

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

July 14, 2026

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on July 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 McConaughy. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Mike McConaughy, Martin DeNaeyer, Nina Nelson and Clerk Samantha Leonard. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman McConaughy, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioners' meeting minutes from June 30, 2026 were read. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve minutes with noted corrections. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, McConaughy. Abstain - Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from June 30, 2026 were read. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve minutes with noted corrections. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, DeNaeyer. Abstain – Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from June 30, 2026 were read. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, DeNaeyer. Abstain – Nelson. The motion carried.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

Road Foreman Steve Stichka provided an update for District 2 re: armor coat project, Beaver Tower Road repairs, and regular maintenance. Road Foreman Jay D Osburn provided an update for District 1 re: Anderson Bridge Road privately owned bridge discussion with NDOT and regular maintenance.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle provided an update re: Anderson Bridge fire report submission and invoicing, Beaver Tower storm damage, I Am Responding software, task force meetings, County Fair Air Show, Merriman Siren Grant closed out, training, NC911 meetings, and Public Service Commission audit completion.

At 10:35 a.m. the meeting was moved to the Cherry County Courtroom.

At 10:36 a.m. David Schleve presented law enforcement end of watch certificates for Bruce Schleve, Glenn Schleve, and Marvin Hansen.

The board discussed the Beaver Tower storm damage with EM Director Coyle. On June 30 and July 1, the tower received direct lightning that caused damage. The FAA has been notified of the light outage, NIRMA claim has been submitted, and Platte Valley was on sight to assess the damages and will present Director Coyle with an estimate.

At 11:05 a.m. the board discussed the I Am Responding software for Emergency Personnel with Director Coyle, Administrator Hesse, and members of the Ambulance squad. This software offers more features than Page My Cell including mapping, tracking emergency personnel with dispatch, and communication within the app to reduce radio traffic. The ambulance is currently doing a trial and has been very pleased with the options this app offers. For a county agreement, there is a 5% discount applied to the annual fee. This app does require an additional fee for any department that receives over 100 calls annually. The board discussed who would pay for the annual fees, overage of calls fee, and set up fees. The board will discuss whether each department covers the overage of 100 calls or if the county will cover, based on all departments being volunteers for the benefit of all Cherry County residents. The ambulance currently is the only department receiving more than 100 calls annually because of being the only department to cover all of Cherry County while having multiple fire departments covering the county. The representatives from the Ambulance squad discussed they would like to have a meeting with all affected departments so everyone would be on the same page, and fire departments would be able to do a trial with the new app. It was a consensus of the board for EM Director Coyle to work with the Valentine Fire Department to set up a trial account. Each department would manage their own department accounts, and the county would own the platform to receive the discount. The Ambulance Board was sent a contract from Director Coyle; however, are not willing to sign without clarification of what fees each department will be responsible for. Director Coyle stated she sent the contract to Attorney Scott for review but has not heard back from him. With confusion of different departments receiving different quote amounts, it was a consensus of the board to have Director Coyle communicate with a representative of I Am Responding and present a breakdown of costs at the next regular meeting.

The board discussed the updates made to the Comprehensive Plan from Keith Marvin and discussed releasing a draft copy to the public prior to the public hearing that will be held to adopt the Plan. County Attorney Eric Scott was included via phone and encouraged the board to release the draft public copy. McConaughy moved and Nelson seconded to release a draft copy of the Comprehensive Plan on the Cherry County website. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughy. The motion carried.

Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to designate MIPS as the Joint Public Hearing Printing Service Company for 2026. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughy, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Treasurer Kathy Hammond presented semi annual documents. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the Semi-Annual Report as presented by Treasurer Hammond. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried. The board reviewed the Distress Warrant Report Returned by the Cherry County Sheriff. The board reviewed the Delinquent Tax by Sheriff Sale Report. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to direct the Treasurer to Issue County Tax Sale Certificates. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried. The board reviewed the 3-Year Comparison Statement of Uncollected Taxes.

The board recessed from 12:14 p.m. to 12:32 p.m.

The board discussed a CUP moratorium with County Attorney Eric Scott with the concern of the Planning and Zoning Board working on Zoning Regulations, new legislation within 60 days and still processing based on the old Zoning Regulations. Attorney Scott stated Nebraska is a Dillon Rule State which grants local government the authority to carry out state laws. The authority is granted to local government based on Nebraska Statute 23-114.01. With the concern of data centers not in the old regulations, Attorney Scott advised the board they can direct the Planning and Zoning Board to include this in the new regulations. Mr. Scott stated Nebraska Statute does not give clear authorization to place a moratorium on CUP applications. The board included NIRMA Attorney Jeff Kirkpatrick at this time via phone to discuss. Mr. Kirkpatrick informed the board that nothing in statute makes it clear you cannot place a CUP moratorium into effect, but he advised putting an end date on the moratorium. The board also discussed amending the current Zoning Regulations to include data centers, but this would put a hold on the progress of the new Zoning Regulations being written and either way the County is liable and need to direct the Planning and Zoning Board of what needs to be done and when. Mr. Scott advised the board that moving forward they should schedule updates from the Planning and Zoning Board and direct them forward. Nelson moved and McConaughey seconded to place a CUP moratorium for 6 months effective today. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughey. Nay – DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The board discussed a Zoning Administrator Interim. The interim job duties would include processing permits, claims, questions, calls, emails, and posting the agendas and minutes for the board. The board received a proposal by email; however, were concerned that this person does not reside in Cherry County. Jane Stolzenburg provided a proposal to the board and stated along with the proposal she would be willing to do correspondence with Keith Marvin as a one-person contact for the board. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to accept Ms. Stolzenburg’s proposal as interim. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried.

The board recessed to convene as a Board of Equalization from 1:26 p.m. to 4:36 p.m.

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

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CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	105,996.84	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$		
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$		105,996.84
GENERAL			
Applied Connective Technologies	Services		\$6,307.16
Hannah Beel	Reimbursement		\$39.30
Benchmark Government	Supplies		\$602.50
Ryan Benjamin	Reimbursement		\$34.08
Black Hills Chemical	Services		\$694.08
Ashley Blume	Reimbursement		\$271.91
Bob Barker Company	Supplies		\$492.98
Bomgaars	Supplies		\$88.96
Borders & Furrow Law	Services		\$3,010.94
Buckles Fuel Service	Services		\$168.67
CenturyLink	Services		\$2,115.37
Cherry County Court	Services		\$1,027.75
Cherry County District Court	Services		\$78.00
Cherry County Hospital	Services		\$7,160.30
Cherry County Sheriff	Services		\$315.55
Cherry County Sheriff Fuel Account	Supplies		\$2,084.25
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees		\$10.00
Circle K Motor	Services		\$112.08
Clearly Communications	Services		\$326.43
Betty Copeland	Prior Service		\$132.00
Crowne Plaza Hotel	Lodging		\$299.90
CVSOAN Treasurer	Dues/Fees/Training		\$60.00
Cynthia Dobbins	Reimbursement		\$284.99
James Edwards	Services		\$100.00
EFTPS Tax Payment	Federal Tax		\$271.68
FirstNet/AT&T Mobility	Services		\$492.14
Jerry Fullerton	Reimbursement		\$59.45
Galls Parent Holdings	Supplies		\$132.99
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement		\$100.00

GRP & Associates	Supplies	\$67.00
Kathy Hammond	Reimbursement	\$301.60
Timothy Hanson	Reimbursement	\$2,636.75
Heart City Drug	Supplies	\$178.30
Heart City Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$147.90
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$81.20
Sharon Hesse	Reimbursement	\$35.00
Holiday Inn	Lodging	\$239.90
Holt County Treasurer	Dues/Fees/Training	\$3,688.00
Patrick Hooper	Reimbursement	\$164.53
Huskerland Hardware and Appliance	Supplies	\$70.96
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$4,754.54
JWA K Lawn	Services	\$192.00
KBR Rural Public Power	Services	\$102.55
La Quinta Inn & Suites	Lodging	\$280.00
Lifeguard MD	Services	\$794.00
Margaret Lutter	Prior Service	\$72.00
Marco Technologies	Services	\$21.66
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$186.00
Midplains Community College	Dues/Fees/Training	\$210.00
Midland News	Services	\$573.13
Midland Printing	Services	\$288.34
Midwest Connect	Services	\$235.00
MIPS	Services	\$3,515.63
Monroe HVAC	Services	\$2,014.92
NACO	Dues/Fees/Training	\$2,914.32
NDOR, Property Assessment Division	Services	\$700.00
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training	Dues/Fees/Training	\$175.00
Nebraska State Patrol	Dues/Fees/Training	\$174.00
Nebraska Weed Control Association	Dues/Fees/Training	\$150.00
NK Waste Management	Services	\$386.00
North Central District Health Dept	Dues/Fees/Training	\$200.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$999.19
Paper Tiger Shredding	Services	\$58.00
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$659.75
PIP Marketing Signs Print	Services	\$2,604.44
Platte Valley Communications Inc	Services	\$2,648.44
Prema	Services	\$105.74
Presto X	Services	\$139.63
Quadient Leasing	Services	\$386.21
Quadient	Services	\$457.07
Quill Corporation	Services	\$813.19
Gloria Ritchey	Prior Service	\$180.00
Sandhill Oil	Services	\$662.59
Schneider Geospatial	Services	\$28,049.00
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$427.18
Cardmember Service	Services	\$1,004.07
Leroy Semin	Reimbursement	\$34.80
Sennet Duncan Jenkins & Wickham	Services	\$1,548.93
Marla Shelbourn	Reimbursement	\$267.40
Blaire Speck	Reimbursement	\$156.99
Steele Feed Service	Supplies	\$80.00
Tony's Tire & Auto Repair	Services	\$595.20
USPS	Supplies	\$300.00
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$4,193.33
Viaero Wireless	Services	\$76.28
Ward Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$336.09
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$139.63
4 Flat Construction	Services	\$6,650.00
	TOTAL	\$105,996.84
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	107,643.87
and disallowed in the amount of		
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of	\$	107,643.87
ROAD		
Allard Precast	Services	\$6,750.00
Bacon Repair	Supplies	\$232.81
Bill's Garage	Services	\$139.99
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$317.35
Bordertown Discount Fuel	Services	\$1,157.25
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$11,716.75
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$39.00

Cherry County Implement	Services	\$484.32
Circle K Motor Company	Services	\$79.99
Village of Cody	Services	\$195.40
Brent Collier	Reimbursement	\$113.50
Connecta Satellite Solutions	Services	\$1,095.58
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$282.48
Croell Inc	Services	\$9,794.54
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$181.60
Danielski Farms	Services	\$5,445.60
Emerson Equipment	Services	\$40.70
Floyd's Truck Center	Services	\$640.90
Merle Ford	Services	\$300.00
Garrett Enterprises	Services	\$284.72
Josh Whipple Trucking	Services	\$25,003.49
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$273.62
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$1,466.09
Kippes & Son's	Services	\$2,943.22
Kohler Trailer Sales	Supplies	\$40.95
Martin Auto Parts II	Supplies	\$97.56
Mathis Equipment	Services	\$5,850.00
Medical Enterprises Inc	Services	\$36.00
Menards	Services	\$55.93
Village of Merriman	Services	\$61.08
MIPS	Services	\$195.00
Village of Mullen	Services	\$144.00
Neal Oil & Auto Center	Services	\$18,835.80
Nebraska Machinery Company	Services	\$265.61
Nebraska Motor Fuels Division	Services	\$3,067.00
Nebraska Public Power	Services	\$60.89
NK Waste Management	Services	\$128.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Supplies	\$514.84
Office Products	Supplies	\$99.82
The Parts Company	Supplies	\$208.57
Perrett Construction	Services	\$576.13
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$73.25
Pomp's Tire Service	Services	\$730.00
Powerplan	Services	\$3,710.84
Prema	Services	\$115.77
Sandhills Ranch Supply	Supplies	\$259.81
Vernon Shears	Prior Service	\$72.00
Charles Smith	Prior Service	\$288.00
Southwest Farm & Auto Supply	Supplies	\$172.32
Tehrani Motor Company	Services	\$28.90
Triple G Redimix	Supplies	\$2,210.88
City of Valentine	Services	\$321.83
Jim Weisbeck	Prior Service	\$192.00
Wrenched Tire & Auto	Services	\$60.00
3s Fabrication & Repair	Services	\$192.19
	TOTAL	\$107,643.87
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	2,941.33
and disallowed in the amount of		
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Bridge Fund in the amount of	\$	2,941.33
Emergency Bridge		
Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Services	\$ 2,941.33
	TOTAL	\$2,941.33
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	16,673.83
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of	\$	16,673.83
VISITOR PROMOTION		
Cherry County Visitors Promotion Board	Reimbursement	\$181.16
Great Plains Communication	Services	\$220.60
Hand's Lawn Service	Services	\$356.10
Heart City Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$519.80
Just 4 You	Services	\$388.20
Kelo Land	Services	\$9,350.00
MCB Productions	Services	\$1,000.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$35.00
Old West Days	Grant	\$4,000.00
Outback Screening & Embroidery	Supplies	\$169.75
Sunshine Greenhouse	Supplies	\$174.62
City of Valentine	Services	\$278.60

TOTAL			\$16,673.83
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,117.00	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Register of Deeds P&M Fund in the amount of			\$ 1,117.00
REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M			
Spectra Associates		Supplies	\$ 1,117.00
		TOTAL	\$1,117.00
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	\$	33,600.00	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Grant Fund in the amount of			\$ 33,600.00
GRANT FUND			
Control Masters		Services	\$33,600.00
		TOTAL	\$33,600.00
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	500.00	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of			\$ 500.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			
Jessica Coyle		Reimbursement	\$500.00
		TOTAL	\$500.00
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	5,000.00	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of			\$ 5,000.00
INHERITANCE TAX			
NIRMA		Insurance	\$5,000.00
		TOTAL	\$5,000.00
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,255.82	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of			\$ 1,255.82
911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)			
CenturyLink		Services	\$278.22
OPTK Networks		Services	\$977.60
		TOTAL	\$1,255.82
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	19,289.52	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Hospital Operating/Maintenance Fund in the amount of			\$ 19,289.52
Hospital Operating/Maintenance			
Cherry County Hospital		Operating Expense	\$19,289.52
		TOTAL	\$19,289.52
END			

At 4:38 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 28th day of July 2026.

Samantha Leonard
Samantha Leonard
Cherry County Clerk

Mike McConaughey
Mike McConaughey, Chairperson
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

