BOARD OF CORRECTION MINUTES
February 24, 2026

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on February 24, 2026 in the Commissioner Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published in the Valentine Midland News. The current agenda being on file in the office of the County Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m. by Chairman McConaughey. Present were Commissioners Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughey, Martin DeNaeyer, and County Clerk Samantha Leonard. Justice Administrator Sharon Hesse was present via phone. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman McConaughey.

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

Administrator Hesse provided a staff and jail update via email.

The board discussed the LiveScan equipment grant with Ms. Hesse. The grant would cover a printer and computer software and would be processed through the Nebraska State Patrol. At this time, our current machine is out of life, and no maintenance can be done. Ms. Hesse stated the first year would be covered by the grant; however, year 2-5 of the maintenance agreement would be an expense to the county of approximately $4,200/year. At this time, Ms. Hesse is asking the board to authorize her to move forward to be placed on the list with the Nebraska State Patrol for the grant. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to authorize the Justice Administrator to work with the Nebraska State Patrol for the LiveScan grant. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried.

At 1:52 p.m. Chairman McConaughey adjourned the meeting.

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

I, Samantha Leonard, the undersigned County Clerk of Cherry County, Nebraska, do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on this 10th day of March 2026.

Samantha Leonard
Samantha Leonard
Cherry County Clerk

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Mike McConaughey
Mike McConaughey, Chairperson
Cherry County Board of Commissioners