

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

June 30, 2026

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Corrections on May 26, 2026 in the Commissioner Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published in the Valentine Midland News. The current agenda being on file in the office of the County Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 1:39 p.m. by Chairman McConaughy. Present were Commissioners Mike McConaughy and Martin DeNaeyer, County Clerk Samantha Leonard and Justice Administrator Sharon Hesse. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by McConaughy. Commissioner Nina Nelson had an excused absence.

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

Administrator Sharon Hesse provided a jail and staff update via email. A medical claim was discussed for a juvenile. By law, the county is required to cover payment, Ms. Hesse stated she is unsure what fund to pay this claim from. She informed the board County Attorney Scott stated it needs to come from the General Fund, not the Jail Fund. The board asked Clerk Leonard to code the claim; however, Clerk Leonard informed the board that multiple funds, including the Jail Fund are within the General Fund and they must be specific of what fund within the General Fund to pay this claim from. It was a consensus of the board to pay the claim from the Inheritance Tax Fund, not the General Fund. No board action taken.

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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 on this 14th day of July 2026.

Samantha Leonard

Samantha Leonard
Cherry County Clerk



Mike McConaughy

Mike McConaughy, Chairperson
Cherry County Board of Commissioners