

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

September 15, 2026

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in special session on September 15, 2026 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice in the Valentine Midland News, 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 County Clerk Samantha Leonard. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman McConaughy, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The purpose of the special session was to conduct the agenda for the rescheduled regular meeting on September 8, 2026.

The Board of Commissioners' regular meeting minutes from August 25, 2026 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from August 25, 2026 were read. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughy, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from August 25, 2026 were read. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried.

The Board of Commissioners special meeting minutes from August 31, 2026 were read. Nelson moved and McConaughy seconded to approve minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The Board of Commissioners' regular meeting minutes from September 8, 2026 were read. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughy, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

No public comment was received during the allotted time.

At 10:12 a.m. the board met with Carrie Graham, Director of the Valentine Public Library, to discuss the 2026-2027 interlocal agreement. McConaughy moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the 2026-2027 Valentine Public Library Interlocal Agreement as presented. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughy, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried.

The board discussed maintenance on 2 Mile Lane with County Attorney Eric Scott, Highway Superintendent Jay D Osburn, and adjacent landowners Paul & Ronda Kenner and Lavisa Schlueter. Mr. Kenner discussed the maintenance that has not been done on a portion of Two-Mile Lane; however, Mr. Osburn stated the county only maintains the portion of the road that the county has an easement for, when requested by a landowner due to the Class 4 Road Classification placed on that section of Two Mile Lane. Mr. Kenner stated they would like to have Two Mile Lane abandoned by the county because it is a private drive that only goes to one building site. However, Ms. Schlueter stated that Two-Mile Lane west is the only access to their property without an easement from another landowner. Mr. Scott asked Mr. Kenner to research his title insurance to verify easement inclusions. It was a consensus of the board for Mr. Osburn and Mr. Scott to research for easements on the east side of Two Mile Lane. The board stated they would not abandon any road that would landlock any landowner. The board will discuss it at a later regular meeting after research is completed by Mr. Osburn and Mr. Scott. No board action taken.

At 10:51 a.m. the board met with representatives of the Amish-owned bridge on Anderson Bridge Road to discuss any information updates from the last discussion. Mr. Osburn stated he is still waiting to hear from NDOT if they have inspected the engineer reports presented by the County and Amish Community to verify if the State will place a Bridge number on the privately owned bridge. If NDOT will not give the bridge a structure number, it cannot be a public bridge. The goal of the county with this process was to gain better access across the river for the County Maintenance and Emergency Personnel. No board action taken.

At 11:20 a.m. the board met with Greg Nollette, Valentine Tourism Board Member, to discuss pledging additional funds for the Convention Center. The Tourism Board is asking the Board to pledge an additional \$300,000 of future lodging tax dollars collected over a 3-year period to complete the funds necessary for the project. The Tourism Board is waiting on approval of two other potential grants for funding. The board stated no tax dollars will be pledged now or in the future for the funding of the Convention Center project. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to pledge an additional \$300,000 over 3 years, starting December 2027, payable out of the Visitor Promotion and Improvement Funds with lodging tax dollars collected. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughy. The motion carried.

The board discussed the potential written agreement to allow a landowner to place a gate across 412 Ave. County Attorney Eric Scott stated his opinion would be to start the process to abandon the road by the board asking for a study of said road and start the process to abandon. The board will discuss the process of abandonment at the next regular board meeting. No board action taken.

At 11:59 a.m. the board met with Interim Zoning Administrator Jane Stolzenburg to discuss a zoning permit application. Ms. Stolzenburg stated the inquiry came via email back in March, prior to the moratorium being approved. The board encouraged the applicant to continue the application process until the moratorium ends in December 2026. Ms. Stolzenburg also provided a Zoning Regulation update. The Planning and Zoning Board is currently working on solar & wind and data centers. The board recommended the Planning and Zoning Board start meeting twice a month to continue progress on the regulations. No board action taken.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle provided an update re: Beaver Tower repairs being completed, I Am Responding, PSAP audit, weather monitoring, 911 outage, fire, and hazard mitigation grant.

The board discussed claims presented. Payroll backpay for Deputy Erick Wickman was discussed. Deputy Wickman had not figured holiday working hours properly and requested to be paid for the difference. The board discussed the handbook policy with Clerk Leonard and Payroll Clerk Billie Brockley. Any employee working hours must be paid by law. Ms. Brockley stated to help alleviate a lack of documentation issues road employees, sheriff employees, and emergency management should be attaching logs to all time sheets. This is at the suggestion of multiple State Auditor Reports the Clerk's Office has read from other counties. ~~The board agreed that logs need to be attached to time sheets moving forward.~~ The board also discussed Claim #2609000051 submitted by Pat Hooper, Noxious Weed Superintendent. The claim submitted showed two meals being paid for; however, the county will only pay for one meal per receipt. Mr. Hooper did clarify with the Clerk's Office he paid for Sheridan County Noxious Weed Superintendent's meal because they traveled to the conference together. Paying for two meals in one setting is over the per meal limit as established by GSA rate, and the travel reimbursement claim form needs to be used to submit any reimbursement claims. Commissioner McConaughy will discuss this with Mr. Hooper and Mr. Hooper will resubmit the reimbursement claim. DeNaeyer moved and McConaughy seconded to approve claims excluding 2609000051. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughy, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

CLAIMS LISTING

September 15, 2026

GENERAL FUND

				\$95,147.05
				\$95,005.71
	DENIED CLAIMS	\$141.34		
AMERITAS LIFE (RETIREMENT)	2609000002	\$547.22	Retirement	
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	2609000003	\$5,700.32	SERVICE	
MCWHIRTER, BENTZ KENYON	2609000004	\$68.85	2025 SSI/MCARE CORRECTION	
WACHOB,BILL	2609000005	\$142.83	MEETING	
BLACK HILLS CHEMICAL	2609000006	\$740.18	ACCT# 1379	
SPECK,BLAIRE	2609000007	\$308.85	GRAND ISLAND STATE FAIR	
BORDERS & FURROW LAW	2609000008	\$1,268.53	SERVICES	
RUNNING BEAR,BRITTANY	2609000009	\$617.70	TRAINING	
BUCKLES FUEL SERVICE INC	2609000010	\$807.47	FUEL	
CAMELOT TRANSPORTATION INC	2609000011	\$52.50	TRANSPORT	
SECURITY FIRST BANK VISA	2609000012	\$235.17	FUEL	
CENTURYLINK	2609000013	\$2,123.13	SERVICES	
CHERRY COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	2609000014	\$209.00	COURT FEES	
CHERRY COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE	2609000015	\$1,032.32	MONTHLY RENT	
CHERRY COUNTY HOSPITAL	2609000016	\$10,672.46	DOS 7/1-7/31/2026	
CHERRY COUNTY HOSPITAL	2609000017	\$6,783.50	MEALS	
CHERRY COUNTY SHERIFF	2609000018	\$2,600.71	INV# 114844440	
CHERRY COUNTY TREASURER	2609000019	\$10.00	FEES	
CIRCLE K MOTOR	2609000020	\$117.66	LABOR/SUPPLIES	
VALENTINE,CITY OF	2609000021	\$5,861.83	UTILITIES	
CLEARFLY COMMUNICATIONS	2609000022	\$326.43	SERVICES	
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CNTRL FINAANCE	2609000023	\$537.60	SERVICES	
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CNTRL FINANCE	2609000024	\$200.55	SERVICES	
EFTPS	2609000025	\$478.43	FICA TAXES	
SCOTT,ERIC,A	2609000026	\$11,825.03	CLERICAL WAGES/OFFICE/EQUIP RENT	
WICKMAN,ERICK	2609000027	\$45.90	2025 SSI/MCARE CORRECTION	
FIRSTNET/AT&T MOBILITY	2609000028	\$492.32	SERVICE	
GALLS, LLC NEW ACCOUNT	2609000029	\$814.62	SUPPLIES	
GRP & ASSOCIATES	2609000030	\$67.00	ACCT# 2522	
HENDERSON'S IGA INC	2609000031	\$106.92	SUPPLIES	
HUSKERLAND HARDWARE AND APPLIANCE	2609000032	\$19.56	AERATOR	
IAR, LLC	2609000033	\$4,965.00	SERVICES	
EDWARDS,JAMES,W	2609000034	\$150.00	SERVICES	
FAY,JEFF	2609000035	\$30.00	REPAIRS	
COYLE, JESSICA	2609000036	\$45.86	2025 SSI/MCARE CORRECTION	
JOHNSON LAW OFFICE	2609000037	\$4,941.99	CLERICAL/OFFICE/EQUIP RENT	
JUSTICE CENTER PETTY CASH	2609000038	\$417.79	PRINTER INK	
JWA K-LAWN	2609000039	\$192.00	SERVICES	
KBR RURAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	2609000040	\$86.66	SERVICES	

KIPPES & SON'S	2609000041	\$1,092.00	SERVICE
BANCROFT,MELISSA	2609000042	\$192.85	NORTH PLATTE
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS INC	2609000043	\$186.00	SERVICES
MID-PLAINS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	2609000044	\$70.00	CPR CLASS
MIDLAND PRINTING	2609000045	\$45.50	NOTARY STAMP
MIPS INC	2609000046	\$3,515.63	Services
NK WASTE INC.	2609000047	\$193.00	TRASH SERVICE
NORTHEAST NE JUVINILE SERVICES INC	2609000048	\$2,472.25	SERVICES
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER INC	2609000049	\$1,036.81	SUPPLIES
GREENOUGH,PAT,O	2609000050	\$100.00	SERVICES
HOOPER,PATRICK	2609000051	\$141.34	MEALS - DENIED CLAIM
PETTY CASH	2609000052	\$55.95	USPS POSTAGE PETITIONS
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS INC	2609000053	\$4,902.08	SERVICES
PREMA (PANHANDLE RURAL ELEC ASSN)	2609000054	\$145.42	SERVICES
PRESTO-X	2609000055	\$267.73	SERVICES
QUADIENT-COURT OFFICES ACCT#1145	2609000056	\$442.93	POSTAGE
QUADIENT LEASING/MAIL FINANCE	2609000057	\$1,128.63	POSTAGE MACHINE
QUILL CORPORATION	2609000058	\$149.98	SUPPLIES
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	2609000059	\$434.84	FUEL
SANDHILLS RANCH SUPPLY	2609000060	\$134.50	BATTERY
SENNET,DUNCAN,JENKINS & WICKHAM, PC	2609000061	\$1,468.51	SERVICES
HESSE,SHARON,J	2609000062	\$72.50	DUES/FEES
HANSON,TIMOTHY,A	2609000063	\$2,636.75	SERVICES
TONY'S TIRE & AUTO REPAIR	2609000064	\$622.00	BATTERIES
UNL-HASKELL AG LAB	2609000065	\$125.00	TRAINING
MIDLAND NEWS	2609000066	\$793.12	ADVERTISING
VIAERO WIRELESS	2609000067	\$74.92	SERVICES
WARD PLUMBING & HEATING LLC	2609000068	\$212.40	PARTIALLY PAID IN JULY
WESTERN OIL INC/CONOCO	2609000069	\$60.55	CAR WASHES
WEXFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	2609000070	\$26.00	CIVIL SERVICE
MARSHALL,WILLIAM,F	2609000071	\$100.00	SERVICES
WRENCHED TIRE & AUTO LLC	2609000072	\$350.00	SERVICE
ERICK WICKMAN		\$6,253.97	GROSS PAY
ROAD FUND			\$69,600.93
3S FABRICATION & REPAIR	2609000073	\$471.30	Supplies
BACON REPAIR	2609000074	\$2,170.38	Supplies
BOMGAARS	2609000075	\$237.48	Supplies
BORDERTOWN DISCOUNT FUEL	2609000076	\$3,186.18	Services
BUCKLES FUEL SERVICE INC	2609000077	\$10,198.06	Services
CENTRAL VALLEY AG	2609000078	\$9,444.34	Services
CHERRY COUNTY IMPLEMENT	2609000079	\$516.28	Supplies
CIRCLE K MOTOR	2609000080	\$642.35	Services
VALENTINE,CITY OF	2609000081	\$204.14	Services
CONNECTA SATELLITE SOLUTIONS	2609000082	\$117.60	Services
CONSOLIDATED TELEPHONE	2609000083	\$283.08	Services
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	2609000084	\$161.83	Services
DANIELSKI FARMS INC	2609000085	\$7,591.20	Service
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CNTRL FINANCE	2609000086	\$27.70	Services
DOOLEY OIL INC	2609000087	\$1,546.86	Supplies
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	2609000088	\$391.03	Supplies
FRONTIER DIESEL INC	2609000089	\$10,812.44	Services
GARRETT TIRES & TREADS	2609000090	\$8,048.25	Supplies
HUSKERLAND HARDWARE AND APPLIANCE	2609000091	\$3.29	Supplies
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF SC	2609000092	\$1,131.65	SERVICES
KBR RURAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	2609000093	\$259.77	Services
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES INC	2609000094	\$113.00	Services
MIDLAND PRINTING	2609000095	\$150.93	Supplies
MIPS INC	2609000096	\$195.00	Services

MULLEN AUTO & DIESEL	2609000097	\$106.49	Services	
NEAL OIL & AUTO CENTER INC	2609000098	\$5,590.29	Services	
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	2609000099	\$59.88	Services	
PERRETT CONSTRUCTION LTD	2609000100	\$327.42	Supplies	
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS INC	2609000101	\$1,384.44	Services	
POWERPLAN	2609000102	\$2,251.09	Supplies	
PREMA (PANHANDLE RURAL ELEC ASSN)	2609000103	\$99.42	Services	
SANDHILLS RANCH SUPPLY	2609000104	\$329.35	Supplies	
MIDLAND NEWS	2609000105	\$84.00	Advertising	
CODY, VILLAGE OF	2609000106	\$195.60	Services	
MERRIMAN, VILLAGE OF	2609000107	\$62.36	Services	
WARD PLUMBING & HEATING LLC	2609000108	\$41.95	Supplies	
WHEELER	2609000109	\$642.50	Supplies	
WRENCHED TIRE & AUTO LLC	2609000110	\$522.00	Services	
HIGHWAY STREET/BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND				\$117,434.04
JEBRO INC	2609000111	\$73,736.91	Services	
Sta-Bilt Construction Company	2609000112	\$43,697.13	Service	
VISITOR PROMOTION FUND				\$13,458.72
CHERRY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY	2609000113	\$1,000.00	GRANT	
VALENTINE, CITY OF	2609000114	\$314.73	UTILITIES	
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	2609000115	\$210.45	SERVICES	
NEBRASKA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION (NETA)	2609000116	\$600.00	DUES	
NRG MEDIA, LLC/BROADCAST HOUSE MEDIA	2609000117	\$10,500.00	MEDIA	
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER INC	2609000118	\$35.00	SERVICES	
OUTBACK SCREENPRINTING & EMBROIDERY	2609000001	-\$169.75	* Voiding Claim - 26078794	
OUTBACK SCREENPRINTING & EMBROIDERY	2609000119	\$57.15	SHIRTS	
ISOM, STEPHEN	2609000120	\$551.14	GRANT	
TECH HARBOR DIGITAL	2609000121	\$360.00	SERVICES	
REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND				\$5,632.50
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS INC	2609000122	\$5,026.00	MONTHLY RENT	
SPECTRA ASSOCIATES, INC	2609000123	\$606.50	SUPPLIES	
BOOKMOBILE FUND				\$10,301.23
VALENTINE PUBLIC LIBRARY	2609000124	\$10,301.23	BOOKMOBILE	
911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND				\$805.88
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	2609000125	\$55.88	SERVICES	
PAGE MY CELL	2609000126	\$750.00	3 MONTHS	
911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND				\$1,256.33
CENTURYLINK	2609000127	\$278.73	SERVICES	
OPTK NETWORKS	2609000128	\$977.60	SERVICES	
PAYROLL HOLDING FUND				\$1,237.15
AMERITAS LIFE (RETIREMENT)	2609000129	\$406.51	Retirement	
EFTPS	2609000130	\$687.79	Federal Taxes	
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	2609000131	\$142.85	State Taxes	

END

At 12:52 p.m. Chairman McConaughy 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 this 29th day of September 2026.

Samantha Leonard
Samantha Leonard
Cherry County Clerk

Mike McConaughy
Mike McConaughy, Chairperson
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

