

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING June 22, 2026

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in special session on June 22, 2026 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice conspicuously posted on June 15, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at the following public places: Valentine Public Library, Valentine Post Office, Cherry County Clerk's Office, Cherry County Courthouse front door, and the Public Notices section of the Cherry County website. The current agenda being on file in the office of the County Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Chairman McConaughey. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Mike McConaughey, Martin DeNaeyer, and Cherry County Clerk Samantha Leonard. Commissioner Nina Nelson had an excused absence. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman McConaughey, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The purpose of the special session was to discuss and adopt Resolution #2026-10 Fund Transfer to the Emergency Management Fund due to lack of revenue received as budgeted in the fiscal year 2025-2026 adopted budget, and this created a shortfall of funds in the 2650 Emergency Management Fund.

No public comment was received during the allotted time.

The board discussed the lack of EMPG fund received with Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle. The funds are currently at the state; however, they have not received authorization to release fund to counties. Director Coyle stated she was informed possibly October funds could be released, and therefore she is estimating approximately \$40,577.72 would need to be transferred to cover June through September payroll. This amount does not include covering payment for any other claims besides payroll. Director Coyle confirmed with the Public Service Commission funds from 2910 E911 Fund could be transferred to pay claims, and the payroll would still qualify the county to receive EMPG funds. It is at the discretion of the Board to transfer leftover funds back to 2910 after EMPG funds are received. The board also discussed moving forward of no longer budgeting for EMPG revenue. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to transfer \$45,000.00 from the 2910 E911 Fund to the 2650 Emergency Management Fund. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughey. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and McConaughey seconded to adopt Resolution #2026-10 Fund Transfer and authorize the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, DeNaeyer. Absent – Nelson. The motion carried.

At 1:20 p.m. Chairman McConaughey adjourned the meeting.

State of Nebraska,)
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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 this 30th day of June 2026.

Samantha Leonard

Samantha Leonard
Cherry County Clerk



Mike McConaughey

Mike McConaughey, Chairperson
Cherry County Board of Commissioners