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding the Minnechaduza Bridge detour, rough road complaints received, and additional Perma-Zyme sampling completed.

DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to accept Road Supervisor Doug Boyer's notice of retirement effective December 31, 2024. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried. The Board expressed appreciation to Doug Boyer for his 48 years of service to Cherry County.

The Board reviewed an Emergency Management update received via email from EM Director Jessica Coyle.

DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to set the time and date for bids to be opened for skid steers, to meet the requirements as set forth by Road District #1 and Road District #2, to be on October 8, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye - DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Jane Stolzenburg updated the Board regarding expired Board of Adjustments appointments, Comprehensive Plan update progress, an upcoming CUP public hearing, and Zoning fee schedule.

Audit fee amounts in the three-year contract with Contryman Associates were reviewed. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the Contryman Associates, P.C. 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Audit Engagement Letter. Roll call vote: Aye - McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the District Court Clerk fee report for August 2024, Treasurer fund balances for August 31, 2024, and Operating Statement report of budget v. actual spending for August 2024.

At 11:00 a.m., as advertised, bids were opened for the Armor Coat Project – German Settlement Rd, Loup River Rd, and Brownlee Rd. Bids were received as follows:

1. TopKote Inc. – \$.43 SY  
Loup River Rd – 24,935 SY - \$10,722.05  
German Settlement Rd – 60,661 SY - \$26,084.23  
Brownlee Rd – 41,067 SY - \$17,658.81  
With any additional SY to be billed at \$.43 per square yard

The Board reviewed 2023 armor coat project bid prices. Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith confirmed that the projects qualify for the use of 650 Highway funds and that Eli Rd could be added onto to the bid for the same square yard price. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to award the bid to TopKote Inc. at \$.43 per square yard for the Armor Coat Project – German Settlement Rd, Loup River Rd, and Brownlee Rd. Roll call vote: Aye - Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 11:19 a.m. to 11:47 a.m.

The Board and County Attorney Eric Scott spoke with Property Tax Administrator Sarah Scott via telephone regarding services potentially required from the Property Assessment Division during the timeframe that Cherry County does not have a qualified person in the Assessor's Office. Curtis Stephen, Manager of Field Operations, and Chelsea Fessler, Field Liaison for Cherry County were present for the conversation. Notice requirements for assessor certificate testing and estimated costs for services provided by the State to Cherry County were discussed. Potentially hiring someone in a lesser capacity than Assessor to gain experience and familiarity to pass the assessor certificate exam was discussed as an option. No formal Board action was taken.

The Board recessed from 12:17 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.



At 1:30 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 2024-2025 budget. Budget preparer, Brittny Longcor, provided a brief overview of the differences between the proposed budget and the prior year’s budget. Fund tax request amounts, proposed levy rate, total operating budget, and remaining Road Bond payments were discussed with the Board and various members of the public. At 2:05 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer closed the budget hearing.

Due to a newspaper publication omission, the public hearing re: setting the final tax request could not be held. No Board action was taken on the agenda items to adopt Resolutions #2024-09, #2024-10, and #2024-11.

Statute 81-3717 was reviewed to ensure compliance regarding a claim payable to Sandhills Area Foundation for the Heart City Theatre grant. The Board would like to meet with representatives from the Visitor Improvement Board and Mid Plains Community College prior to issuing the first payment contained in the Convention Center Interlocal Agreement. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve claims, withholding Claim#24094726 payable to Mid Plains Community College. Roll call vote: Aye - McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

September 10, 2024  
CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	76,404.29	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of			\$ 76,404.29
<b>GENERAL</b>			
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$	371.18
Anderson Electric Inc	Services		\$254.50
Applied Connective Technologies	Services		\$4,922.00
Daniel Bauer	Reimbursement		\$118.13
Ryan Benjamin	Reimbursement		\$208.37
Black Hills Chemical	Services		\$304.11
Bomgaars	Supplies		\$113.23
Buckles Fuel Service	Services		\$81.05
Central Plains Valuation LLC	Services		\$19,276.92
Cherry County Court	Services		\$334.00
Cherry County District Court	Services		\$112.00
Cherry County Hospital	Services		\$5,401.00
Cherry County Sheriff	Services		\$155.80
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees		\$15.00
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service		\$319.36
Crowne Plaza/IHG Hotel	Lodging		\$299.90
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services		\$537.60
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services		\$220.55
Cynthia Dobbins	Reimbursement		\$11.97
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings		\$684.06
Firstnet/AT&T	Services		\$641.88
Galls Parent Holdings LLC	Supplies		\$92.80
Michelle Garwood	Reimbursement		\$284.00
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement		\$100.00
Shawn Hamling	Gross Wages		\$3,299.40
Timothy Hanson	Equipment		\$2,636.75
Heart City Drug	Supplies		\$181.39
Henderson's IGA Inc	Supplies		\$94.81
Holiday Inn	Lodging		\$269.90
Huskerland Communications	Supplies		\$34.99
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment		\$4,267.55
Dave Leonard	Reimbursement		\$550.88
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services		\$136.00
MIPS	Services		\$3,295.54
NACO	Dues/Fees/Training		\$25.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings		\$87.74
Nebraska Dept Correctional Services	Services		\$2,033.60
Nebraska Safety and Fire Equip	Services		\$295.00
Nextoner LLC	Supplies		\$92.59
Office Products	Supplies		\$1,463.99
Petty Cash	Reimbursement		\$90.96
Premier Parts and Paint	Services		\$525.00
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies		\$178.35
Eric Scott Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment		\$11,498.46
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies		\$39.63
Cardmember Service	Services		\$465.84

Joseph Smith	Services	\$160.00
True Value	Supplies	\$98.58
UNL Haskell Ag Lab	Services	\$115.00
US Cellular	Services	\$59.12
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$2,362.42
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$5,624.19
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$53.65
Wex Bank	Services	\$1,879.73
Willoughby Industries	Services	\$296.69
	GROSS TOTAL	<b>\$77,072.16</b>
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	-\$667.87
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$76,404.29</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>94,770.30</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of			.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of		\$	<b>94,770.30</b>

**ROAD**

ATC Group Services	Services	\$3,500.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$670.25
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$6,768.30
Central Valley Ag Cooperative	Services	\$6,629.83
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$172.00
Circle K Motor Company	Services	\$5,424.51
Cody Livestock Supply	Supplies	\$91.55
Cody Oil	Services	\$2,277.47
Village of Cody	Services	\$195.60
Brent Collier	Reimbursement	\$865.45
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$297.85
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$130.38
Daly Enterprises	Services	\$850.00
Danielski Farms	Services	\$5,766.30
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Abigayle Donner	Reimbursement	\$145.78
Emerson Equipment	Supplies	\$536.72
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$320.85
Hoefs Skidloader Works	Services	\$1,467.00
Huskerland Communications	Services	\$29.99
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$208.55
Lanair Products LLC	Supplies	\$1,523.00
Light and Siren	Services	\$2,279.00
MARC/Mid American Research Chemical	Services	\$1,062.00
Martin Auto Parts	Services	\$65.89
Mid Plains Community College	Services	\$159.00
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Services	\$945.88
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$60.39
Nebraska Truck Center	Services	\$4,291.09
Office Products	Supplies	\$105.98
Paulsen Inc	Services	\$10,231.00
Perrett Construction LTD	Services	\$227.27
Powerplan	Services	\$28.45
Prema	Services	\$77.03
Ranch Supply	Supplies	\$38.37
Reese Inc	Services	\$71.50
Sandhill Oil Company	Services	\$5,332.08
Triple G Redimix	Services	\$4,204.80
US Cellular	Services	\$103.73
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$46.00
City of Valentine	Services	\$221.76
Werner Construction	Services	\$27,130.00
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$10.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$94,770.30</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>90,645.00</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Highway Street/Bridge Buyback Fund in the amount of		\$	<b>90,645.00</b>

**Highway Street/Bridge Buyback**

Norfolk Contracting	Services	\$	90,645.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$90,645.00</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>30,778.54</b>	.
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and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of		\$		30,778.54
VISITOR PROMOTION				
Cherry County Visitors Promo Board		Reimbursement		\$4.61
Great Plains Communication		Services		\$181.43
Hand's Lawn Service LLC		Services		\$820.00
Kelo TV		Services		\$15,160.00
MCB Productions		Services		\$1,000.00
Niobrara Valley Vineyards		Grant		\$4,000.00
NRG Media LLC		Services		\$8,975.00
Office Products		Supplies		\$295.56
Valentine Rotary Club		Services		\$102.00
City of Valentine		Services		\$239.94
		TOTAL		\$30,778.54
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	300,000.00	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	250,000.00	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Improvement Fund in the amount of		\$		50,000.00
VISITOR IMPROVEMENT (995)				
Mid Plains Community College		Convention Center		\$250,000.00
Sandhills Area Foundation		Heart City Theater		\$50,000.00
		Disallowed		(\$250,000.00)
		TOTAL		\$50,000.00
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	30,009.23	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of		\$		30,009.23
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS				
Cherry County Clerk		Health Insurance Claims		\$30,009.23
		TOTAL		\$30,009.23
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	\$	3,292.20	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of		\$		3,292.20
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
KBR Rural Public Power		Services		\$94.88
Office Products		Supplies		\$77.52
Page My Cell		Services		\$3,000.00
Prema		Services		\$119.80
		TOTAL		\$3,292.20
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	2,370.00	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of		\$		2,370.00
INHERITANCE TAX				
Houghton Bradford Whitted PC		Services		\$2,370.00
		TOTAL		\$2,370.00
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	313.54	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of		\$		313.54
911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)				
Century Link		Services		\$257.66
Great Plains Communications		Services		\$55.88
		TOTAL		\$313.54
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,094.80	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of		\$		1,094.80
911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)				
Great Plains Communications Inc		Services		\$117.20
OPTK Networks		Services		\$977.60
		TOTAL		\$1,094.80
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	575.00	.	

and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Holding Fund in the amount of	\$		<b>575.00</b>
<b>911 WIRELESS Holding (2914)</b>			
Boyd's Network Solutions	Services		\$575.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$575.00</b>

At 2:40 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

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

I, Brittny N. Longcor, the undersigned County Clerk of Cherry County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

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Brittny N. Longcor  
Cherry County Clerk

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Martin K. DeNaeyer, Chairperson  
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES  
September 10, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on September 10, 2024 in the Commissioner Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published September 4, 2024 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 11:19 a.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Present were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughey, County Clerk Brittney Longcor, County Assessor Jackie Moreland, and County Attorney Eric Scott. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

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

Property Tax Administrator Sarah Scott joined the meeting via telephone and reviewed the required proper procedures for tax list corrections concerning personal property returns. Ms. Scott stated that she had reviewed the tax list corrections and documentation submitted to the Board during their August 27, 2024 meeting. Tax list correction #2023-39 is related to an acceleration of tax and should be approved to ensure the proper collection and disbursement of taxes. The remaining 13 tax list corrections were related to omitted personal property. Five of the tax list corrections had proper documentation and the remaining eight should be sent notices to provide the taxpayers due process to protest the valuation. County Attorney Eric Scott reviewed the due process requirements for the Board of Equalization concerning the tax list corrections. The 25% late filing penalties imposed were discussed and it was determined that said penalties can only be removed if they are wrongfully imposed.

McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve tax list corrections #2023-39, #2023-40, #2023-42, #2023-43, #2023-44, and #2023-49. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

County Clerk staff member, Jane Stolzenburg, assumed the role of taking minutes. Assessor Moreland reviewed information in her recommendation regarding Protest #422-24-278 filed by Brittney Longcor. Nelson moved and McConaughey seconded to accept the Assessor’s recommendation of no change in value for Protest #278. Roll call vote: Aye - McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Clerk Longcor resumed the role of taking minutes. At 1:44 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

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

I, Brittney N. Longcor, the undersigned County Clerk of Cherry County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Brittney N. Longcor  
Cherry County Clerk

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Martin K. DeNaeyer, Chairperson  
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**September 19, 2024**

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in special session on September 19, 2024 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice conspicuously posted on September 12, 2024 at the following public places: Valentine Public Library, Valentine Post Office, Cherry County Clerk’s Office, and Cherry County Courthouse front door. The current agenda being on file in the office of the County Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughey, and 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 interviews for the Cherry County Assessor/Assessor’s Office Position. The Board conducted an interview with Melissa Bancroft. Her education and work experience were discussed. The potential timeline for passing the assessor certificate exam was also discussed. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to extend an offer to Melissa Bancroft for the position of Office Manager in the Assessor’s Office at the rate of \$20/hour, with the intent that Melissa will be testing for the Assessor’s certificate and passing within the next 150 days, at the expense of Cherry County for testing costs. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

The Board discussed oil and gravel requirements for armor coat projects. Armor coat bid specs for recent projects were reviewed. An issue raised by a contractor concerning said requirements was also discussed.

At 3:48 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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

I, Brittney N. Longcor, the undersigned County Clerk of Cherry County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

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Brittney N. Longcor  
Cherry County Clerk

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Martin K. DeNaeyer - Chairman  
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

### September 24, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on September 24, 2024 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 Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and 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 10, 2024 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 September 10, 2024 were read. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer 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 September 19, 2024 were read. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye - McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

There were no comments from the public received during the allotted time.

Joe Staroska, Weathercraft Roofing owner, met with the Board and Building & Grounds Superintendent Pat Greenough to present product information and quotes for replacing portions of the Courthouse roof and Cherry County South roof. Designs of the roofs, factors contributing to leaks, and ideal timing for roof replacement were discussed.

Jordan Schultheis, Substrata Sales Executive, met via Zoom with the Board and Road Department employees to give a presentation and answer questions regarding Perma-Zyme. Environmental factors, ideal curing conditions, and durability regarding said product were discussed. No Board action was taken. Any purchase of Perma-Zyme will be coordinated with individual road districts.

At 11:01 a.m. Chairman DeNaeyer opened the special hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request. There was no input from the public. The Board and Clerk Longcor discussed the tax request and cash reserve totals. At 11:06 a.m. Chairman DeNaeyer closed the public hearing.

McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to adopt Resolution #2024-09 Allowable Increase of Restricted Funds, Resolution #2024-10 Resolution Setting the 2024 Property Tax Request, and Resolution #2024-11 Cherry County Budget Document Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Road Superintendent Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding the Minnechaduza Bridge detour, current road compatibility with Perma-Zyme, and potential cost savings for roads treated with Perma-Zyme.

Jacob Sertich, Wilkins Architecture, and Ryan Purdy & Mike Steele, Mid-Plains Community College, met via Zoom with the Board, Tourism Director Regina Osburn, and Visitor Promotion Board to present and discuss concept level designs for the proposed convention center. Funding amounts in the Interlocal Agreement, project budget, and the next steps of the convention center project were also discussed.

There was no Emergency Management update provided.

Zoning Administrator Jane Stolzenburg informed the Board that the Planning Commission had voted 6-1 to recommend approval of the Cherry County Comprehensive Plan 2024 update and that the Planning Commission had voted 7-0 to recommend approval of CUP #003/24 Leon Mast. The Board of Adjustments membership and NPZA Workshop were also discussed.

DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to set the public hearing re: CUP #003/24 Leon Mast – Custom Kitchen Cabinet Shop & Custom Woodworking to be held on October 29, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioner Meeting Room. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Reimbursement amounts contained in an agreement with the State of Nebraska for the Minnechaduza Bridge detour were discussed. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to adopt Resolution #2024-12 Authorize the Chairman to Execute Agreement No. XL2305-01 Supplemental Agreement No. 1 Minnechaduza Creek Bridge – State Highway Detour. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board recessed from 12:17 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:05 p.m. to 1:19 p.m.

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

September 30, 2024  
CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	262,348.67	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$	262,348.67	
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,983.18	
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$18,643.01	
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,235.56	
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Administration Fees	(\$90.16)	
Century Link	Telephone	\$3,686.43	
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$43,434.92	
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$32,028.97	
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$4,032.00	
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$4,735.00	
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Insurance Funding	\$22,534.12	
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$6,243.50	
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$569.85	
Andre, Andrea	Gross Wages	\$3,556.48	
Bauer, Daniel	Gross Wages	\$3,134.61	
Besco, Heather	Gross Wages	\$969.91	
Blume, Ashley	Gross Salary	\$1,149.41	
Brockley, Billie	Gross Wages	\$3,253.63	
Buechle, Shelbie	Gross Wages	\$4,377.09	
Coates, Sonia	Gross Wages	\$4,445.25	
DeNaeyer, Martin	Gross Salary	\$2,012.50	
Dobbins, Cynthia	Gross Wages	\$2,796.40	
Duffield, Janette	Gross Wages	\$4,142.11	
Eggert, Lorana	Gross Salary	\$4,785.64	
Froning, Ellen	Gross Wages	\$3,822.01	
Goodrich, Dustina	Gross Wages	\$2,851.40	
Goodrich, Weston	Gross Wages	\$3,755.51	
Greenough, Pat	Gross Wages	\$3,816.00	
Hamlin, Ashtyn	Gross Wages	\$3,209.15	
Hammond, Kathy	Gross Salary	\$4,785.64	
Hanson, Timothy	Gross Salary	\$2,392.82	
Hesse, Sharon	Gross Salary	\$5,208.33	
Hunt, Clarissa	Gross Wages	\$3,278.63	
Jackson, Gary	Gross Wages	\$4,781.83	
Johnson, Andrew	Gross Salary	\$3,503.16	
Knox, Calvin	Gross Wages	\$3,140.80	
Kumm, Brooke	Gross Wages	\$169.00	
Leonard, David	Gross Wages	\$2,883.00	
Leonard, Samantha	Gross Wages	\$3,261.64	
Longcor, Brittny	Gross Salary	\$4,785.64	
Lutter, Tammy	Gross Wages	\$2,751.15	
McConaughey, Michael	Gross Salary	\$2,012.50	
McSweeney, Ryan	Gross Wages	\$4,525.14	
Millar, Eve	Gross Wages	\$1,564.42	
Moreland, Jacqueline	Gross Salary	\$1,546.16	
Nelson, Nina	Gross Salary	\$2,012.50	
Ormesher, Katie	Gross Wages	\$3,222.55	
Osborne, Joanie	Gross Wages	\$545.57	
Osburn, Albert	Gross Salary	\$4,938.85	
Pier, Shelley	Gross Wages	\$3,022.18	
Price, Cassandra	Gross Wages	\$3,749.45	
Red Fish, Cheyenne	Gross Wages	\$4,431.26	
Renning, Maxwell	Gross Wages	\$4,545.80	
Scott, Adelia	Gross Wages	\$3,407.34	
Scott, Eric	Gross Salary	\$5,389.48	
Starr, Christopher	Gross Wages	\$4,611.30	
Stec, Nicholas	Gross Wages	\$4,744.42	
Stoeger, David	Gross Wages	\$4,616.61	
Stolzenburg, Jane	Gross Wages	\$3,867.35	



Wickman, Erick	Gross Wages	\$4,801.30
	GROSS TOTAL	\$302,609.30
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$40,260.63)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$262,348.67</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>110,387.79</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of		\$	<b>110,387.79</b>

**ROAD FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,809.91
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$8,150.29
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,166.08
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Administration Fees	\$270.00
Cherry County Treasurer	Taxes/Withholdings	\$85.89
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$16,525.30
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$15,197.41
Legal Shield	Services	\$67.80
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,250.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,182.41
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Claim Funding	\$8,834.20
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$202.99
Boyer, Douglas	Gross Salary	\$4,862.45
Buechle, Jordan	Gross Wages	\$3,663.18
Bunner, Bradley	Gross Wages	\$3,961.04
Cash, Tyler	Gross Wages	\$3,848.44
Collier, David	Gross Salary	\$5,000.00
Egger, Garrett	Gross Wages	\$3,972.05
Fernau, Bradly	Gross Wages	\$3,630.42
Graeff, Randy	Gross Wages	\$3,482.44
Hampton, Donald	Gross Wages	\$2,131.44
Hart Benjamin	Gross Wages	\$1,550.64
McWhirter, Bentz	Gross Wages	\$3,907.95
Olson, Arnold	Gross Wages	\$3,675.21
Osburn, Jay D	Gross Salary	\$5,000.00
Pearman, Terry	Gross Wages	\$3,561.20
Reese, Kay	Gross Wages	\$1,787.75
Smith, Lloyd	Gross Salary	\$750.00
Songer, LeRoy	Gross Wages	\$3,495.96
Szakacs, Brye	Gross Wages	\$3,405.33
Szakacs, Ryan	Gross Wages	\$3,200.50
Stichka, Steven	Gross Salary	\$5,000.00
Thompson, Shawn	Gross Wages	\$3,761.18
	GROSS TOTAL	\$129,703.96
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$19,316.17)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$110,387.79</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>3,268.79</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of		\$	<b>3,268.79</b>

**VISITORS PROMOTION FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$322.65
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$62.12
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$441.01
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$30.97
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Braun, Regina	Gross Wages	\$1,868.00
Graeff, Lynn	Gross Wages	\$1,000.00
	GROSS TOTAL	\$3,853.96
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$585.17)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$3,268.79</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>25,443.22</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of		\$	<b>25,443.22</b>

**HEALTH CLAIMS FUND**

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$25,443.22
	TOTAL	<b>\$25,443.22</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of     \$                             **9,164.71**     .  
and disallowed in the amount of             \$                             -  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of             \$                             **9,164.71**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	143.39
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$683.99
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$124.24
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Administration Fees	\$18.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$1,417.96
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,341.65
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$100.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$189.11
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Claim Funding	\$733.88
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Coyle, Jessica	Gross Salary	\$4,888.00
Reese, Kay	Gross Wages	\$1,191.90
Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings		(\$1,699.25)
NET TOTAL		<b>\$9,164.71</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of     \$                             **250,000.00**     .  
and disallowed in the amount of             \$                             -  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Improvement Fund in the amount of             \$                             **250,000.00**

**VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND**

Mid Plains Community College	Convention Center	\$250,000.00
TOTAL		<b>\$250,000.00</b>

McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to accept the proposal from Weathercraft for the roof repair at Cherry County South totaling \$2,390. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:33 p.m. to 1:42 p.m.

At 1:43 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

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

I, Brittny N. Longcor, the undersigned County Clerk of Cherry County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

<hr/> Brittny N. Longcor Cherry County Clerk	<hr/> Martin K. DeNaeyer, Chairperson Cherry County Board of Commissioners
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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES  
September 24, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on September 24, 2024 in the Commissioner Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published September 11, 2024 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 1:05 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Present were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, and Mike McConaughey, County Clerk Brittny Longcor, and Assessor Office Manager Melissa Bancroft. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

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

Bryan Hill, Lake Mac contracted appraiser, provided the Board with tax list corrections from the Assessor’s Office. The Board spoke with Property Tax Administrator Sarah Scott via telephone concerning tax list corrections brought to the Board by Mr. Hill. It was determined that it would not be improper to hold the corrections until a qualified Assessor is appointed. Ms. Scott’s staff will review said tax list corrections in the meantime. No Board action was taken on the agenda item re: Tax List Corrections.

At 1:19 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

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County of Cherry,     )

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Brittny N. Longcor  
Cherry County Clerk

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Martin K. DeNaeyer, Chairperson  
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES  
September 24, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on September 24, 2024 in the Commissioner Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published September 11, 2024 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 1:33 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Present were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughey, County Clerk Brittny Longcor, and Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

There were no comments from the public during the allotted time.

Administrator Hesse updated the Board regarding the staff census, jail school training scheduled for December, August jail revenue received, and the jail census. TimeClock Plus shift differential calculations and timesheets were also discussed.

At 1:42 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

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Brittny N. Longcor  
Cherry County Clerk

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Martin K. DeNaeyer, Chairperson  
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

### October 8, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on October 8, 2024 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 Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and County Clerk Brittny Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time. Written comments were received from Carolyn Semin, Gordon & Jennifer Suhr, and Charlene Reiser-McCormick. Casey Lancaster, on behalf of Kilgore Volunteer Fire Department, submitted written comments prior to the meeting.

David Levy, Baird Holm, on behalf of BSH Kilgore; Michael Knapp, Sandhills Energy Senior Vice President of Operations; and Kyle Gorsuch, Sandhills Energy Director of Operations and Maintenance, met with the Board and County Attorney Eric Scott to provide a report of compliance with the conditions of approval prior to construction for BSH Kilgore. The conditions of approval contained in Zoning Resolution #Z-81, whether or not Conditional Use Permit #003/18 expires on October 15, 2024, due process requirements, and whether or not litigation involving BSH Kilgore extends the timeline for completion of the project were discussed by the Board, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Levy. A copy of an approved Request for Extension of Zoning Resolution sent by the Zoning Administrator on June 30, 2020 was provided by Mr. Levy.

At 11:00 a.m. sealed bids were opened for two separate skid steer loaders with minimum specifications or approved equal to 2024 or newer with 6,000 hours or less. Bids were received from Bobcat of North Platte, Murphy Tractor, Cherry County Implement, and NMC Cat listed as follows in the order they were received:

1. Cherry County Implement – Bobcat T66 Track Skid Steer - \$61,610.59
2. Cherry County Implement – Bobcat T770 Track Skid Steer - \$77,358.72
3. Murphy Tractor – John Deere 317G Compact Track Loader - \$66,000.00
4. Murphy Tractor – John Deere 325G Compact Track Loader - \$79,575.00
5. Bobcat of North Platte – T770 T4 Bobcat Compact Track Loader - \$77,803.11
6. NMC Cat – Caterpillar 255-05 Compact Track Loader - \$79,500.00
7. NMC Cat – Caterpillar 265-05 Compact Track Loader - \$95,200.00
8. NMC Cat – Caterpillar 299D3 Compact Track Loader - \$99,900.00

The Board reviewed the bids and discussed warranties. Nelson and DeNaeyer would like to obtain input from their respective road foremen prior to deciding. No Board action was taken on the agenda item – Award Bid re: Two (2) Separate Skid Steer Loaders. Said item will be added to the Board's October 29, 2024 agenda.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer updated the Board regarding rough road complaints and information received regarding PermaZyme. Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith spoke to the Board regarding a potential Rosebud Sioux Tribe Transportation Program grant for N. Kilgore Rd. Widening and shouldering said road, with no financial support from Cherry County were discussed. Superintendent Smith will send a letter of support regarding said project. No Board action on the agenda item re: N. Kilgore Road Project Funding Request was required at this time. Recent armor coat projects and materials used for said armor projects were also discussed.

Noxious Weed Control Superintendent Dave Leonard updated the Board regarding inspections completed, chemical sold to landowners, and upcoming training. Mr. Leonard provided the Board with a quote for repairs to the spray pickup from Circle K Motors. It was a consensus of the Board to have said pickup repairs completed.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding effects of an internet outage, recent wildfires, meetings attended, and meeting streaming options. EM Director Coyle and Clerk Longcor discussed the claims coding process and bills for Applied Connective. Said bills will be sent to the appropriate department prior to payment.

Clerk Longcor submitted a letter of resignation to the Board. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to accept Cherry County Clerk Brittny Longcor's resignation, with an effective date of November 22, 2024. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to authorize Clerk Longcor to draft the publication for the opening of her position of Cherry County Clerk. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to adopt Resolution #2024-13 to distribute \$8.91 in Public Grazing Funds to the Bookmobile Fund. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from Valentine Senior Center Manager Rebekah Cash requesting the reappointment of Elsie Witt. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to appoint Elsie Witt to the Northeastern Nebraska Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board to a three-year term set to expire on January 1, 2028. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Rates contained in the January 1, 2025 Ameritas dental insurance renewal letter were reviewed. It was a consensus of the Board to shop for dental insurance prior to renewing.

Office space requirements for UNL Extension employees were discussed. The Board will obtain informal bids to partition off part of the Cherry County South building.

Commissioner DeNaeyer will proceed with getting specs for the roof repair at the Courthouse to move forward with soliciting sealed bids.

The Board recessed from 12:41 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:01 p.m. to 1:28 p.m.

Possible dates for holding a public hearing were discussed. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to set the time and date for the public hearing re: Cherry County Comprehensive Plan Update to be at 4:00 p.m. on November 19, 2024 at the Cherry County Fairgrounds 4-H building. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

The Board of Commissioner regular meeting minutes from September 24, 2024 were read. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes with the noted correction. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from September 24, 2024 were read. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from September 24, 2024 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

The Board briefly discussed holding a special meeting, armor coat project bills, insurance stop loss billing, and assistance in the Assessor’s Office.

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

October 8, 2024  
CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	77,072.15	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$		77,072.15
GENERAL			
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement		\$682.87
Wade Andrews	Mileage		\$221.10
Applied Connective Technologies	Services		\$75.00
Ashley Blume	Reimbursement		\$12.50
Black Hills Chemical	Services		\$951.64
Kristina Blackford	Mileage		\$71.02
Ashley Blume	Gross Wages		\$1,069.89
Bomgaars	Supplies		\$50.03
Buckles Fuel Service	Services		\$81.05
Cherry County Court	Services		\$327.00
Cherry County District Court	Services		\$93.00
Cherry County Hospital	Services		\$5,642.50
Cherry County Sheriff	Services		\$6.00
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees		\$10.00
Circle K Motor Company	Services		\$222.54
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service		\$319.90
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services		\$537.60
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services		\$358.55
Cynthia Dobbins	Reimbursement		\$21.73
Janette Duffield	Reimbursement		\$187.77
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings		\$938.68
Election Systems & Software	Supplies		\$2,373.73
Firstnet/AT&T	Services		\$641.88
Galls Parent Holdings, LLC	Supplies		\$188.25
Michelle Garwood	Reimbursement		\$82.76
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement		\$100.00
Timothy Hanson	Equipment		\$2,636.75
Edward Heinert	Mileage		\$24.12

Henderson's IGA Inc	Supplies	\$72.78
Hilton Lincoln East	Lodging	\$321.00
Hometown Lumber & Construction	Supplies	\$68.72
Huskerland Communications	Supplies	\$299.93
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$5,855.48
John Michalek	Services	\$192.00
KBRB Sandhills Broadcasting	Services	\$100.00
Lake Mac Assessment, LLC	Services	\$18,648.00
Dave Leonard	Reimbursement	\$245.54
Britttny Longcor	Reimbursement	\$239.88
Britttny Longcor	Gross Salary	\$5,000.00
Loup Basin RC&D Council	Services	\$629.75
Marvin Planning Consultants	Services	\$1,200.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$136.00
Midwest Portland	Services	\$699.54
MIPS	Services	\$3,262.88
Jackie Moreland	Reimbursement	\$310.11
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$170.14
Nebraska Depart Correctional Services	Services	\$456.84
Nebraska State Fire Marshal Agency	Services	\$144.00
NK Waste Management Inc	Services	\$193.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$1,924.80
Paper Tiger Shredding	Services	\$55.00
Heather Peterson	Reimbursement	\$541.33
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$18.55
Premier Parts & Paint	Services	\$1,000.00
Presto-X	Services	\$114.10
Quadient Leasing USA	Services	\$347.21
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$400.00
Reese Inc	Services	\$1,040.00
Region 4 Behavioral Health System	Services	\$5,407.50
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$368.78
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$82.42
Cardmember Service	Services	\$151.98
Ryan Sexson	Mileage	\$53.60
True Value	Supplies	\$16.99
US Cellular	Services	\$59.12
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$512.99
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$5,412.33
Ward Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$237.04
Water Engineering Inc	Services	\$933.72
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$54.27
Wex Bank	Services	\$2,348.98
Laura Willert	Mileage	\$36.85
Wrenched Tire & Auto LLC	Services	\$698.77
	GROSS TOTAL	<b>\$77,989.78</b>
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	-\$917.63
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$77,072.15</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>220,682.18</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of			.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of	\$	<b>220,682.18</b>	
<b>ROAD</b>			
Andersen & Sons NAPA Auto Parts	Supplies	\$24.00	
Bacon Repair	Supplies	\$6,757.25	
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$900.24	
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$6,605.60	
Central Valley Ag Cooperative	Services	\$6,767.42	
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$1,644.01	
Circle K Motor Company	Services	\$556.14	
Cody Oil	Services	\$3,774.03	
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$289.08	
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$111.57	
D&L Sand & Gravel	Services	\$5,000.00	
Danielski Farms	Services	\$5,564.10	
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70	
Figgins Construction Co	Services	\$55,952.82	
Flat Creek Construction	Services	\$46,500.00	
Grainger	Services	\$945.25	
Grant County News	Services	\$36.00	
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$320.85	

Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$100.38
Hinn's Gordon Auto Supply	Services	\$44.99
Huskerland Communications LLC	Services	\$29.99
Inland Truck Parts Company	Services	\$2,391.51
Interstate Battery System	Services	\$283.90
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$218.06
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$518.22
Koinzan Trucking	Services	\$4,334.22
Martin Auto Parts	Services	\$35.46
Medical Enterprises	Services	\$35.00
Village of Merriman	Services	\$122.60
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Motor Carrier Services Division	Services	\$0.30
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Services	\$2,427.10
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Company	Services	\$30,315.00
Neal Oil & Auto Center	Services	\$385.00
Nebraska Motor Fuels Division	Services	\$3,184.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$48.54
Newman Signs Inc	Services	\$809.52
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$13,494.31
NIRMA	Services	\$390.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$75.28
Powerplan	Services	\$5,518.33
Prema	Services	\$91.50
Premier Parts & Paint	Services	\$657.71
Reese Inc	Services	\$429.00
Kay Reese	Reimbursement	\$48.00
Sahling Kenworth Kearney	Services	\$41.34
Sandhill Oil Company	Services	\$11,580.40
Sandhills Ranch Supply	Services	\$537.38
US Cellular	Services	\$107.93
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$92.00
City of Valentine	Services	\$237.15
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$10.00
3S Fabrication & Repair	Services	\$132.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$220,682.18</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	4,300.00	.
and disallowed in the amount of			.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Bridge Fund in the amount of		\$	4,300.00
<b>Emergency Bridge</b>			
Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Services	\$	4,300.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$4,300.00</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	260,718.50	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Highway Street/Bridge Buyback Fund in the amount of		\$	260,718.50
<b>Highway Street/Bridge Buyback</b>			
JEBRO	Services	\$	172,787.78
Topkote Inc	Services	\$	87,930.72
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$260,718.50</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	22,952.44	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of		\$	22,952.44
<b>VISITOR PROMOTION</b>			
AJ Abbott	Grant		\$1,000.00
Comfort Inn	Services		\$143.22
Great Plains Communications	Services		\$182.43
Kelo TV	Services		\$17,590.00
MCB Productions	Services		\$1,000.00
NRG Media	Services		\$2,560.00
Office Products	Supplies		\$48.90
Postmaster	Services		\$144.00
City of Valentine	Services		\$283.89
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$22,952.44</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	175,424.38	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of		\$	175,424.38
<b>EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS</b>			



Blue Cross Blue Shield	Stop Loss Claim	\$	75,000.00
Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims		\$100,424.38
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$175,424.38</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	10,917.89	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of			\$	10,917.89
<b>BOOKMOBILE</b>				
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile		\$	1,208.00
Valentine Public Library	Bookmobile			\$9,709.89
	<b>TOTAL</b>		\$	<b>10,917.89</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	2,067.52	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Covid American Rescue Plan Fund in the amount of			\$	2,067.52
<b>COVID ARPF</b>				
Motorola Solutions	Services			\$2,067.52
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$2,067.52</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	238.38	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of			\$	238.38
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>				
KBR Rural Public Power	Services			\$96.04
NIRMA	Services			\$26.00
Prema	Services			\$116.34
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$238.38</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	8,106.10	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of			\$	8,106.10
<b>INHERITANCE TAX</b>				
Houghton Bradford Whitted PC	Services			\$7,858.60
KVSH Radio	Services			\$247.50
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$8,106.10</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	512.46	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of			\$	512.46
<b>911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)</b>				
Centurlink	Services			\$512.46
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$512.46</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,094.80	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of			\$	1,094.80
<b>911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)</b>				
Great Plains Communications Inc	Services			\$117.20
OPTK Networks	Services			\$977.60
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,094.80</b>

At 2:26 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

State of Nebraska,     )  
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County of Cherry,     )

I, Brittny N. Longcor, the undersigned County Clerk of Cherry County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

Brittny N. Longcor  
Cherry County Clerk

Martin K. DeNaeyer, Chairperson  
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES  
October 8, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on October 8, 2024 in the Commissioner Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published September 25, 2024 in the Valentine Midland News, with the agenda being on file in the office of the County Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Present were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughey, County Clerk Brittny Longcor, and Assessor Office Manager Melissa Bancroft. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

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

The Board reviewed Cherry County political subdivision levies for 2024 presented by Clerk Longcor, as compiled by Clerk Longcor and Treasurer Kathy Hammond. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to set the 2024 Cherry County Political Subdivision levies as presented. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

**LEVIES FOR CHERRY COUNTY 2024**  
**COUNTY**

General Fund	0.068284
Road Fund	0.070594
Emergency Bridge Fund	0.003581
Disaster (Road Bond) Fund	0.019696
Hospital Operating/Maintenance Fund	0.001791
Courthouse (Special Building) Fund	0.003581
<b>TOTAL COUNTY LEVY</b>	<b>0.167527</b>
Bookmobile	0.001577
<b>TOTAL COUNTY LEVY INCLUDING BOOKMOBILE</b>	<b>0.169104</b>

Cherry County Agricultural Society	General Fund	0.002936
	Sinking Fund	0.000561
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.003497</b>
Cherry County Historical Society	General Fund	<b>0.000443</b>

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Valentine Community Schools	General Fund	0.484974
	Special Building Fund	0.009417
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.494391</b>
Cody-Kilgore Unified Schools	General Fund	0.718580
	Bond Fund	0.106131
	Special Building Fund	0.041342
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.866053</b>

**CITIES AND VILLAGES**

Village of Cody	General Fund	<b>0.218994</b>
Village of Crookston	General Fund	<b>0.170153</b>
Village of Kilgore	General Fund	<b>0.260521</b>
Village of Merriman	General Fund	<b>0.450000</b>
Village of Nenzel	General Fund	<b>0.000000</b>
Village of Wood Lake	General Fund	<b>0.416118</b>
City of Valentine	General Fund	<b>0.168207</b>

<u>FIRE DISTRICTS</u>		
Barley Rural Fire District	General Fund	<b>0.005922</b>
Cody Rural Fire District	General Fund	0.011226
	Sinking Fund	<u>0.008125</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.019351</b>
Kilgore Rural Fire District	General Fund	0.016648
	Sinking Fund	<u>0.003022</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.019670</b>
Merriman Rural Fire District	General Fund	<b>0.009118</b>
Mid-Cherry Rural Fire District	General Fund	<b>0.006597</b>
Purdum Rural Fire District	General Fund	<b>0.005388</b>
Valentine Rural Fire District	General Fund	<b>0.013616</b>
Wood Lake Rural Fire District	General Fund	0.022843
	Sinking Fund	<u>0.002994</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.025837</b>

<u>Natural Resources Districts</u>		
Middle Niobrara NRD	General Fund	0.037774
	Sinking Fund	<u>0.001355</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.039129</b>
Upper Loup NRD	General Fund	<b>0.013723</b>

<u>Educational Service Units</u>		
ESU 17	General Fund	<b>0.015000</b>

Chelsey Fessler, Nebraska Department of Revenue Property Assessment Division, met with the Board to discuss an Expense Reimbursement Agreement for county assessor services while the assessor position is vacant. It was confirmed with Sarah Scott, Property Tax Administrator, that the agreement would end once a licensed Assessor is appointed. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Acting Interim Assessor Contract, with the noted change, and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Pending appointment of an acting interim Assessor, the tax list corrections will be placed on the October 29, 2024 Board of Equalization agenda.

At 1:28 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

State of Nebraska,     )  
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County of Cherry,     )

I, Brittny N. Longcor, the undersigned County Clerk of Cherry County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

<hr/> Brittny N. Longcor Cherry County Clerk	<hr/> Martin K. DeNaeyer, Chairperson Cherry County Board of Commissioners
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# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

## October 29, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on October 29, 2024 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 10:03 a.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and 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 8, 2024 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes with the noted correction. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from October 8, 2024 were read. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

Valentine Public Library Director Carrie Graham and Library Board of Trustees member, Jean Burge, met with the Board to present an Interlocal Agreement Renewal. The renewal contains a 3% increase from the prior year's agreement and was included in the adopted 2024-2025 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. Director Graham updated the Board regarding recent Library programs.

At 10:30 a.m. Chairman DeNaeyer opened the public hearing regarding Conditional Use Permit #003/24 Leon Mast – Custom Kitchen Cabinet Shop & Custom Woodworking. Zoning Administrator Jane Stolzenburg reported that the Planning Commission voted 7-0 to recommend approval and that it is a complete application. Applicant Leon Mast discussed his work experience, products/services that will be offered, and expected business traffic with the Board. Planning Commission member, Sherri Bacon, was present and spoke in favor of the CUP. There was no testimony received from the public. At 10:35 a.m. Chairman DeNaeyer closed the public hearing.

The Board reviewed a draft resolution for the approval of CUP #003/24. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to adopt Zoning Resolution #Z-96. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Administrator Stolzenburg updated the Board regarding Board of Adjustments membership, expiring Planning Commission appointments, and the upcoming public hearing regarding the Comprehensive Plan update.

District Court Clerk Lorana Eggert met with the Board to discuss the possibility of relocating case records from the old Courthouse building basement to a vault in the Sawyer Memorial Library due to a booklice issue. It was a consensus of the Board to authorize Clerk Eggert to proceed with moving records to the vault in the Sawyer Memorial building after confirming with pest control that the environment is safe.

The Board discussed and agreed to pay for \$20,000 of the District #1 skid steer cost out of the Courthouse/Special Building Fund. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to award the bid for District #1 to Cherry County Implement for a Bobcat T66 Track Skid Steer, totaling \$61,610.59. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to award the bid for District #2 to Cherry County Implement for a Bobcat T770 Track Skid Steer, totaling \$77,358.72. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried. DeNaeyer informed the Board that the District #2 skid steer will be financed for a four-year term through a local bank.

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith spoke with the Board regarding road sign updates and snow fence usage.

Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to adopt Resolution #2024-14 Signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent 2024. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer informed the Board that the application that had been submitted for the County Clerk position had been withdrawn. There were no County Clerk interviews and no Board action was taken on the agenda item re: Cherry County Clerk Appointment.

The Board reviewed the certification submitted by Treasurer Kathy Hammond of the distress warrants delivered to the Cherry County Sheriff on October 24, 2024. 58 distress warrants were delivered, totaling \$10,905.35 in taxes due.

The Board met with Nebraska Department of Revenue, Property Assessment Division – Cherry County Field Liaison, Chelsey Fessler, to discuss appointing Ms. Fessler temporarily until a licensed assessor can be appointed. Nelson

moved and McConaughey seconded to appoint Chelsey Fessler as the Acting Interim Assessor for Cherry County, effective immediately. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding meetings attended, 911 call handling equipment contracts, EMPG reimbursement, reporting to the Governor, and IV solution shortage status.

Commissioners reported regarding recent meetings attended: Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees, KPCC, and NIRMA Self Defense.

The Board recessed from 11:36 a.m. to 1:02 p.m.

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

October 31, 2024  
CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	303,506.29	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$	303,506.29	
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,807.32	
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$22,706.44	
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,359.80	
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Administration Fees	\$0.00	
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$43,434.92	
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$40,618.53	
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$3,300.00	
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$6,436.99	
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Insurance Funding	\$22,534.12	
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$11,514.40	
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$589.16	
Andre, Andrea	Gross Wages	\$4,478.54	
Bancroft, Melissa	Gross Wages	\$2,903.00	
Bauer, Daniel	Gross Wages	\$6,638.95	
Blume, Ashley	Gross Salary	\$4,692.88	
Brockley, Billie	Gross Wages	\$4,056.74	
Buechle, Shelbie	Gross Wages	\$4,732.45	
Coates, Sonia	Gross Wages	\$4,165.62	
Daugherty, Betty	Gross Wages	\$592.20	
DeNaeyer, Martin	Gross Salary	\$2,012.50	
Dobbins, Cynthia	Gross Wages	\$3,632.00	
Duffield, Janette	Gross Wages	\$3,941.59	
Eggert, Lorana	Gross Salary	\$4,785.64	
Froning, Ellen	Gross Wages	\$4,006.64	
Goodrich, Dustina	Gross Wages	\$3,506.60	
Goodrich, Weston	Gross Wages	\$4,808.01	
Greenough, Pat	Gross Wages	\$4,663.82	
Hamlin, Ashtyn	Gross Wages	\$5,960.11	
Hammond, Kathy	Gross Salary	\$4,785.64	
Hanson, Timothy	Gross Salary	\$2,392.82	
Hesse, Sharon	Gross Salary	\$5,208.33	
Hunt, Clarissa	Gross Wages	\$4,118.44	
Jackson, Gary	Gross Wages	\$5,429.94	
Johnson, Andrew	Gross Salary	\$3,503.16	
Knox, Calvin	Gross Wages	\$4,767.38	
Leonard, David	Gross Wages	\$3,627.00	
Leonard, Samantha	Gross Wages	\$3,995.46	
Longcor, Brittny	Gross Salary	\$4,785.64	
Lopez, Vincent	Gross Wages	\$396.40	
Lutter, Tammy	Gross Wages	\$3,537.27	
McConaughey, Michael	Gross Salary	\$2,012.50	
McSweeney, Ryan	Gross Wages	\$5,529.42	
Millar, Eve	Gross Wages	\$934.60	
Nelson, Nina	Gross Salary	\$2,012.50	
Ormesher, Katie	Gross Wages	\$2,420.76	
Osborne, Joanie	Gross Wages	\$865.49	
Osburn, Albert	Gross Salary	\$4,938.85	
Peterson, Heather	Gross Wages	\$4,426.61	
Pier, Shelley	Gross Wages	\$3,484.58	
Price, Cassandra	Gross Wages	\$4,475.74	

Red Fish, Cheyenne	Gross Wages	\$5,069.95
Renning, Maxwell	Gross Wages	\$5,968.50
Scott, Adelia	Gross Wages	\$4,769.82
Scott, Eric	Gross Salary	\$5,389.48
Starr, Christopher	Gross Wages	\$4,464.66
Stec, Nicholas	Gross Wages	\$6,342.85
Stoeger, David	Gross Wages	\$5,359.87
Stolzenburg, Jane	Gross Wages	\$4,745.60
Wickman, Erick	Gross Wages	\$6,298.03
	GROSS TOTAL	\$352,936.26
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$49,429.97)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$303,506.29</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>134,247.78</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of		\$	<b>134,247.78</b>

**ROAD FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,809.91
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$10,172.24
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,414.56
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Administration Fees	\$0.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$19,361.22
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$19,567.99
Legal Shield	Services	\$67.80
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,350.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$3,001.53
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Claim Funding	\$9,568.08
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$234.83
Boyer, Douglas	Gross Salary	\$4,862.45
Buechle, Jordan	Gross Wages	\$4,816.64
Bunner, Bradley	Gross Wages	\$4,882.20
Cash, Tyler	Gross Wages	\$5,092.06
Coetzee, Daniel	Gross Wages	\$4,821.25
Collier, David	Gross Salary	\$5,000.00
Egger, Garrett	Gross Wages	\$5,108.20
Fernau, Bradly	Gross Wages	\$4,511.88
Graeff, Randy	Gross Wages	\$4,884.92
Hampton, Donald	Gross Wages	\$2,659.32
Hart Benjamin	Gross Wages	\$1,888.60
McWhirter, Bentz	Gross Wages	\$4,758.86
Olson, Arnold	Gross Wages	\$4,033.43
Osburn, Jay D	Gross Salary	\$5,000.00
Pearman, Terry	Gross Wages	\$3,613.72
Reese, Kay	Gross Wages	\$2,443.04
Smith, Lloyd	Gross Salary	\$750.00
Songer, LeRoy	Gross Wages	\$4,611.48
Szakacs, Brye	Gross Wages	\$4,033.43
Szakacs, Ryan	Gross Wages	\$4,256.00
Stichka, Steven	Gross Salary	\$5,000.00
Thompson, Shawn	Gross Wages	\$4,592.38
	GROSS TOTAL	\$158,482.52
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$24,234.74)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$134,247.78</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>7,596.16</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of		\$	<b>7,596.16</b>

**VISITORS PROMOTION FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$748.20
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$62.12
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,319.51
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$180.52
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Braun, Regina	Gross Salary	\$4,774.67
Graeff, Lynn	Gross Wages	\$1,876.00
	GROSS TOTAL	\$9,090.23
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,494.07)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$7,596.16</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	70,247.37	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of	\$		70,247.37
<b>HEALTH CLAIMS FUND</b>			
Cherry County Clerk		Health Insurance Claims	\$70,247.37
		TOTAL	<b>\$70,247.37</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	9,165.70	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of	\$		9,165.70
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND</b>			
AFLAC		Withholdings/Insurance	143.39
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement		Withholdings/Retirement	\$685.85
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental		Withholdings/Insurance	\$124.24
Blue Cross Blue Shield		Health Insurance Administration Fees	\$0.00
Cherry County Health Account		Health Claim Funding	\$1,417.96
EFTPS		Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,352.85
AUL Health Benefit Trust		Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$100.00
NE Department of Revenue		Taxes/Withholdings	\$194.97
Pace Underwriters Insurance		Health Claim Funding	\$733.88
Vision Service Plan		Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Coyle, Jessica		Gross Salary	\$4,888.00
Reese, Kay		Gross Wages	\$1,208.50
		GROSS TOTAL	\$10,881.48
		Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,715.78)
		NET TOTAL	<b>\$9,165.70</b>

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:05 p.m. to 1:49 p.m.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:50 p.m. to 1:54 p.m.

At 1:55 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

State of Nebraska,     )  
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County of Cherry,     )

I, Brittny N. Longcor, the undersigned County Clerk of Cherry County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

<hr/> Brittny N. Longcor Cherry County Clerk	<hr/> Martin K. DeNaeyer, Chairperson Cherry County Board of Commissioners
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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES  
October 29, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on October 29, 2024 in the Commissioner Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published October 9, 2024 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 1:05 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Present were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, and Mike McConaughy, County Clerk Brittny Longcor, Acting Interim Assessor Chelsey Fessler, and Assessor Office Manager Melissa Bancroft. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

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

Interim Assessor Fessler presented the Board with tax list corrections that were generated by former Assessor Jackie Moreland while still in office. Interim Assessor Fessler confirmed that due process notification requirements were met and a review of said tax list corrections was completed.

Tax list corrections relating to a refund requested after completion of a 2024 survey were discussed with the Board, Interim Assessor Fessler, and Betty Daugherty. It was confirmed to the Board that Cherry County assesses the number of deeded acres unless there is a survey filed. Reasons for refunding taxes in accordance with state statute were discussed. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to deny the following tax list corrections at the recommendation of Acting Interim Assessor Chelsey Fessler. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

<u>Tax Year No.</u>		<u>Property ID</u>
2023	51	160023491
2023	52	160025222
2023	53	160025230
2023	54	160025249
2023	55	160050774
2022	14	160023491
2022	15	160025222
2022	16	160025230
2022	17	160025249
2022	18	160050774
2021	15	160023491
2021	16	160025222
2021	17	160025230
2021	18	160025249
2021	19	160050774

Tax list corrections relating to personal property tax returns were reviewed. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the tax list corrections listed as follows. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

<u>Tax Year No.</u>		<u>Property ID</u>
2023	56	160249545
2023	57	160649946
2023	58	160137454
2023	59	160665356
2023	60	160665129
2023	61	160249289
2023	62	160649718
2023	63	160249273
2023	64	160143349
2023	65	160650034
2023	66	160140919
2023	67	160248778
2023	68	160665271
2022	19	160649946
2022	20	160249289
2022	21	160249273
2023	41	160666189
2023	45	160665971
2023	46	160666093
2023	47	160249262
2023	48	160650091
2023	50	160113520
2023	69	160649994
2023	70	160666214
2023	71	16066215



2023	72	160648913
2023	73	160666206
2023	74	160649503
2023	75	160649118
2023	76	160649464
2023	77	160666058
2023	78	160666229
2023	79	160665324
2023	80	160666222
2023	81	160248938
2023	82	160665315
2023	83	160666151
2023	84	160665917
2023	85	160666228
2022	13	160666093
2022	22	160649994
2022	23	160666206
2022	24	160666058
2022	25	160666229
2022	26	160666222
2022	27	160248938
2022	28	160666228
2021	14	160666093
2021	20	160649994
2021	21	160666058
2021	22	160666222
2021	23	160248938
2023	86	160650091
2023	87	160666058
2022	29	160666058
2021	24	160666058

At 1:49 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

State of Nebraska,     )  
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County of Cherry,     )

I, Brittny N. Longcor, the undersigned County Clerk of Cherry County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

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Brittny N. Longcor  
Cherry County Clerk

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Martin K. DeNaeyer, Chairperson  
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES  
October 29, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on October 29, 2024 in the Commissioner Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published October 9, 2024 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 1:50 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Present were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughey, and County Clerk Brittny Longcor. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

There were no comments received from the public during the allotted time.

Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse was unable to attend the meeting, due to staffing requirements, and will provide a Staff & Census Update to the Board via email. McConaughey reported to the Board concerning an employee’s request for additional pay.

At 1:54 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

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Brittny N. Longcor  
Cherry County Clerk

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Martin K. DeNaeyer, Chairperson  
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES  
November 12, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on November 12, 2024 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 Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughey, County Clerk Brittny Longcor, and Deputy County Clerk Samantha Leonard. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Assessor Officer Manager Melissa Bancroft informed the Board that she had passed the Assessor Certification exam. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to appoint Melissa Bancroft as the full-time Cherry County Assessor. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried. Judge James Orr swore in Assessor Bancroft.

There were no comments received from the public during the allotted time.

The Board of Commissioners regular meeting minutes from October 29, 2024 were read. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from October 29, 2024 were read. Nelson moved and McConaughey seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from October 29, 2024 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board discussed attendance at the December NACO Conference. No Board action was taken on the agenda item re: NACO Voter Registration for December 2024 Election.

Road Supervisor Doug Boyer and Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith updated the Board regarding road maintenance, touring the new Department of Transportation shop, the State maintenance yard will be for sale, and the annual report.

Cherry County Hospital CEO Jim Bargaen updated the Board regarding actual vs. budgeted expenses and revenues, strategic planning & initiatives, accounts receivable amounts, department staffing, upcoming projects, and specialty clinics.

The Board reviewed dental insurance premiums and coverage amounts from Ameritas, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Delta, and Aflac. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to select the Delta Solutions 1500 dental plan for Cherry County, effective January 1, 2025. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle updated the Board regarding radio communication projects, upcoming regional meetings, a recent house fire, and dispatcher training.

The Board reviewed the District Court Clerk fee report for October 2024, Treasurer fund balances for October 31, 2024, and Operating Statement report of budget v. actual spending for October 2024. Correspondence from the District Court of Nebraska, Eighth Judicial District concerning an increase in the hourly rate paid to court appointed attorneys for indigent defendants was also reviewed.

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

November 12, 2024  
CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	98,692.21	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$		98,692.21
GENERAL			
Ainsworth Star Journal	Services		\$154.00
Anderson Electric Inc	Services		\$369.90
Andrea Andre	Reimbursement		\$251.92
APCO International	Services		\$1,190.00
Applied Connective Technologies	Services		\$9,869.00
Ryan Benjamin	Reimbursement		\$175.00
Bob Barker Company	Supplies		\$339.48
Bomgaars	Supplies		\$88.57
Michael Borders	Services		\$4,017.48

Angel Brennemann	Reimbursement	\$284.00
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$59.51
Centurylink	Services	\$3,892.37
Cherry County Court	Services	\$423.00
Cherry County District Court	Services	\$36.00
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$5,440.50
Cherry County Sheriff	Services	\$666.80
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees	\$15.00
Cidnet	Services	\$600.00
Circle K Motor	Services	\$1,314.78
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service	\$319.90
Crowne Plaza	Lodging	\$373.85
Cummins Sales and Service	Services	\$1,436.37
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services	\$537.60
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services	\$220.55
Cynthia Dobbins	Reimbursement	\$23.70
James Edwards	Services	\$50.00
Election Sustems & Software	Supplies	\$5,252.45
Expert Institute	Services	\$3,250.00
Fairfield Inn	Lodging	\$249.90
Firstnet/AT&T	Services	\$642.18
Ellen Froning	Reimbursement	\$100.00
Galls Parent Holdings, LLC	Supplies	\$227.23
Michelle Garwood	Reimbursement	\$16.20
Government Forms and Supplies	Supplies	\$1,541.33
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$100.00
GPR & Associates	Services	\$76.00
Kathy Hammond	Reimbursement	\$294.80
Timothy Hanson	Equipment	\$2,636.75
Heart City Drug	Supplies	\$44.90
Heart City Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$1,430.16
Henderson's IGA Inc	Supplies	\$102.68
Hilton Lincoln East	Lodging	\$220.00
Holmes Funeral Home	Services	\$1,200.00
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,964.22
KBRB Sandhills Broadcasting	Services	\$100.00
Calvin Knox	Reimbursement	\$85.49
Dave Leonard	Reimbursement	\$70.00
Marco Technologies	Services	\$237.98
William Marshall	Services	\$50.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$136.00
Midwest Connect	Services	\$105.00
Midwest Special Services	Services	\$562.40
MIPS	Services	\$3,492.38
NACO	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$2,311.61
North American Invasive Species	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$75.00
NPZA: NE Planning and Zoning	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$80.00
Nebraska Assn of County Treasurers	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$360.00
Nebraska Health & Human Services	Services	\$498.52
Nebraska Sheriff's Association	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$320.00
Nebraska Weed Control	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$235.00
NK Waste Management Inc	Services	\$386.00
North Central District Health Dept	Services	\$2,008.00
Northeast Community College	Dues/Fees/Trainings	\$400.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$1,292.90
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$75.00
Shelley Pier	Reimbursement	\$177.55
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$216.25
Quadient Leasing USA	Services	\$1,304.15
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$3,500.00
Quill Corporation	Supplies	\$19.77
R Kruger Extinguishers	Supplies	\$459.00
Region IV Inc	Services	\$2,626.00
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$407.97
Eric Scott Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$6,435.11
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$227.79
Cardmember Service	Services	\$74.94
Sennet Duncan Jenkins & Wickham PC	Services	\$1,203.87
Tony's Tire	Services	\$1,091.50
True Value	Supplies	\$42.47
US Cellular	Services	\$59.15
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$1,129.43

City of Valentine	Utilities	\$4,921.09
Vandiest Supply Company	Supplies	\$4,292.00
Ward Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$1,012.08
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$57.87
Wex Bank	Services	\$2,054.86
	Total	<b>\$98,692.21</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>84,498.71</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of			.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of	\$		<b>84,498.71</b>

**ROAD**

Andersen & Sons NAPA Auto Parts	Supplies	\$455.91
B's Enterprises Inc	Services	\$5,425.00
Bacon Repair	Supplies	\$2,756.50
Big State Industrial Supply Inc	Supplies	\$863.52
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$459.66
Brad White Equipment	Supplies	\$257.70
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$10,041.48
Cherry County Clerk	Reimbursement	\$30.00
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$986.40
Circle K Motor Company	Services	\$1,636.59
Cody Oil	Services	\$3,757.30
Village of Cody	Services	\$195.60
Colonial Research Chemical Company	Services	\$743.96
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$307.47
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$126.59
Daly Enterprises	Services	\$103.00
Danielski Farms	Services	\$7,306.20
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Dooley Oil Inc	Services	\$1,400.31
Farritor Auto Parts	Supplies	\$625.00
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$320.85
Hoefs Skidloader Works	Services	\$1,029.00
Hometown Lumber & Construction	Services	\$59.80
Interstate Battery System	Services	\$1,474.60
JM Parts and Equipment	Supplies	\$16.76
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$239.84
Kelly Supply Company	Services	\$4.03
Martin Auto Parts	Services	\$356.39
Mathis Equipment	Supplies	\$118.75
Medical Enterprises	Services	\$41.25
Village of Merriman	Services	\$60.81
Michael Todd & Company	Services	\$742.66
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Services	\$643.92
Nebraska Machinery Company	Services	\$12,352.91
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$42.04
Nebraska Truck Center	Services	\$405.24
NK Waste Inc	Services	\$384.00
Northern Tool & Equipment	Supplies	\$105.98
Office Products	Supplies	\$33.03
Perrett Constructin LTD	Services	\$199.49
Powerplan	Services	\$4,821.19
Prema	Services	\$79.62
R Kruger Extinguishers	Services	\$3,184.00
Sandhill Oil Company	Services	\$14,827.43
Triple G Redimix	Services	\$4,549.43
Unitech Inc	Services	\$229.00
US Cellular	Services	\$46.71
City of Valentine	Services	\$254.09
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$10.00
3S Fabrication & Repair	Services	\$180.00
	Total	<b>\$84,498.71</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>10,461.67</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Highway Street/Bridge Buyback Fund in the amount of	\$		<b>10,461.67</b>

**Highway Street/Bridge Buyback**

JEBRO	Services	\$	2,680.00
Triple G Redimix	Services	\$	7,781.67
	TOTAL		<b>\$10,461.67</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	33,174.81	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of			\$	33,174.81
<b>VISITOR PROMOTION</b>				
Black Hills Sports Show		Services		\$430.00
Bob's Signs		Services		\$2,700.00
Cherry County Visitors Promo Board		Reimbursement		\$144.00
Great Plains Communications		Services		\$180.34
Journal Entry		Voided Check		<span style="color: red;">-\$144.00</span>
Hollman Media, LLC		Services		\$360.00
Kelo TV		Services		\$22,645.00
MCB Productions		Services		\$1,000.00
Niobrara Lodge		Lodging		\$107.00
NK Waste Inc		Services		\$90.00
NRG Media		Services		\$3,730.00
Office Products		Supplies		\$57.57
Regina Osburn		Reimbursement		\$197.42
Sandhills Catfish Classic		Grant		\$1,320.58
Valentine Rotary Club		Dues/Fees		\$102.00
City of Valentine		Services		\$254.90
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$33,174.81</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	27,429.42	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of			\$	27,429.42
<b>EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS</b>				
Cherry County Clerk		Health Insurance Claims		\$27,429.42
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$27,429.42</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	10,292.49	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of			\$	10,292.49
<b>BOOKMOBILE</b>				
Valentine Public Library		Bookmobile		\$10,292.49
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$10,292.49</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	142,266.53	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Covid American Rescue Plan Fund in the amount of			\$	142,266.53
<b>COVID ARPF</b>				
Motorola Solutions		Services		\$142,266.53
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$142,266.53</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	201.89	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of			\$	201.89
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>				
KBR Rural Public Power		Services		\$96.99
Prema		Services		\$104.90
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$201.89</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	3,350.00	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of			\$	3,350.00
<b>INHERITANCE TAX</b>				
B's Enterprises Inc		Services		\$3,350.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,350.00</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	262.62	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of			\$	262.62
<b>911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)</b>				
Centurylink		Services		\$262.62
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$262.62</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,216.30	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of			\$	1,216.30
<b>911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)</b>				

Great Plains Communications Inc	Services	\$238.70
OPTK Networks	Services	\$977.60
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,216.30</b>

At 2:26 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

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

I, Samantha Leonard, the undersigned Deputy County Clerk of Cherry County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

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Samantha Leonard  
Deputy Cherry County Clerk

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Martin K. DeNaeyer, Chairperson  
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
November 19, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in special session on November 19, 2024 in the 4-H Building at the Cherry County Fairgrounds, as per notice published in the Valentine Midland News on November 6, 2024. The current agenda being on file in the office of the County Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, County Clerk Brittny Longcor, and Zoning Administrator Jane Stolzenburg. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer and the Pledge of Allegiance was foregone.

The purpose of the special session was to conduct a public hearing in reference to the Cherry County Comprehensive Plan 2024 update. Chairman DeNaeyer opened the public hearing at 4:01 p.m. Administrator Stolzenburg informed the Board of the process that the Planning Commission had gone through to forward them the Comprehensive Plan update.

Written testimony was submitted prior to the hearing by Twyla Gallino.

During the public hearing written testimony was submitted by Kay Wolfenden, Joy Miles, Craig Miles, Caleb Miles, Shirley Schuman, Debby Galloway, Carolyn Semin, Robert Shelbourn, Marla Shelbourn, Charlene Reiser-McCormick, Elaine Gamblin, Ann Warren, Bob Stetter, Gordon Suhr, Jennifer Suhr, Thomas Lancaster, and Claire Lancaster.

Approximately 14 individuals provided oral testimony during the public hearing including: Kay Wolfenden, Joy Miles, Shirley Schuman, Craig Miles, Debby Galloway, Carolyn Semin, Bob Stetter, Jay Simon, Robert Shelbourn, Marla Shelbourn, Sheri Bacon, Charlene Reiser-McCormick, Sam Miles, and Elaine Gamblin.

The Board thanked the public for their attendance and testimony and thanked the Planning Commission & Zoning Administrator for their hard work. The Board indicated that time will be needed to review the Comprehensive Plan and consider the testimony provided.

At 5:05 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer closed the public hearing. No Board action was taken.

At 5:06 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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                                      ) SS.  
County of Cherry,     )

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Samantha Leonard  
Deputy Cherry County Clerk

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Martin K. DeNaeyer - Chairman  
Cherry County Board of Commissioners



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

### November 26, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on November 26, 2024 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 Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughey, and Deputy County Clerk Samantha Leonard. 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 12, 2024 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughey, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board of Commissioners special meeting minutes from November 19, 2024 were read. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried.

There were no comments received from the public during the allotted time.

Noxious Weed Control Superintendent Dave Leonard met with the board to update them on specific noxious weed areas in the county that will be addressed Spring 2025 and potentially update the pickup sprayer this winter. The board requested Mr. Leonard to present quotes for sprayer updates. Mr. Leonard also presented the board with the Department of Agriculture Year-End Reports for 2024. Acres treated, increased inspections from 2023, and budget reports were discussed. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve the year-end reports for 2024 as submitted and authorize Chairman DeNaeyer to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried.

At 10:30 a.m. Tonya Huber with KLJ Engineering presented the board with information re: a RAISE grant application for construction to redesign Kilgore Road. Huber has collaborated with the Rosebud Sioux Tribe on a proposal to secure a DOT RAISE Grant to fund the improvements. The first phase of the grant would focus on planning and designing. Huber informed the board if the county disapproves the proposed plan and design, they are not obligated to participate in the second phase, involving construction. The board voiced their concerns about straightening the curves and the impact this would have on landowners. The board informed Huber they will have County Attorney Eric Scott review the proposed plan. No board action was taken on agenda item re: Tonya Huber – RAISE grant application (Kilgore Road).

The Visitors Promotion board and Tourism Director Regina Osburn met with the board to update them on the planning phase of the proposed convention center. Fundraising procedures and options, and fundraiser financial terms with Sandhills Area Foundation were discussed. Director Osburn also updated the board re: discussion about updating their bylaws and marketing reports for advertising costs within the visitor promotions fund.

The board met with Mike Boden and Dennis Maggart with NACO Benefit Services via telephone regarding a health insurance update. The board received a claims reporting update and BlueCross BlueShield reporting standard package. Mr. Maggart advised the board that medical claims have risen since July 2024. The rise of high-cost prescriptions and a flex access program at BlueCross BlueShield were discussed. The board asked Mr. Maggart to present alternative health insurance and other options before renewal in July 2025. NACO Benefit Services informed the board they would present second and third quarter reports with ideas and solutions for the rise in health insurance costs and claims.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle updated the board regarding meetings, webinars, 911 call handling system, HAZMAT trainings, and ARPA year end obligations.

Sheriff Rusty Osburn presented the board with the yearly Highway 20 Law Enforcement Interlocal Agreement. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Highway 20 Law Enforcement Interlocal Agreement and authorize Chairman DeNaeyer to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughey, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The board recessed from 12:43 p.m. to 1:07 p.m.

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

November 27, 2024  
CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 258,330.83 .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of \$ 258,330.83

GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,690.67
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$19,337.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$3,111.32
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Administration Fees	\$0.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$42,016.96
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$33,519.76
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$3,200.00
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$4,990.63
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Insurance Funding	\$21,800.24
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$546.12
Andre, Andrea	Gross Wages	\$3,569.58
Bancroft, Melissa	Gross Wages	\$5,582.92
Blume, Ashley	Gross Salary	\$3,625.75
Brockley, Billie	Gross Wages	\$3,337.68
Buechle, Shelbie	Gross Wages	\$4,453.33
Campbell, Lisa	Gross Wages	\$2,614.53
Coates, Sonia	Gross Wages	\$3,807.40
Daugherty, Betty	Gross Wages	\$2,520.00
DeNaeyer, Martin	Gross Salary	\$2,012.50
Dobbins, Cynthia	Gross Wages	\$2,929.40
Duffield, Janette	Gross Wages	\$3,368.23
Eggert, Lorana	Gross Salary	\$4,785.64
Froning, Ellen	Gross Wages	\$4,298.93
Goodrich, Dustina	Gross Wages	\$2,820.60
Goodrich, Weston	Gross Wages	\$3,845.48
Greenough, Pat	Gross Wages	\$3,743.57
Hamlin, Ashtyn	Gross Wages	\$4,081.27
Hammond, Kathy	Gross Salary	\$4,785.64
Hanson, Timothy	Gross Salary	\$2,392.82
Hesse, Sharon	Gross Salary	\$5,208.33
Hunt, Clarissa	Gross Wages	\$3,359.63
Jackson, Gary	Gross Wages	\$4,367.84
Johnson, Andrew	Gross Salary	\$3,503.16
Knox, Calvin	Gross Wages	\$3,593.83
Leonard, David	Gross Wages	\$2,841.15
Leonard, Samantha	Gross Wages	\$3,456.94
Longcor, Brittny	Gross Salary	\$3,534.08
Lopez, Vincent	Gross Wages	\$564.80
Lutter, Tammy	Gross Wages	\$2,843.51
McConaughey, Michael	Gross Salary	\$2,012.50
McSweeney, Ryan	Gross Wages	\$4,498.46
Millar, Eve	Gross Wages	\$165.61
Nelson, Nina	Gross Salary	\$2,012.50
Ormesher, Katie	Gross Wages	\$1,405.49
Osborne, Joanie	Gross Wages	\$641.70
Osburn, Albert	Gross Salary	\$4,938.85
Peterson, Heather	Gross Wages	\$3,618.39
Pier, Shelley	Gross Wages	\$3,000.93
Price, Cassandra	Gross Wages	\$3,086.90
Red Fish, Cheyenne	Gross Wages	\$4,442.41
Renning, Maxwell	Gross Wages	\$4,636.40
Scott, Adelia	Gross Wages	\$4,466.89
Scott, Eric	Gross Salary	\$5,389.48
Starr, Christopher	Gross Wages	\$4,589.82
Stec, Nicholas	Gross Wages	\$4,257.43
Stoeger, David	Gross Wages	\$4,355.09
Stolzenburg, Jane	Gross Wages	\$4,100.61
Wickman, Erick	Gross Wages	\$4,851.00

GROSS TOTAL \$299,532.07  
Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings (\$41,201.24)  
NET TOTAL \$258,330.83

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	167,355.37	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of		\$	167,355.37

ROAD FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,809.91
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$8,609.40
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,414.56
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Administration Fees	\$0.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$19,361.22
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$15,878.86
Legal Shield	Services	\$67.80
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,350.00
Modern Farm Equipment Corporation		\$49,000.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,284.55
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Claim Funding	\$9,568.08
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$234.83
Boyer, Douglas	Gross Salary	\$4,862.45
Buechle, Jordan	Gross Wages	\$3,771.36
Bunner, Bradley	Gross Wages	\$3,787.02
Cash, Tyler	Gross Wages	\$3,787.02
Coetzee, Daniel	Gross Wages	\$3,363.00
Collier, David	Gross Salary	\$5,000.00
Egger, Garrett	Gross Wages	\$4,012.98
Fernau, Bradly	Gross Wages	\$3,560.70
Graeff, Randy	Gross Wages	\$3,823.87
Hampton, Donald	Gross Wages	\$1,563.72
Hart Benjamin	Gross Wages	\$1,351.84
Licking, Jeffrey	Gross Wages	\$606.67
McWhirter, Bentz	Gross Wages	\$4,123.35
Olson, Arnold	Gross Wages	\$2,242.31
Osburn, Jay D	Gross Salary	\$5,000.00
Pearman, Terry	Gross Wages	\$3,666.27
Reese, Kay	Gross Wages	\$1,791.11
Smith, Lloyd	Gross Salary	\$750.00
Songer, LeRoy	Gross Wages	\$3,625.44
Szakacs, Bbye	Gross Wages	\$4,161.45
Szakacs, Ryan	Gross Wages	\$3,586.25
Stichka, Steven	Gross Salary	\$5,000.00
Thompson, Shawn	Gross Wages	\$4,291.07
	GROSS TOTAL	\$187,621.59
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$20,266.22)
	NET TOTAL	\$167,355.37

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	5,939.24	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of		\$	5,939.24

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$585.26
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$62.12
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$987.40
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$116.41
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Braun, Regina	Gross Salary	\$3,810.31
Graeff, Lynn	Gross Wages	\$1,392.00
	GROSS TOTAL	\$7,082.71
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,143.47)
	NET TOTAL	\$5,939.24

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	52,516.05	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of		\$	52,516.05

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$52,516.05
	TOTAL	\$52,516.05

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	530,433.75	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Disaster fund in the amount of			<b>\$530,433.75</b>
<b>DISASTER FUND</b>			
BOKF NA	Bond/Interest		\$530,433.75
	TOTAL		<b>\$530,433.75</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>9,113.07</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of	\$		<b>9,113.07</b>
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND</b>			
AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance		143.39
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement		\$680.68
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance		\$124.24
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Administration Fees		\$0.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding		\$1,417.96
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings		\$1,334.41
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding		\$100.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings		\$187.94
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Claim Funding		\$733.88
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance		\$31.84
Coyle, Jessica	Gross Salary		\$4,888.00
Reese, Kay	Gross Wages		\$1,162.49
	GROSS TOTAL		\$10,804.83
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings		(\$1,691.76)
	NET TOTAL		<b>\$9,113.07</b>

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:08 p.m. to 1:11 p.m.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:30 p.m. to 1:40 p.m.

At 1:42 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

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

I, Samantha Leonard, the undersigned Deputy County Clerk of Cherry County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.

<div>Samantha Leonard</div> <div>Cherry County Deputy Clerk</div>	<div>Martin K. DeNaeyer, Chairperson</div> <div>Cherry County Board of Commissioners</div>
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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES  
November 26, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on November 26, 2024 in the Commissioner Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published November 13, 2024 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 1:08 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Present were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughey, and Deputy County Clerk Samantha Leonard. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

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

At 1:11 p.m., with no business before the board, Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

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County of Cherry,     )

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Samantha Leonard  
Cherry County Deputy Clerk

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Martin K. DeNaeyer, Chairperson  
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES  
November 26, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on November 26, 2024 in the Commissioner Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published November 13, 2024 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 were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughey, Deputy County Clerk Samantha Leonard and Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

There were no comments received from the public during the allotted time.

Justice Center Administrator Hesse updated the board regarding the staff census, jail school training scheduled for December, and the jail census.

At 1:40 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

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County of Cherry,     )

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Samantha Leonard  
Cherry County Deputy Clerk

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Martin K. DeNaeyer, Chairperson  
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

### December 10, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on December 10, 2024 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 Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Deputy County Clerk Samantha Leonard. 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 26, 2024 were read. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughy, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from November 26, 2024 were read. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from November 26, 2024 were read. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time. Written comments were received from Carolyn Semin.

The board reviewed a Request to Occupy County Right-of-Way. Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith informed the board he will do a field visit and present the request to them at the next meeting. No board action taken.

Cherry County Attorney Eric Scott reviewed a request for indigent burial assistance. After review, Mr. Scott recommended the board to accept the request. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the request for indigent burial assistance in the amount of \$1500, payable to Holmes Funeral Home. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughy, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle updated the board via email.

At 10:31 a.m. Tonya Huber, with KJL Engineering, met with the board and County Attorney Eric Scott via phone to discuss the RAISE grant proposal regarding Kilgore Road. Ms. Huber updated the board pertaining to the planning and designing phase of the application. Mr. Scott asked Ms. Huber for the option of being able to have landowner input before the planning and designing phase. Ms. Huber informed the board it would be necessary to do surveys and conceptual design prior to meeting with the board and landowners for her to be able to present road construction options. Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith will research to find out if the county or Village of Kilgore owns the .4 miles within the village. Multiple landowners attended the session with Ms. Huber and voiced their concerns and options of painting lines, guardrails, signs, and rumble bars instead of changing the layout of the road. Mr. Scott informed the board he will draft a proposed letter of support to present to Ms. Huber. No board action was taken.

The board recessed from 11:24 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

At 11:30 a.m. Valentine Children & Families Coalition (VCFC) Executive Director Jill Austin met with the Board to discuss the childcare project. Jill informed the board that all funds had been received to start construction and presented the board with quotes. The proposed goal of opening is February 1, 2025. Construction is expected to begin this month. The board asked Jill to keep them updated on the construction. The board will discuss a payment plan to VCFC for construction per the interlocal agreement, based on requirements of the ARPA funds allocated.

The board discussed the Highway Superintendent position. JD Osburn informed the board he passed the exam. The board discussed updating the current Highway Superintendent job description with County Attorney Eric Scott to include the current District 1 Road Foreman duties and responsibilities, to allow Mr. Osburn to hold both positions. Mr. Osburn asked the board to consider having a short-term contract with the current Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith for assistance. Mr. Scott informed the Board he would draft a proposed contract and job description. No board action was taken.

Zoning Administrator Jane Stolzenburg met with the board to discuss salary increase options based on the planning and zoning meetings being moved to a different time and the increase in permits being applied for. The board asked Ms. Stolzenburg to document the consistent uprise of extra work with more permits over the next quarter. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to reexam the Zoning Administrator's salary based on dad of permits and hours worked brought to the board over the next quarter. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried. Ms. Stolzenburg also updated the board on Board of Adjustment vacancies, Planning & Zoning Board Members terms expiring, and regulation update progress.

The Visitors Promotion board and Tourism Director Regina Osburn met with the board to update them on the planning phase of the proposed convention center, fundraising procedures and options, adjustments to floor plans,

sponsorship levels, the creation of a board to oversee all major activities of the project, and fundraiser financial terms with Sandhills Area Foundation and Mid-Plains Community College were discussed. Director Osburn presented the board with marketing spending and grant funding reports.

District 2 Road Foreman Steve Stichka updated the board re: equipment preparation for winter and monitoring the milling project that was completed this past summer. District 3 Road Foreman Brent Collier updated the board re: the availability of obtaining rock from a March 2024 mutual agreement and completing more equipment maintenance this winter to prepare for next spring.

The board recessed from 12:40 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:02 p.m. to 1:24 p.m.

County District Court Clerk Lorana Eggert submitted a letter of resignation to the Board. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to accept District Court Clerk Lorana Eggert’s resignation, with an effective date of January 17, 2025. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried.

The board discussed Cherry County employee cost-of-living adjustments and potential increases within budgeted amounts. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve a 3% cost-of-living-adjustment, effective for January 2025 payroll, for all employees except for District 1 Road Foreman, District 2 Road Foreman, District 3 Road Foreman, Emergency Management Director, and Justice Center Administrator, who previously received substantial raises because of a potential federal mandate threshold for salaried employees. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughey, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the ARPA Fund year-end obligations and funds have been allocated. No board action taken.

The Board discussed changes within the TimeClock Plus system re: hour tracking, differential pay within the Justice Center, efficiency, use for employee accountability, and extending the annual contract. The board advised Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse to quit using the TimeClock Plus system and use the Cherry County System as TimeClock Plus does not track shift differential. The board asked Ms. Hesse to research finding another system sufficient for the Justice Center, as the current Cherry County System is outdated. The board asked Billie Brockley to investigate the MIPS Time Clock system for another option, if applicable. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to keep TimeClock Plus for Cherry County employees currently using except Justice Center employees who will revert to the old Cherry County system. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried.

December 10, 2024  
CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	82,308.25	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$		82,308.25
<b>GENERAL</b>			
Ainsworth Star Journal	Services		\$77.00
Amazon Capital Services	Supplies		\$39.99
Wade Andrews	Mileage		\$147.40
Applied Connective Technologies	Services		\$8,466.15
Axon Enterprise Inc	Services		\$182.40
Black Hills Chemical	Services		\$630.24
Bomgaars	Supplies		\$37.92
Michael Borders	Services		\$6,675.26
Buckles Fuel Service	Services		\$63.31
Centurylink	Services		\$2,052.26
Cherry County Hospital	Services		\$5,624.50
Cherry County Sheriff	Services		\$20.70
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees		\$15.00
Circle K Motor Company	Services		\$99.65
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service		\$319.90
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services		\$537.60
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services		\$220.55
Cynthia Dobbins	Reimbursement		\$17.00
FedEx Corporation	Services		\$49.04
Firstnet/AT&T	Services		\$642.18
Galls Parent Holdings	Supplies		\$41.94
Michelle Garwood	Reimbursement		\$263.98
Grafix Shoppe	Supplies		\$660.00
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement		\$100.00
Timothy Hanson	Equipment		\$2,636.75
Heart City Drug	Supplies		\$49.85
Henderson's IGA Inc	Supplies		\$239.69



Interstate All Battery Center	Services	\$299.10
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,523.06
Justice Data Solutions Inc	Services	\$6,025.00
KBRB Sandhills Broadcasting	Services	\$100.00
KVSH Radio	Services	\$390.00
Dave Leonard	Telephone Service	\$70.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$136.00
MIPS	Services	\$3,262.88
NACO	Dues/Fees/Training	\$160.00
National Association of Counties	Dues/Fees/Training	\$450.00
Nebraska Health and Human Services	Services	\$249.26
Nebraska Sheriff's Association	Dues/Fees/Training	\$30.00
Nextoner	Services	\$269.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$1,743.45
Physicians Laboratory	Services	\$3,530.00
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$400.00
Reese Inc	Services	\$1,105.00
RR Donnelley	Services	\$160.98
Ruby Law Office	Services	\$3,048.25
Sandhill Oil Co	Supplies	\$184.84
Eric Scott Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$11,547.61
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$180.43
Sennet Duncan Jenkins & Wickham	Services	\$1,170.54
Southside Body & Paint	Services	\$801.00
Stanek Fire Protection	Services	\$383.00
Timeclock Plus	Services	\$37.10
Tony's Tire and Auto Repair	Services	\$209.95
True Value	Supplies	\$73.48
The Twister Radio	Services	\$297.00
US Cellular	Services	\$59.15
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$1,094.33
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$3,699.49
Vandiest Supply Company	Services	\$4,721.90
Ward Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$107.88
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$12.84
Wex Bank	Services	\$1,594.73
Willoughby Industries	Services	\$270.74
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$82,308.25</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>86,508.78</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	<b>Central Nebraska Bobcat-Claim Denied</b>	\$	(5,483.60)
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of		\$	<b>81,025.18</b>

**ROAD**

AKRS Equipment	Supplies	\$586.78
Bacon Repair	Supplies	\$523.55
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$3,265.73
Buche Hardware	Supplies	\$135.97
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$11,332.21
Central Nebraska Bobcat	Services	\$5,483.60
Cherry County Clinic	Services	\$195.00
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$151.41
Circle K Motor Company	Services	\$664.87
Cody Oil	Services	\$262.30
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$290.88
Croell Inc	Services	\$6,501.54
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$130.18
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Dooley Oil Inc	Services	\$62.74
Elkhorn Sand & Gravel	Services	\$3,371.06
Emerson Equipment	Services	\$21.00
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$321.17
Hoefs Skidloader Works	Services	\$514.50
Hometown Lumber & Construction	Services	\$69.67
Independent Salt Co	Services	\$1,083.29
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$247.52
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$1,049.60
Kohler Trailer Sales	Services	\$10,500.00
M I Jones	Services	\$1,014.73
MARC/Mid American Research Chemical	Services	\$287.75
Martin Auto Parts II	Services	\$110.42
Medical Enterprises	Services	\$70.00

Village of Merriman	Services	\$60.71	
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00	
Motor Carrier Services Division	Services	\$18.00	
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$48.34	
The Parts Company	Supplies	\$380.30	
Perrett Construction LTD	Services	\$194.06	
Powerplan	Services	\$320.95	
Prema	Services	\$93.02	
Reese Inc	Supplies	\$420.19	
Sandhill Oil Company	Services	\$12,175.06	
Shortys Tools LLC	Services	\$161.68	
Stern Oil Co	Services	\$16,845.50	
Superior Sanitation Services	Services	\$170.00	
Triple G Redimix	Services	\$640.90	
Troyer Enterprises	Services	\$6,076.21	
True Value Hardware	Supplies	\$13.99	
US Cellular	Services	\$105.83	
City of Valentine	Services	\$328.87	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$86,508.78</b>	
	Less Denied Claim	\$81,025.18	
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	8,054.19	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of		\$	8,054.19
<b>VISITOR PROMOTION</b>			
Great Plains Communication	Services	\$296.79	
MCB Productions	Services	\$1,000.00	
The Nebraska Star Party	Grant	\$4,000.00	
NRG Media	Services	\$2,500.00	
Office Products	Supplies	\$35.00	
City of Valentine	Services	\$222.40	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,054.19</b>	
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	20,117.67	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of		\$	20,117.67
<b>EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS</b>			
Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims		\$20,117.67
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$20,117.67</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	10,001.19	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of		\$	10,001.19
<b>BOOKMOBILE</b>			
Valentine Public Library	Bookmobile		\$10,001.19
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>10,001.19</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	291.37	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of		\$	291.37
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>			
KBR Rural Public Power	Services	\$81.14	
Nebraska Assn of emergency management	Services	\$50.00	
Office Products	Supplies	\$59.22	
Prema	Services	\$101.01	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$291.37</b>	
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	246.11	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of		\$	246.11
<b>INHERITANCE TAX</b>			
Houghton Bradford Whitted PC	Services	\$90.00	
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$156.11	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$246.11</b>	
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	266.02	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of		\$	266.02
<b>911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)</b>			
Centurylink	Services	\$266.02	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$266.02</b>	

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,104.54	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of		\$	1,104.54
<b>911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)</b>			
Great Plains Communications Inc	Services		\$126.94
OPTK Networks	Services		\$977.60
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,104.54</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	4,941.13	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Holding Fund in the amount of		\$	4,941.13
<b>911 WIRELESS Holding (2914)</b>			
Geo Comm Inc	Services		\$4,941.13
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$4,941.13</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	398.25	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Courthouse (Special Building) Fund in the amount of		\$	398.25
<b>Courthouse (Special Building)</b>			
North Star Electric	Services		\$398.25
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$398.25</b>

McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve claims except for claim #24125248 in the amount of \$5,483.60 within the Road Fund. Roll call vote: Aye –DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried.

At 3:11 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

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County of Cherry,    )

I, Samantha Leonard, the undersigned Deputy County Clerk of Cherry County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 2024.

Samantha Leonard  
Cherry County Deputy Clerk

Martin K. DeNaeyer, Chairperson  
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES  
December 10, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on December 10, 2024 in the Commissioner Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice posted November 27, 2024 at the following public places: Valentine Public Library, Valentine Post Office, Cherry County Clerk’s Office, and Cherry County Courthouse front door. The current agenda being on file in the office of the County Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Present were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughey, Deputy County Clerk Samantha Leonard, and County Assessor Melissa Bancroft. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

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

Tax list corrections pertaining to real estate sold, but not adjusted in the system were discussed. Nelson moved and McConaughey seconded to approve tax list corrections presented by Assessor Bancroft for property ID #160649432 and #160109957. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughey, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 1:05 p.m. a hearing was held at the request of Nancy Allard due to receipt of Form 458R Notice of Rejection of Homestead Exemption. Ms. Allard was present for said hearing. Assessor Bancroft explained to the applicant based on state statute guidelines, the property value cannot exceed the \$20,000 county maximum residential value limit. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to reject the Homestead Exemption Application for Nancy Allard because the value of the property exceeds the \$20,000 limit. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried.

At 1:24 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer declared the meeting adjourned.

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County of Cherry,    )

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<hr/> Samantha Leonard Cherry County Deputy Clerk	<hr/> Martin K. DeNaeyer, Chairperson Cherry County Board of Commissioners
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES  
December 31, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on December 31, 2024 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice in the Valentine Midland News every week, with the agenda being on file in the office of the County Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, and Deputy County Clerk Samantha Leonard. 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 10, 2024 were read. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve the minutes with noted corrections. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from December 10, 2024 were read. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

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

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	293,749.48	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$	293,749.48	
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,496.96	
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$22,647.24	
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Administration Fees	\$701.00	
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$42,016.96	
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$42,134.11	
Debra Hand	Election Board	\$270.00	
Diedre Markus	Election Board	\$303.75	
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$3,100.00	
Midamerica Admin & Retirement Solution	Administration Fees	\$780.00	
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$6,717.26	
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Insurance Funding	\$21,800.24	
Postmaster	Services	\$246.00	
Cynthia Scott	Election Board	\$303.75	
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$546.12	
Lindsay Wonnenberg	Election Board	\$303.75	
Andre, Andrea	Gross Wages	\$4,514.58	
Bancroft, Kaetryn	Gross Wages	\$408.00	
Bancroft, Melissa	Gross Salary	\$4,785.64	
Blume, Ashley	Gross Salary	\$4,680.73	
Brockley, Billie	Gross Wages	\$4,271.31	
Buechle, Shelbie	Gross Wages	\$6,229.68	
Campbell, Lisa	Gross Wages	\$1,228.59	
Coates, Sonia	Gross Wages	\$5,178.70	
Daugherty, Betty	Gross Wages	\$3,742.20	
DeNaeyer, Martin	Gross Salary	\$2,012.50	
Dobbins, Cynthia	Gross Wages	\$3,623.00	
Duffield, Janette	Gross Wages	\$4,533.64	
Eggert, Lorana	Gross Salary	\$4,785.64	
Froning, Ellen	Gross Wages	\$5,685.84	
Goodrich, Dustina	Gross Wages	\$3,484.40	
Goodrich, Weston	Gross Wages	\$4,967.82	
Greenough, Pat	Gross Wages	\$4,820.97	
Hamlin, Ashtyn	Gross Wages	\$5,051.12	
Hammond, Kathy	Gross Salary	\$4,785.64	
Hanson, Timothy	Gross Salary	\$2,392.82	
Hesse, Sharon	Gross Salary	\$5,208.33	
Hunt, Clarissa	Gross Wages	\$4,212.40	
Jackson, Gary	Gross Wages	\$6,755.14	
Johnson, Andrew	Gross Salary	\$3,503.16	
Knox, Calvin	Gross Wages	\$4,413.68	
Leonard, David	Gross Wages	\$3,691.17	
Leonard, Samantha	Gross Wages	\$4,382.78	
Lopez, Vincent	Gross Wages	\$1,727.80	

Lutter, Tammy	Gross Wages	\$3,567.65
McConaughey, Michael	Gross Salary	\$2,012.50
McSweeney, Ryan	Gross Wages	\$5,827.77
Millar, Eve	Gross Wages	\$100.69
Nelson, Nina	Gross Salary	\$2,012.50
Ormesher, Katie	Gross Wages	\$2,113.23
Osborne, Joanie	Gross Wages	\$1,164.44
Osburn, Albert	Gross Salary	\$4,938.85
Peterson, Heather	Gross Wages	\$4,335.99
Pier, Shelley	Gross Wages	\$3,842.00
Price, Cassandra	Gross Wages	\$4,317.15
Red Fish, Cheyenne	Gross Wages	\$6,230.71
Renning, Maxwell	Gross Wages	\$5,798.96
Scott, Adelia	Gross Wages	\$5,196.18
Scott, Eric	Gross Salary	\$5,389.48
Starr, Christopher	Gross Wages	\$5,382.59
Stec, Nicholas	Gross Wages	\$4,453.09
Stoeger, David	Gross Wages	\$5,535.61
Stolzenburg, Jane	Gross Wages	\$4,861.21
Wickman, Erick	Gross Wages	\$5,982.90
	GROSS TOTAL	\$342,507.92
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$48,758.44)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$293,749.48</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of       \$                       **170,589.32**       .  
 and disallowed in the amount of               \$                       -                       .  
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of                       \$                       **170,589.32**

**ROAD FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,809.91
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$9,858.86
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Administration Fees	\$288.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$17,843.26
Cherry County Implement	Equipment	\$41,610.59
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$18,739.79
Legal Shield	Services	\$33.90
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$1,350.00
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,977.94
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Claim Funding	\$9,568.08
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$234.83
Boyer, Douglas	Gross Salary	\$5,311.29
Buechle, Jordan	Gross Wages	\$4,643.26
Bunner, Bradley	Gross Wages	\$4,861.74
Cash, Tyler	Gross Wages	\$4,636.53
Coetzee, Daniel	Gross Wages	\$4,370.00
Collier, David	Gross Salary	\$5,000.00
Egger, Garrett	Gross Wages	\$4,954.63
Fernau, Bradly	Gross Wages	\$4,352.52
Graeff, Randy	Gross Wages	\$4,800.85
Hampton, Donald	Gross Wages	\$2,380.44
Hart Benjamin	Gross Wages	\$894.60
McWhirter, Bentz	Gross Wages	\$5,573.12
Osburn, Jay D	Gross Salary	\$5,000.00
Pearman, Terry	Gross Wages	\$4,033.92
Reese, Kay	Gross Wages	\$2,382.53
Smith, Lloyd	Gross Salary	\$750.00
Songer, LeRoy	Gross Wages	\$4,541.76
Szakacs, Brye	Gross Wages	\$5,389.67
Szakacs, Ryan	Gross Wages	\$4,621.75
Stichka, Steven	Gross Salary	\$5,000.00
Thompson, Shawn	Gross Wages	\$4,935.25
	GROSS TOTAL	\$193,049.02
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$22,459.70)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$170,589.32</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of       \$                       **7,499.31**       .  
 and disallowed in the amount of               \$                       -                       .  
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitors Promotion Fund in the amount of                       \$                       **7,499.31**

**VISITORS PROMOTION FUND**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$738.20

EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,335.13
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$183.96
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84
Braun, Regina	Gross Salary	\$4,881.37
Graeff, Lynn	Gross Wages	\$1,680.48
	GROSS TOTAL	\$8,948.35
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,449.04)
	NET TOTAL	\$7,499.31

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	69,728.15	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of	\$	69,728.15	
<b>HEALTH CLAIMS FUND</b>			
Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$69,728.15	
	TOTAL	\$69,728.15	

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	143,883.54	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Covid American Rescue Plan in the amount of	\$	143,883.54	
<b>2580 Covid American Rescue Plan</b>			
Cherry County Treasurer	Interfund Transfer/Resolution #2024-15	\$143,883.54	
	TOTAL	\$143,883.54	

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	9,320.53	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of	\$	9,320.53	

<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND</b>			
AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	143.39	
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$704.95	
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance Administration Fees	\$18.00	
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$1,417.96	
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,411.75	
AUL Health Benefit Trust	Health Reimbursement Arrangement Funding	\$100.00	
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$205.51	
Pace Underwriters Insurance	Health Claim Funding	\$733.88	
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$31.84	
Coyle, Jessica	Gross Salary	\$4,888.00	
Reese, Kay	Gross Wages	\$1,378.26	
	GROSS TOTAL	\$11,033.54	
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,713.01)	
	NET TOTAL	\$9,320.53	

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	20,000.00	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of	\$	20,000.00	
<b>Inheritance Tax Fund</b>			
Cherry County Implement	Equipment	\$20,000.00	
	TOTAL	\$20,000.00	

The board discussed estimates from Dick Clark Construction and Wickett Construction for the construction of walls for the Extension office at the Cherry County South Building. Commissioner Nelson will work with the Extension employees and Dick Clark Construction on final details. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve Dick Clark Construction’s bid of \$16,609.05. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Leonard presented the board with Resolution #2024-15 Fund Transfer in re: to ARPA obligations. The fund transfer will move funds from 2580 Covid American Rescue Plan Fund to 0650 Highway Street/Bridge Buyback Fund in the amount of \$87,930.72 for the armor coat projects; and funds from 2580 Covid American Rescue Plan Fund to 0200 Road Fund in the amount of \$55,952.82 for the purchase of millings. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve Resolution #2024-15 Fund Transfer. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle updated the board re: North Central 911 meetings, solocom Contract, NCPET plans for regional grant money, potentially dispatching for Keya Paha County, and the completion of 911 dispatch training class. The Valentine Rural Fire Department asked Director Coyle about accessing the county’s sam.gov account for a pass-through grant. The board discussed and decided to follow the grant policy guidelines, the fire department will have to create their own account under their own ID. No action re: agenda item Allowing Valentine Rural Fire Department to access Cherry County’s Sam.Gov Account for a slide in tank grant. Director Coyle updated the board re: the Community Wildfire Disaster Grant Application. The county will be a co-applicant under UNL as the grant owner. Each county can apply for up to \$10 million for the removal of trees. The project can last 4-4.5 years, and the county could potentially hire project managers. The project managers and UNL would choose the ground that gets



cleared. Director Coyle told the board Brown, Rock, & Keya Paha County are all moving forward with the application. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to accept the Cherry County Community Wildfire Disaster Grant Application and authorize Commissioner McConaughy to oversee the project. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

Road Foreman Brent Collier provided the board with a District 3 update re: weather conditions, washout material, equipment repairs, and general equipment maintenance being completed. Road Foreman Steve Stichka gave a District 2 update re: a new full-time employee, equipment maintenance, and keeping track of the milling project to move forward with a chip seal project in the Summer of 2025.

Deputy Sheriff Erick Wickman presented the board with a Highway Safety Grant. The grant covers 75% or \$15,000 of equipment for data improvement. The Sheriff's Department used the grant money to upgrade vehicle equipment, GPS connection with dispatch, computers, printers, modems, etc. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Highway Safety Grant with the Sheriff's Department to be paid in full out of inheritance tax fund, with the balance not covered by the grant to be paid by the Cherry County Sheriff's Department. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Cherry County GOP presented a Resolution re: the opposition of implementing the Animal EID mandate. The board discussed the resolution and asked County Attorney Eric Scott to review the resolution and advise at the next meeting how to move forward, potentially with a drafted resolution and letter of support. No board action taken.

Valentine Children and Families Coalition provided the board with a contract for \$50,000 of ARPA Funds that are obligated but not spent by the December 31, 2024 deadline, to follow the ARPA guidelines. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve and authorize Chairman DeNaeyer to sign the contract as presented. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Resignations from Planning and Zoning Board Members Albert Ericksen and John M. Lee were received. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve Albert Ericksen's resignation effective January 11, 2025 and John M. Lee's resignation effective immediately. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to appoint Samantha Leonard as the full-time Cherry County Clerk, effective January 1, 2025, to fill out the remainder of the term. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The board recessed from 11:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:00 p.m. to 1:14 p.m.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 1:30 p.m. to 1:44 p.m.

The board recessed from 1:44 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

At 2:00 p.m. the board conducted interviews for the Clerk of the District Court position with Katie Ormesher and Jessica Hanson. At 2:18 p.m. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to enter closed session for the purpose of discussing potential candidates to fill the District Court Clerk position with the Board, Deputy Clerk Leonard, and County Attorney Eric Scott to be present. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

At 2:23 p.m. the meeting doors were reopened, and the public was allowed to enter. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to come out of closed session. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to appoint Jessica Hanson to fill the remainder of District Court Clerk Lorana Eggert's term, effective January 17, 2025. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

County Attorney Eric Scott presented the board with the modified letter of support re: Kilgore Road for the RAISE Grant Application. The letter of support was modified to reflect the concerns of the board discussed in the December 10, 2024 meeting. This letter reserves the right of commitment after KIJ Engineering presents Cherry County with a plan and design of construction at a later date. The letter is solely an agreement to start the presentation of plans for approval or rejection of any designs presented to the board. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to approve the letter of support to the Department of Transportation Secretary issuing support from Cherry County on the RAISE grant on BIA Road 1 and Kilgore Road. Roll call vote: Nay – Nelson. Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith provided the board with a Request to Occupy County Right-of-Way from Custer Public Power District. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve the request to occupy county right-of-way submitted by Custer Public Power District. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy, Nelson. The motion carried.

The board discussed the Highway Superintendent position and amended job description to include road foreman duties. The board discussed with Mr. Scott to change the job description to a Cherry County Road district foreman specified by the board and to add the Highway Superintendent job duties. Mr. Scott will draft a new job description to include Road Foreman and Highway Superintendent job duties, to be presented to the board at their next regular meeting. No board action taken on agenda item re: Cherry County Highway Superintendent Position/Road Superintendent job description.

At 3:21 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

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

I, Samantha Leonard, the undersigned County Clerk of Cherry County, Nebraska, do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.

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Samantha Leonard  
Cherry County Clerk

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Chairperson  
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES  
December 31, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on December 31, 2024 in the Commissioner Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published December 11, 2024 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 1:00 p.m. by Chairman DeNaeyer. Present were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughey, Deputy County Clerk Samantha Leonard, and County Assessor Melissa Bancroft. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer.

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

Assessor Bancroft presented the board with Exemption Application 451 submitted by Valentine Good Samaritan Housing, Inc. with recommendation that they do not qualify for the exemption. Nelson moved and McConaughey seconded to accept Assessor Bancroft’s recommendation for Exemption Application 451 for Valentine Good Samaritan Housing, Inc. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey, Nelson. The motion carried.

Cherry Hills Estates LLC submitted Exemption Application 451NF presented by Assessor Bancroft. Based on Medicaid beds on a 3-year average, Assessor Bancroft recommended Cherry Hills Estates LLC’s application be approved for 27%. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept Assessor Bancroft’s recommendation of Cherry Hills Estates Exemption Application 451NF. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, DeNaeyer, McConaughey. The motion carried.

Tax list corrections were discussed with the Board and Assessor Bancroft. It was confirmed to the Board that all tax list corrections presented were split parcels related to properties being sold. Tax list correction #6 and #7 were split due to property sold, #8 and #9 were split with a deed correction, #10 and #11 were split and updated owner names, and #12 and #13 were split with updated owner names. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve Tax List Corrections #6-13 as presented by Assessor Bancroft. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, Nelson, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Property ID</u>
2024	6	160267722
2024	7	160666247
2024	8	160104475
2024	9	160666248
2024	10	160067634
2024	11	160666246
2024	12	160046580
2024	13	166662245

At 1:14 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

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Samantha Leonard  
Cherry County Clerk

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Chairperson  
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES  
December 31, 2024

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on December 31, 2024 in the Commissioner Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published December 11, 2024 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 were Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughy, Deputy County Clerk Samantha Leonard, and Justice Administrator Sharon Hesse. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman DeNaeyer

No public comment was received during the allotted time.

Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse updated the board regarding the staff census, new certified Correction Officers, trainings for officers in dispatch, jail census, and potentially dispatching for Keya Paha County in the future.

At 1:44 p.m. Chairman DeNaeyer adjourned the meeting.

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Samantha Leonard	Chairperson
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