

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
August 11, 2026

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on August 11, 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.

At 10:01 a.m. the meeting was moved to the Sheriff’s Conference Room.

The Board of Commissioners’ meeting minutes from July 28, 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 July 28, 2026 were read. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughey, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from July 28, 2026 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

Noxious Weed Superintendent Pat Hooper provided an update re: reports, MWAG by-laws changing, drone training, and starting the process to add 2 different weeds to the Cherry County Watch List.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle provided an update re: I Am Responding equipment is not ordered yet, contracts sent out to departments & going to schedule trainings with departments, EMPG forms sent, PET Region grant, and GEOCOM updates due to address renumbering on Highway 12.

At 10:30 a.m. the board discussed usage and classification of Lakeshore Drive. Currently the road does not connect to Highway 83 and is maintained by the landowners but is gated. This part of the road is only for emergency access to Lakeshore Drive as needed. It was a consensus of the board for Highway Superintendent Osburn and County Attorney Scott to investigate where the part of the road the City of Valentine owns stops and the process to abandon the County owned portion of the road, while leaving the option of the emergency access through the gated property along Highway 83.

Due to communication with the State Auditor’s Office, the board discussed the incorporation of the Cherry County Hospital Budget within the Cherry County Budget for fiscal year 2026-2027with County Attorney Scott. Due to the Brother v. Kimball County case, the Supreme Court declares the hospital as a separate and independent political subdivision and their budget should not be included in the County Budget. Incorporating this budget would also require the County to assume liability for the Cherry County Hospital financials. Mr. Arganbright, member of the Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees, stated the Hospital is willing to cooperate with the State Auditor’s Office and if needed, start holding Budget Hearings due to the updates of the Budget Act. He also stated that if the County incorporates the Hospital budget within, we are assuming responsibility and liability, and it would be best to leave that to the separate political subdivision. Nelson moved and McConaughey seconded to authorize County Attorney Scott and CCH CEO Bargaen to draft a letter to the State Auditor’s office in response to the matter of the Cherry County Hospital Budget. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to not incorporate the Cherry County Hospital Budget with the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughey, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 11:08 a.m. the meeting was moved back to the Commissioner’s Meeting Room.

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

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CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	69,885.11	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$		69,885.11
GENERAL			
Anderson Electric Inc	Services		\$205.78
Andrea Andre	Reimbursement		\$38.26
Applied Connective Technologies	Services		\$5,645.11
Melissa Bancroft	Reimbursement		\$194.35
Benchmark Government	Supplies		\$644.35

Black Hills Chemical	Supplies	\$445.40
Bob's Signs	Services	\$125.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$80.15
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$474.25
Jordan Buechle	Reimbursement	\$91.80
CenturyLink	Services	\$2,115.37
Cherry County Hospital	Services	\$7,851.87
Cherry County Sheriff	Services	\$41.00
Cherry County Sheriff Fuel Account	Supplies	\$2,407.88
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees	\$10.00
Cidnet	Services	\$300.00
Clearly Communications	Services	\$326.43
DAS State Accounting	Services	\$537.60
DAS State Accounting	Services	\$222.55
Ashton Dehart	Reimbursement	\$15.01
FirstNet/AT&T Mobility	Services	\$492.32
Dustina Goodrich	Reimbursement	\$38.28
Journal Entry	Vendor Correction	(\$200.00)
Journal Entry	Void check	(\$174.00)
Weston Goodrich	Reimbursement	\$164.99
Grafix Shoppe	Supplies	\$765.00
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$100.00
Timothy Hanson	Reimbursement	\$2,636.75
Heart City Drug	Supplies	\$48.58
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$218.57
Holt County Treasurer	Dues/Fees/Training	\$3,687.99
Patrick Hooper	Reimbursement	\$70.00
Gary Jackson	Reimbursement	\$67.59
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$5,035.59
KBR Rural Public Power	Services	\$99.04
Kippes & Son's	Services	\$153.13
KVSH	Services	\$726.00
Marco Technologies	Services	\$299.19
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services	\$186.00
Mid-Plains Community College	Dues/Fees/Training	\$70.00
Midland News	Services	\$1,683.91
Midland Printing	Services	\$183.06
MIPS	Services	\$3,515.63
Monroe HVAC	Services	\$520.00
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training	Dues/Fees/Training	\$405.00
Nebraska State Patrol	Dues/Fees/Training	\$58.00
NK Waste Management	Services	\$193.00
North Central Nebraska RC&D	Dues/Fees/Training	\$200.00
Northeast NE Juvenile Services	Services	\$3,965.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$1,273.32
Paper Tiger Shredding	Services	\$58.00
Shelley Pier	Reimbursement	\$45.90
Prema	Services	\$100.95
Premier Parts & Paint	Services	\$800.00
Presto X	Services	\$139.63
Quadient Leasing	Services	\$245.97
Quill Corporation	Services	\$869.15
Reese Inc	Services	\$323.54
Region IV	Services	\$2,626.00
Sandhill Oil	Services	\$408.55
Eric Scott Law	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$6,451.00
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$346.06
Cardmember Service	Services	\$43.05
Sennet Duncan Jenkins & Wickham	Services	\$978.73
Blaire Speck	Reimbursement	\$308.85
Stanek Fire Protection	Services	\$194.00
Jane Stolzenburg	Reimbursement	\$181.76
Tehrani Motor Company	Services	\$1,392.10
The Twister Radio	Services	\$726.00
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$4,851.53
Viaero Wireless	Services	\$81.94
Ward Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$208.80
Western Oil Inc	Services	\$50.00
Wrenched Tire & Auto	Services	\$107.50
911 Custom	Services	\$92.00
	TOTAL	\$69,885.11

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	92,775.90	.
and disallowed in the amount of			
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of	\$	92,775.90	
ROAD			
Bacon Repair	Supplies	\$1,569.58	
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$659.64	
Bordertown Discount Fuel	Services	\$8,773.95	
Buche Hardware	Services	\$10.99	
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$8,923.12	
Central Valley Ag Cooperative	Services	\$11,501.87	
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$1,362.30	
Circle K Motor Company	Services	\$581.39	
Brent Collier	Reimbursement	\$13.25	
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$286.29	
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$162.64	
ESRI Inc	Services	\$950.00	
Flat Creek Construction	Services	\$25,480.00	
Floyd's Truck Center	Services	\$134.51	
Garrett Enterprises	Services	\$555.85	
Hoefs Skidloader Works	Services	\$9,532.00	
Josh Whipple Trucking	Services	\$7,382.46	
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$288.78	
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$620.70	
Kohler Trailer Sales	Supplies	\$14.90	
Legacy Cooperative	Supplies	\$300.00	
Martin Auto Parts II	Supplies	\$62.27	
Menards	Services	\$63.65	
Village of Merriman	Services	\$72.45	
MIPS	Services	\$195.00	
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Services	\$57.08	
Neal Oil & Auto Center	Services	\$7,928.64	
Nebraska Machinery Company	Services	\$334.94	
Nebraska Public Power	Services	\$65.54	
NK Waste Management	Services	\$256.00	
North Platte Farm & Auto	Supplies	\$95.00	
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Supplies	\$54.68	
Office Products	Supplies	\$38.17	
Perrett Construction	Services	\$1,250.57	
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$24.00	
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$748.09	
Powerplan	Services	\$1,941.91	
Prema	Services	\$87.65	
Sheridan County Journal Star	Services	\$180.00	
City of Valentine	Services	\$216.04	
	TOTAL	\$92,775.90	
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	40,638.16	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of	\$	40,638.16	
VISITOR PROMOTION			
Cherry County Visitors Promotion Board	Reimbursement	\$816.00	
Cox/Johnson Corporation	Services	\$950.00	
Great Plains Communication	Services	\$223.23	
Growing Small Town Nebraska	Services	\$1,789.80	
Kelo TV	Services	\$24,350.00	
MCB Productions	Services	\$2,000.00	
Niobrara Lodge	Lodging	\$388.45	
NK Waste Inc	Services	\$95.00	
NRG Media LLC	Services	\$9,500.00	
Office Products Center	Supplies	\$176.15	
Valentine Rotary Club	Dues/Fees	\$111.00	
City of Valentine	Services	\$238.53	
	TOTAL	\$40,638.16	
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	8,000.00	.
and disallowed in the amount of			.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Improvement Fund in the amount of	\$	8,000.00	
VISITOR IMPROVEMENT (995)			
Cherry County Agricultural Society	Grant	\$4,000.00	
Heartland Bike Share	Grant	\$4,000.00	
	TOTAL	\$8,000.00	
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	10,923.23	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of		\$	10,923.23
BOOKMOBILE			
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile		\$622.00
Valentine Public Library	Bookmobile		\$10,301.23
	TOTAL		\$10,923.23
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	268.34	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of		\$	268.34
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			
Jessica Coyle	Reimbursement		\$268.34
	TOTAL		\$268.34
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	3,028.76	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of		\$	3,028.76
911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)			
Great Plains Communications	Services		\$139.76
Regroup	Services		\$2,889.00
	TOTAL		\$3,028.76
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	1,257.44	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of		\$	1,257.44
911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)			
CenturyLink	Services		\$279.84
OPTK Networks	Services		\$977.60
	TOTAL		\$1,257.44
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	17,900.00	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Courthouse (Special Building) Fund in the amount of		\$	17,900.00
Courthouse (Special Building)			
Anderson Electric Inc	Services		\$17,900.00
	TOTAL		\$17,900.00

At 11:16 a.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 25th day of August 2026.

Samantha Leonard
Samantha Leonard
Cherry County Clerk



Mike McConaughey
Mike McConaughey, Chairperson
Cherry County Board of Commissioners