

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

April 14, 2026

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on April 14, 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 March 31, 2026 were read. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve minutes with noted corrections. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from March 31, 2026 were 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 March 31, 2026 were read. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer 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.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle provided an update re: Anderson Bridge fire reports, NCPET meetings, NIRMA Roundtable, siren testing, Village of Cody siren has failed and is working with the Village on next steps, report submission for Merriman siren, trainings & meetings, Telecommunicators Week recognition.

The board discussed the NEMA Inspection Reports with Ms. Coyle. Road Secretary Kay Reese is still working with NEMA on more documentation requested. Ms. Coyle will bring reports back to the board for sign off when NEMA has all documentation that's been requested.

Highway Superintendent Jay D Osburn provided an update re: the bridge inspection report from Mainelli-Wagner is expected soon. Mr. Osburn and Road Foreman Steve Stichka are working on final numbers to start the armor coat project bid process for Whitman Road, and bridge inspection reports have been received by Mr. Osburn.

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

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CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	101,642.54	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$	101,642.54	
GENERAL			
Allen Monument Company	Services	\$190.00	
Amazon Capital Services	Supplies	\$21.98	
Applied Connective Technologies	Services	\$6,704.40	
Ryan Benjamin	Reimbursement	\$44.95	
Black Hills Chemical	Services	\$528.43	
Bob Barker Company	Supplies	\$212.94	
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$82.63	
Borders & Furrow Law PC	Services	\$9,610.52	
Dale P Bowlin	Reimbursement	\$73.95	
Boyd's Network Solutions	Services	\$8,265.04	
Jerri Bruning	Reimbursement	\$15.18	
CenturyLink	Services	\$2,119.34	
Cherry County Court	Services	\$695.00	
Cherry County District Court	Services	\$111.00	
Cherry County Extension Service	Services	\$359.34	
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$4,648.14	
Cherry County Sheriff	Services	\$138.24	
Cherry County Sheriff Fuel Account	Supplies	\$2,276.51	
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees	\$10.00	
Clearly Communications	Services	\$325.80	
Crowne Plaza Hotel	Lodging	\$479.85	
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services	\$537.60	
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services	\$203.80	
James Edwards	Reimbursement	\$50.00	
Election Systems & Software	Services	\$791.82	
FirstNet/AT&T Mobility	Services	\$492.26	

Jerry Fullerton	Reimbursement	\$30.16
Galls Parent Holdings, LLC	Supplies	\$100.91
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$100.00
GRP & Associates	Supplies	\$103.00
Timothy Hanson	Equipment	\$2,636.75
Heartland Radar	Services	\$135.00
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$48.27
Holiday Inn Kearney	Lodging	\$419.85
Hometown Lumber & Construction	Supplies	\$9.17
Patrick Hooper	Reimbursement	\$70.00
Huskerland Hardware and Appliance	Supplies	\$34.73
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,139.68
Journal Entry	Void Ck# 26037924	(\$36.00)
Journal Entry	Refund	(\$245.00)
Journal Entry	Void Ck# 26027756	(\$9,655.04)
Journal Entry	Wire Transfer	\$2,499.20
Journal Entry	26010001	\$80.00
KBR Rural Public Power	Services	\$97.34
Marco Technologies	Services	\$281.19
Ryan McSweeney	Reimbursement	\$99.02
Caitlyn Menze	Reimbursement	\$142.05
Microfilm Imaging	Services	\$186.00
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$3,934.19
Midland Printing	Services	\$157.18
MIPS	Services	\$14,624.11
NACO	Dues/Fees/Training	\$175.00
NACEB	Dues/Fees/Training	\$100.00
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training	Dues/Fees/Training	\$90.00
Nebraska State Patrol	Services	\$174.00
Nextoner	Supplies	\$277.30
NK Waste Inc	Services	\$193.00
Office Products	Services	\$1,881.47
Katie Ormesher	Reimbursement	\$287.10
Petty Cash	Services	\$420.24
Platte Valley Communications Inc	Services	\$7,186.50
Prema	Services	\$179.86
Presto X	Services	\$128.10
Quadient Leasing	Postage Machine	\$308.21
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$2,850.00
Region 4 Behavioral Health System	Services	\$5,495.00
Sandhill Oil	Services	\$1,538.79
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$11,692.98
Cardmember Service	Reimbursement	\$41.75
Sennet Duncan Jenkins & Wickham PC	Services	\$321.25
Ryan Sexson	Reimbursement	\$58.00
Timeclock Plus	Services	\$3,833.43
Tony's Tire & Auto Repair	Services	\$77.00
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Services	\$1,200.00
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$3,957.74
Viaero Wireless	Services	\$79.66
Ward Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$30.98
Wrenched Tire & Auto LLC	Services	\$84.70
	TOTAL	\$101,642.54
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	212,636.10
and disallowed in the amount of		
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of	\$	212,636.10
ROAD		
Bacon Repair	Services	\$2,216.53
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$1,385.20
Bordertown Discount Fuel	Services	\$23,365.65
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$14,253.04
Jordan Buechle	Reimbursement	\$159.36
Central Valley Ag Cooperative	Supplies	\$932.03
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$324.43
Brent Collier	Reimbursement	\$2,500.00
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$284.92
Croell Inc	Services	\$3,808.78
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$165.92
Danielski Farms	Services	\$9,038.40
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Dooley Oil Inc	Services	\$1,885.46

Flat Creek Construction	Services		\$20,875.00
Floyd's Truck Center	Services		\$872.60
Garrett Enterprises Inc	Services		\$14,015.11
Grainger	Services		\$463.66
Great Plains Communications	Services		\$321.57
Hamilton Sales & Service	Services		\$866.22
Hoef's Skidloader Works LLC	Services		\$21,442.00
Interstate Battery System	Services		\$355.64
Josh Whipple Trucking	Services		\$35,236.50
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services		\$403.29
Kimball Midwest	Services		\$127.20
Kirk Barnes Construction	Services		\$8,038.36
Marc/Mid-American Research Chemical	Services		\$731.80
Martin Auto Parts II	Supplies		\$2,412.10
Martin Marietta Materials	Supplies		\$501.48
Menards	Supplies		\$141.32
Village of Merriman	Services		\$247.75
Midland Printing	Services		\$19.25
Miller Repair LLC	Services		\$6,900.00
Mips Inc	Services		\$180.00
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Services		\$63.90
Village of Mullen	Services		\$144.00
Nebraska Machinery Company	Services		\$1,615.41
Nebraska Motor Fuels Division	Services		\$3,380.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Services		\$56.01
NK Waste Inc	Services		\$128.00
Office Products	Supplies		\$80.90
The Parts Company	Supplies		\$96.12
Perrett Construction	Services		\$394.90
Plus One Industries	Supplies		\$5,120.00
Powerplan	Services		\$737.03
Prema	Services		\$155.88
Quadient Finance	Services		\$150.00
Sandhill Oil Company	Supplies		\$10,218.44
Sandhills Ranch Supply	Services		\$385.07
Southwest Farm & Auto Supply	Services		\$589.99
Tehrani Motor Company	Services		\$91.06
Triple G Redimix, LLC	Services		\$5,976.00
City of Valentine	Services		\$962.55
Wrenched Tire & Auto	Services		\$492.00
3s Fabrication & Repair	Services		\$7,300.57
	TOTAL		\$212,636.10
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	4,942.01	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of		\$	4,942.01
VISITOR PROMOTION			
Great Plains Communication	Services		\$211.62
MCB Productions	Services		\$1,000.00
Mid Plains Community College	Grant		\$2,000.00
Office Products	Supplies		\$35.00
Sandhills Catfish Classic	Grant		\$1,392.84
City of Valentine	Services		\$302.55
	TOTAL		\$4,942.01
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	\$	3.05	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of		\$	3.05
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			
Office Products	Supplies		\$3.05
	TOTAL		\$3.05
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	(590.65)	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of		\$	(590.65)
911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)			
CenturyLink	Services		\$278.47
Great Plains Communication	Services		\$55.88

Journal Entry		Void Ck# 26027877		(\$925.00)
		TOTAL		-\$590.65
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$		9,341.95	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$		-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of			\$	9,341.95
911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)				
Geo Comm Inc		Services		\$7,386.75
OPTK Networks		Services		\$1,955.20
		TOTAL		\$9,341.95
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$		2,061.37	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$		-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Courthouse (Special Building) Fund in the amount of			\$	2,061.37
Courthouse (Special Building)				
Cummins Sales and Service		Services		\$2,061.37
		TOTAL		\$2,061.37
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$		8,066.56	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$		-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Hospital Operating/Maintenance Fund in the amount of			\$	8,066.56
Hospital Operating/Maintenance				
Cherry County Hospital		Operating Expense		\$8,066.56
		TOTAL		\$8,066.56
		END		

The board reviewed the Cherry County Extension Annual Report with representative Ryan Benjamin. Mr. Benjamin informed the board of their budget and percentage used at this time, they are comfortable and are starting to look at purchasing a Conex box for storage. Discussion of the rise of computer costs was also had and will be discussed during the budget workshop to adjust the current budget to have the ability to upgrade office computers.

At 10:58 a.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 28th day of April 2026.

Samantha Leonard
 Samantha Leonard
 Cherry County Clerk

Mike McConaughey
 Mike McConaughey, Chairperson
 Cherry County Board of Commissioners

