

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

March 10, 2026

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on March 10, 2026 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice in the Valentine Midland News every week, with the agenda being on file in the office of the County Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman McConaughey. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Mike McConaughey, Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson, and Clerk Samantha Leonard. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman McConaughey and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioners' meeting minutes from February 24, 2026 were read. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from February 24, 2026 we read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughey, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from February 24, 2026 were read. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

Highway Superintendent Jay D Osburn provided an update re: the bridge inspection report from Mainelli-Wagner, changes coming from Nebraska Highway Safety and Transportation for inspections on critically fractured bridges for full inspections every 2 years, discussing usages of funds from the Highway Street Buyback Program, and FEMA inspections being done end of the week.

Commissioner DeNaeyer provided an update for Emergency Management that was sent to him via email. The update included tower generators needing repairs and Platte Valley Communications and Dakota Power have both been contacted, fire department meeting, Huntress training, safety meeting with the schools, cyber ready training, and winter weather alerts.

The board reviewed the Certification of the Tax Sale List from Treasurer Kathy Hammond.

The board discussed the email of the SRS Funds being received for FY 2024. The funds received from FY 2024 are \$56,141.95.

Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve Resolution #2026-05 Fund Transfer from Grant Fund to Bookmobile Fund. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried.

McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve Resolution #2026-06 Forest Reserve Funds Distribution. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughey, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The board discussed an NCDHD appointment of Jim Barga as requested by the Director of the NCDHD via email. Nelson moved and McConaughey seconded to appoint Jim Barga to the NCDHD board. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried.

The board discussed postponing agenda item "Cherry County Zoning – Status of Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations" until it can be discussed with County Attorney Eric Scott because of a concern addressed to the board of an Open Meetings Act violation by the Planning and Zoning board. This concern was brought to the board by a member of the public that a motion was made during the Planning and Zoning Board meeting; however, the item was not listed on their agenda. It was a discussion of this board that anyone has the right to be on their agenda, and their potential violation of their meeting does not change this board's agenda and discussion of this item. The board will discuss it again after meeting with Attorney Scott.

The board discussed the letter of support for the Kilgore Road Grant Project. Clerk Leonard informed the board the letter is the same as discussed at the February 24, 2026 meeting besides the date being changed from February to March. Attorney Scott does not have any issues with them signing the letter as presented and the board stated this is a letter of support for the first stage of planning the project only. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Kilgore Road Grant letter of support and authorize the chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried.

The board discussed the zoning agenda item with Attorney Scott via phone for the issue re: wording of an agenda item being different than the motion made. Mr. Scott stated if someone makes a complaint about an Open Meetings Act violation, it must be directed to the correct authority personnel, and this board cannot act on the violation. This board may discuss our agenda item as it is an update. Planning and Zoning Board Chairman Duane Kime stated their concern is the lack of communication with Marvin Planning Consultants and what the next steps should be as the contract is between Marvin Planning Consultants and the Commissioners. This contract has an open expiration and Attorney Scott is willing to write a letter to Marvin Planning Consultants to address the concern of the board.

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

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CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	63,997.88
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$	63,997.88
GENERAL		
Anderson Electric Inc	Services	\$1,632.00
Applied Connective Technologies	Services	\$6,975.32
Black Hills Chemical	Services	\$511.79
Bob Barker Company	Supplies	\$310.10
Borders & Furrow Law PC	Services	\$4,894.08
Buckles Fuel Service Inc	Supplies	\$110.72
Butler Veterinary Clinic	Services	\$85.68
CenturyLink	Services	\$2,065.57
Cherry County Court	Services	\$36.00
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$5,774.00
Cherry County Sheriff	Services	\$28.50
Cherry County Sheriff Fuel Account	Supplies	\$1,500.92
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees/Transfer	\$716.55
Circle K Motor Company	Services	\$859.96
Clearly Communications	Services	\$326.04
Crowne Plaza Hotel	Lodging	\$149.95
CVSOAN Treasurer	Dues/Fees/Training	\$60.00
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services	\$537.60
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services	\$222.55
FirstNet/AT&T Mobility	Services	\$492.26
Galls Parent Holdings, LLC	Supplies	\$143.42
Dustina Goodrich	Reimbursement	\$30.95
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$100.00
Timothy Hanson	Equipment	\$2,636.75
Heart City Drug	Supplies	\$74.59
Heart City Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$856.15
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$68.08
Holiday Inn Kearney	Lodging	\$749.70
Patrick Hooper	Reimbursement	\$165.00
Huskerland Hardware and Appliance	Supplies	\$6.58
Justice Center Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$77.78
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,104.42
Journal Entry	Voided VSP Checks	-\$706.55
KBR Rural Public Power	Services	\$80.53
KVSH Radio	Services	\$612.00
Ryan McSweeney	Reimbursement	\$60.45
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$186.00
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$30.12
MIPS	Services	\$240.31
NDOR Property Assessment	Services	\$640.00
Nebraska Weed Control Association	Dues/Fees/Training	\$150.00
NK Waste Inc	Services	\$193.00
David Northway	Services	\$50.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$3,191.34
Paper Tiger Shredding	Services	\$55.00
The Parts Company	Supplies	\$171.43
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$25.08
PIP Marketing Signs Print	Services	\$1,810.35
Platte Valley Communications Inc	Services	\$716.50
Prema	Services	\$237.26
Pye Barker	Services	\$310.00
Quadient/Courts	Postage Machine	\$1,259.56
Quadient Finance USA	Postage Machine	\$240.44
RR Donnelley	Services	\$132.13
Sandhill Oil	Supplies	\$2,154.09
Sandhills Weed Management Area	Dues/Fees/Training	\$200.00
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$6,275.00
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$225.71
Cardmember Service	Reimbursement	\$41.02
Sennet Duncan Jenkins & Wickham PC	Services	\$622.50
Tony's Tire & Auto Repair	Services	\$114.46

UNL/NE Extension/Cherry County	Reimbursement	\$384.09
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$4,994.22
Viaero Wireless	Services	\$79.66
Ward Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$30.98
Western Oil	Services	\$50.00
Westover Electric	Services	\$2,744.59
Wrenched Tire & Auto LLC	Services	\$93.60
	TOTAL	\$63,997.88

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 161,264.47
and disallowed in the amount of
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$ 161,264.47

ROAD

Andy's Glass Shop	Services	\$225.00
Bacon Repair	Services	\$466.60
Bill's Garage	Services	\$50.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$638.61
Bordertown Discount Fuel	Services	\$621.22
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$8,893.91
Central Valley Ag Cooperative	Supplies	\$860.04
Cherry County Clerk	Reimbursement	\$28.00
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$117.00
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$96.94
Cherry County Treasurer	Services	\$195.00
Circle K Motor	Services	\$1,652.17
Village of Cody	Services	\$195.80
Brent Collier	Reimbursement	\$36.87
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$284.88
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$198.78
Danielski Farms	Services	\$4,612.20
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Dooley Oil Inc	Services	\$948.93
Flat Creek Construction	Services	\$13,125.00
Garrett Enterprises Inc	Services	\$2,722.40
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$321.57
Hoefs Skidloader Works	Services	\$2,338.00
Hometown Lumber & Construction Inc	Services	\$125.64
Huskerland Hardware & Appliance	Supplies	\$359.70
Interstate Battery System	Services	\$146.82
Josh Whipple Trucking	Services	\$60,750.00
Journal Entry	Voided CCC Check	-\$195.00
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$471.52
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$294.93
Kohler Trailer Sales	Services	\$199.95
Lanair Products LLC	Services	\$207.19
Martin Auto Parts II	Supplies	\$89.00
Medical Enterprises	Services	\$113.00
Menards	Supplies	\$19.95
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Services	\$862.69
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$121.45
NK Waste Inc	Services	\$128.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$256.21
The Parts Company	Supplies	\$484.89
Terry Pearman	Reimbursement	\$250.00
Perrett Construction	Services	\$606.35
Powerplan	Services	\$9,660.96
Prema	Services	\$172.89
Sandhill Oil Company	Supplies	\$8,564.39
Security First Bank	Services	\$12,076.93
Southwest Farm & Auto Supply	Services	\$66.97
Tehrani Motor Company	Services	\$61.05
Triple G Redimix, LLC	Services	\$17,275.52
Truck Center Companies	Services	\$533.02
Unitech Inc	Services	\$338.00
City of Valentine	Services	\$1,393.83
Westover Electric	Services	\$6,680.00
Wrenched Tire & Auto	Services	\$191.00
3s Fabrication & Repair	Services	\$121.00
	TOTAL	\$161,264.47

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 3,360.00
and disallowed in the amount of

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Bridge Fund in the amount of		\$	3,360.00
EMERGENCY BRIDGE			
Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Services	\$	3,360.00
	TOTAL		\$3,360.00
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	6,812.24	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of		\$	6,812.24
VISITOR PROMOTION			
American Legion Post 90	Services		\$100.00
Great Plains Communication	Services		\$211.63
Tony Hanson	Services		\$125.00
Huskerland Hardware and Appliance	Supplies		\$20.98
JWA K-Lawn	Services		\$156.00
MCB Productions	Services		\$1,000.00
Valentine Midland News	Services		\$66.00
Nebraska Tourism Conference	Dues/Fees/Training		\$250.00
Office Products	Supplies		\$74.77
Sandhills Catfish Classic	Grant		\$1,000.00
Sparks Spurs	Grant		\$3,406.12
City of Valentine	Services		\$401.74
	TOTAL		\$6,812.24
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	3,678.00	
and disallowed in the amount of			
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Improvement Fund in the amount of			
VISITOR IMPROVEMENT (995)			
Bob's Signs/Bob Dean	Services		\$3,678.00
	TOTAL		\$3,678.00
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	284.30	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of		\$	284.30
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS			
Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims		\$284.30
	TOTAL		\$284.30
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	10,301.23	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of		\$	10,301.23
BOOKMOBILE			
Valentine Public Library	Bookmobile		\$10,301.23
	TOTAL		\$10,301.23
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	11,540.46	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Grant Fund in the amount of		\$	11,540.46
GRANT FUND			
Cherry County Fund Transfer	Fund Transfer		\$11,540.46
	TOTAL		\$11,540.46
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	198.46	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of		\$	198.46
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			
Nebraska Assn of Emergency Management	Dues/Fees/Training		\$150.00
Office Products	Supplies		\$48.46
	TOTAL		\$198.46
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,363.47	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of		\$	1,363.47
911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)			
CenturyLink	Services		\$276.34
Great Plains Communications	Services		\$55.88
Platte Valley Communications	Services		\$1,031.25
	TOTAL		\$1,363.47

END

The board recessed from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The board recessed from 1:00 p.m. to 1:28 p.m. to convene as a Board of Equalization.

The board recessed from 1:28 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

At 2:00 p.m. the board discussed PTO calculations of salary exempt employees via phone with Woods Aitken HR Attorney Pam Bourne via phone. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to enter executive session for the board to seek legal advice on a personnel matter to protect the interest of the public with the board, Clerk, Billie Brockley, and County Attorney to remain in the room with Pam Bourne on the phone. At 2:06 p.m. the public was

