

Resolution #2026-09
Forest Reserve Funds Distribution

WHEREAS, the forest reserve funds, annually paid into the state treasury by the United States Government under an act of Congress approved June 30, 1906, shall be distributed among the counties of the state entitled to such funds for the benefit of the public schools and public roads of such counties based upon information provided by the United States Department of the Interior, and;

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Education shall, on or before August 5, make apportionment of such funds to such counties according to the number of acres of forest reserve in each county and certify the apportionment of each county to the county treasurer of the proper county and to the Director of Administrative Services. The director shall make payments to the various counties for the amount specified by the commissioner. Nebraska Revised Statute 79-1044, and;

WHEREAS, Cherry County, Nebraska received a Forest Reserve Funds distribution in the amount of \$69,240.50 in April of 2026 for fiscal year 2025 funds that were withheld due to the expiration of the Secure Rural Schools payment authority, and in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute 79-1045, and;

WHEREAS, Cherry County does not have any pupils residing in part of a school district which is within a forest reserve, and;

WHEREAS, one-fifth of the apportionment shall be to the public road fund of the county, and;

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer shall, with the approval of the county board, have authority to retain the money to be allocated under this subdivision to Class III school districts of the county to be used for the establishment and support of a county circulating library for Class III school districts, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Cherry County Board of Commissioners that the Cherry County Treasurer shall distribute the funds as follows: one-fifth to the Cherry County Road Fund (0200) in the amount of \$13,848.10 and the balance to the Bookmobile Fund (2050) in the amount of \$55,392.40 for the support of a county circulating library.

MOTION BY: DeNaeyer

SECONDED BY: Nelson

RESOLVED this 5th day of May 2026.

Cherry County Board of Commissioners

BY: Mike McConaughey
Mike McConaughey, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: Samantha Leonard
Samantha Leonard, Cherry County Clerk

