

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

## June 09, 2026

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on June 09, 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 May 26, 2026 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from May 26, 2026 were read. McConaughey 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 May 26, 2026 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried.

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

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle provided an update re: submission of Anderson Bridge fire paperwork, trainings, meetings, NIRMA roundtable, weather, I Am Responding text software for EM personnel and dispatch, fires, motor vehicle accidents, Merriman Siren inspection, and the seat plane located in Scottsbluff.

Noxious Weed Superintendent Pat Hooper provided an update re: the annual report, leafy spurge beetles, and a new Van Diest representative.

Highway Superintendent Jay D Osburn provided an update re: Boardman Bridge meeting this week with representatives and beginning traffic counts.

At 10:32 a.m. the board met with County employees to discuss the changes that were made to the county health insurance at the May 26, 2026 meeting. Employees expressed their concerns and discouragement of receiving a large increase in premiums, minimal contributions to the HSA and HRA accounts, rising health care costs on top of the premiums, savings in wages to the County in specific offices because of completing office duties with less employees, approximately \$100,000 savings to the County since switching to fully funded while paying run out claims per the contract which expires June 30, 2026, and approximately \$350,000 in the Claims Fund that will be transferred to the General Fund to be used for other health insurance expenses when the run out claims contract expires. It was a consensus of the board to discuss the 2026-2027 budget prior to changing anything and speak with County Attorney Eric Scott prior to changing the decision from May 26, 2026 meeting.

The board discussed the Comprehensive Plan updates made from the October 2025 email sent to Marvin Planning Consultants by Clerk Leonard. Document format changes, public hearing, zoning regulations, and conservation easements were discussed. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to leave the formatting as a double-sided document. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried. Clerk Leonard will relay information to Marvin Planning Consultants to finish the updates and have a final draft sent for the Boards review.

At 11:30 a.m. the board discussed the letter received from NDWEE re: the TK Angus application received. The letter from NDWEE is asking the county to respond within 30 days from the date of the letter of any conditions the Board applied to the CUP. Mr. Scott stated the ruling of the District Court previously was that Cherry County approved of the CUP with specific conditions that were negotiated with Cherry County and TK Angus. Mr. Scott will revise the response letter presented by Commissioner Nelson.

The board discussed putting hold on the health insurance decision from May 26, 2026 with Attorney Scott. Mr. Scott stated if the board decides to make a change at 90 days, new action will be taken. If no new decisions are made within 90 days, action from the May 26, 2026 meeting will take effect. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to delay changes in the previously designated health insurance contributions and premiums for a period of 90 days in order to fully accommodate the budgeting process. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughey, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The board discussed the written permission for a gate to be placed on 412<sup>th</sup> Ave at the request of the landowner with Attorney Scott. Mr. Scott stated there are options for this to be completed; however, the Board needs evidence showing that specific road has not been used by any of the public within the last 5 years. If this is not feasible, the landowner can petition for road abandonment and have a public hearing. No action was taken. Attorney Scott and Highway Superintendent Osburn will work together for the best option.

The board discussed the Central Nebraska Joint Housing Authority board appointment. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to appoint Commissioner McConaughy to the CNJHA for 2026 calendar year. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried.

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

**June 9, 2026**  
**CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING**

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **262,260.55**  
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ -  
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of \$ **262,260.55**

**GENERAL**

Allen Monument Company	Supplies	\$325.00
Applied Connective Technologies	Services	\$14,240.38
Melissa Bancroft	Reimbursement	\$30.36
Ryan Benjamin	Reimbursement	\$224.75
Bizco Technologies	Services	\$3,618.84
Black Hills Chemical	Services	\$825.77
Kristina Blackford	Mileage	\$38.43
Ashley Blume	Reimbursement	\$303.48
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$94.90
Borders & Furrow Law PC	Services	\$3,777.48
Andrea Brown	Services	\$284.35
CenturyLink	Services	\$2,074.55
Cherry County Court	Services	\$30.00
Cherry County District Court	Services	\$39.00
Cherry County Extension Service	Reimbursement	\$389.88
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$11,734.86
Cherry County Sheriff	Services	\$119.74
Cherry County Sheriff Fuel Account	Supplies	\$2,571.89
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees	\$10.00
CNA Surety	Services	\$100.00
Clearly Communications	Services	\$325.80
Crowne Plaza Hotel	Lodging	\$159.95
Dakota Power Services	Services	\$3,432.64
Ashton Dehart	Reimbursement	\$15.00
Janette Duffield	Reimbursement	\$98.80
James Edwards	Services	\$150.00
Election Systems & Software	Services	\$1,360.07
FirstNet/AT&T Mobility	Services	\$492.14
Galls Parent Holdings, LLC	Supplies	\$705.70
Dustina Goodrich	Reimbursement	\$52.52
Government Forms & Supplies	Supplies	\$1,325.43
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$100.00
The Gun Cabinet	Supplies	\$3,579.15
Timothy Hanson	Equipment	\$2,636.75
Heart City Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$4,795.40
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$121.80
Holiday Inn Kearney	Lodging	\$389.85
Patrick Hooper	Reimbursement	\$70.00
Huskerland Hardware and Appliance	Supplies	\$157.74
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Supplies	\$2,354.45
Gary Jackson	Reimbursement	\$66.70
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,101.01
Journal Entry	Fund Transfer	\$645.05
Justice Center Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$169.08
Justice Data Solutions	Services	\$3,400.00
JWA K Lawn	Services	\$192.00
KBR Rural Public Power	Services	\$102.44
Kippes & Son's	Services	\$156.60
Lake Mac Assessment LLC	Services	\$16,438.50
Lifeguard MD	Services	\$213.00
The Lodge at Deadwood	Lodging	\$285.00
Diedre Markus	Services	\$284.35
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$372.00
Mid Plains Community College	Services	\$280.00
Valentine Midland News	Services	\$3,723.01
Midland Printing	Services	\$5.20
MIPS	Services	\$11,759.04
Secretary of State	Dues/Fees/Training	\$200.00

NIRMA	Insurance	\$121,102.00
NK Waste	Services	\$193.00
Northeast NE Area Agency on Aging	Services	\$2,047.00
Office Products	Services	\$2,423.94
Albert Osburn	Reimbursement	\$90.00
Paper Tiger Shredding	Services	\$58.00
Ehran Peterson	Reimbursement	\$46.22
Physicians Laboratory	Services	\$2,541.25
Platte Valley Communications Inc	Services	\$827.85
Postmaster	Postage	\$478.00
Prema	Services	\$129.50
Pye Barker	Services	\$759.95
Quadient Leasing	Services	\$206.97
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$591.92
Quadient Finance USA	Services	\$3,500.00
Quill Corporation	Services	\$85.77
Region 4 Behavioral Health System	Services	\$5,385.00
Sandhill Oil	Services	\$1,347.88
Schneider Geospatial	Services	\$3,500.00
Cynthia Scott	Services	\$284.35
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$117.59
Cardmember Service	Services	\$989.26
Sennet Duncan Jenkins & Wickham	Services	\$2,177.88
Blaire Speck	Reimbursement	\$885.07
Tony's Tire & Auto Repair	Services	\$516.00
University of Nebraska Lincoln	Services	\$325.00
UNL c/o NE Extension/Cherry County	Services	\$368.84
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$3,632.44
Viaero Wireless	Services	\$236.32
Ward Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$832.09
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$52.15
Lindsay Wonnenberg	Services	\$284.35
Wrenched Tire & Auto LLC	Services	\$211.13
911 Custom	Supplies	\$484.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$262,260.55</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 476,723.28 .

and disallowed in the amount of

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$ 476,723.28

**ROAD**

B's Enterprises Inc	Services	\$7,040.00
Bacon Repair	Supplies	\$356.65
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$381.60
Bordertown Discount Fuel	Services	\$5,759.32
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$8,436.78
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$39.00
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$2,037.40
Circle J Trailers & More	Supplies	\$12,650.00
Village of Cody	Services	\$195.60
Colonial Research Chemical Company	Services	\$4,045.16
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$286.36
Croell Inc	Services	\$16,993.63
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$155.61
Danielski Farms	Services	\$923.70
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Dooley Oil Inc	Services	\$276.47
Floyd's Truck Center	Services	\$213.27
Garrett Enterprises Inc	Services	\$4,193.00
Handyman Hardware	Services	\$13.98
Hoefs Skidloader Works LLC	Services	\$480.00
Hometown Lumber & Construction	Services	\$78.08
Inland Truck Parts Company	Supplies	\$15,314.23
Jebro Inc	Services	\$187,902.72
Josh Whipple Trucking	Services	\$33,728.68
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$289.99
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$1,050.95
Kirk Barnes Construction	Services	\$32,860.08
Kohler Trailer Sales	Supplies	\$9,395.00
Lawson Products	Supplies	\$192.00
Martin Auto Parts II	Supplies	\$239.34
Mathis Equipment	Services	\$5,948.25
Medical Enterprises Inc	Services	\$36.00

Village of Merriman	Services	\$69.09	
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00	
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Services	\$408.63	
Neal Oil & Auto Center	Services	\$13,978.65	
Nebraska Machinery Company	Services	\$3,263.07	
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$110.50	
NIRMA	Insurance	\$67,314.00	
Northern Tool & Equipment	Supplies	\$4,795.47	
Office Products	Supplies	\$24.48	
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Services	\$502.85	
The Parts Company	Supplies	\$780.25	
Perrett Construction	Services	\$331.94	
Powerplan	Services	\$11,316.14	
Prema	Services	\$149.34	
Sandhill Oil Company	Supplies	\$15,529.12	
Sandhills Ranch Supply	Services	\$576.36	
Southwest Farm & Auto Supply	Services	\$261.96	
Steve Stichka	Reimbursement	\$140.95	
Tehrani Motor Company	Services	\$58.18	
City of Valentine	Services	\$619.09	
Daniel Vest	Reimbursement	\$250.00	
3S Fabrication & Repair	Services	\$4,522.66	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$476,723.28</b>	
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>18,030.00</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of			.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Bridge Fund in the amount of		\$	<b>18,030.00</b>
<b>Emergency Bridge</b>			
Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Services	\$	18,030.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$18,030.00</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>9,600.00</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Highway Street/Bridge Buyback Fund in the amount of		\$	<b>9,600.00</b>
<b>Highway Street/Bridge Buyback</b>			
KEA Constructors	Services	\$	9,600.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$9,600.00</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>4,950.47</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of		\$	<b>4,950.47</b>
<b>VISITOR PROMOTION</b>			
Great Plains Communication	Services		\$446.47
Heart City Lock and Key	Services		\$105.00
Huskerland Hardware and Appliance	Supplies		\$18.48
MCB Productions	Services		\$2,000.00
Nebraska Travel Association	Dues/Fees/Training		\$125.00
NK Waste Inc	Services		\$95.00
Office Products	Supplies		\$70.00
Sandbox Media, LLC	Services		\$1,000.00
Tech Harbor Holding	Supplies		\$410.00
Valentine Rotary Club	Dues/Fees/Training		\$111.00
City of Valentine	Services		\$569.52
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$4,950.47</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>14,275.25</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of			.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Improvement Fund in the amount of		\$	<b>14,275.25</b>
<b>VISITOR IMPROVEMENT (995)</b>			
Bob's Signs/Bob Dean	Services		\$10,483.25
Central Nebraska Economic Dev	Services		\$3,792.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$14,275.25</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>498.50</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Register of Deeds P&M Fund in the amount of		\$	<b>498.50</b>
<b>REGISTER OF DEEDS P&amp;M</b>			
Spectra Associates	Supplies	\$	498.50
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$498.50</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>10,301.23</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of		\$	<b>10,301.23</b>
<b>BOOKMOBILE</b>			
Valentine Public Library	Bookmobile		\$10,301.23
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$10,301.23</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>1,346.62</b>	.

and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of			\$ 1,346.62
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>			
North Central PET Region 26		Services	\$994.00
Office Products Center Inc		Supplies	\$352.62
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,346.62</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	445.32	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of			\$ 445.32
<b>911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)</b>			
CenturyLink		Services	\$277.68
Great Plains Communications		Services	\$167.64
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$445.32</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	12,009.84	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of			\$ 12,009.84
<b>911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)</b>			
Geo Comm Inc		Services	\$11,677.29
Journal Entry		Fund Transfer	-\$645.05
OPTK Networks		Services	\$977.60
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,009.84</b>
		<b>END</b>	

The board recessed from 12:06 p.m. to 1:21 p.m.

Attorney Scott presented the revised letter of response re: TK Angus via email. Clerk Leonard stated the signed letter would be sent to NDWEE via email and regular mail. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the written response to NDWEE in regard to the TK Angus permit. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughey, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 1:48 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.

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Samantha Leonard  
Cherry County Clerk

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Mike McConaughey, Chairperson  
Cherry County Board of Commissioners