

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

July 25, 2017

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on July 25, 2017 at 10:00 AM, as per notice in the Valentine Midland News, with the agenda being on file in the office of the County Clerk. Roll call was taken. Present at this meeting were Cherry County Commissioners: Jim Van Winkle, Tanya Storer, and Martin DeNaeyer, and Cherry County Clerk Tom Elliott. Also present were Carol Nieman-Lewis, Charlene Reiser-McCormick, Merrial Rhoades, Jim Ducey, Carolyn Semin, Ann Warren & Melanie Coffman.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Storer. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman Storer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read. Commissioner Van Winkle moved to approve as read. Commissioner DeNaeyer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Storer-aye. DeNaeyer-aye. Commissioner Van Winkle-aye. The motion carried.

The minutes from the Board of Equalization meeting on July 11, 2017 were read. Commissioner Storer moved to approve as read. Commissioner Van Winkle seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner DeNaeyer-aye. Commissioner Storer-aye. Commissioner Van Winkle-aye. The motion carried.

The minutes from the July 11, 2017 Board of Corrections meeting were read. Commissioner DeNaeyer moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Van Winkle seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Storer-aye. Commissioner DeNaeyer-aye. Commissioner Van Winkle-aye. The motion carried.

Shelly Kelly and Tad Judge from the Sandhills Task Force addressed the Board regarding a renovation project for Vreder's Marsh. The project will require a concrete structure and an additional 36" culvert under the County Road. It was the consensus of the Board to consult with the County Surveyor for additional information and table any formal action to the August 8th, 2017 meeting.

At the request of the Clerk of the District Court the agenda item regarding her DHHS agreement was tabled to the August 8th meeting.

Commissioner Storer provided an update on Niobrara Council activities, including the fact that the Council office has now moved into the old Cherry County Courthouse.

The Board reviewed and amended an agreement with the Region 24 Emergency Management as provided by Region 24 Director Doug Fox.

Commissioner DeNaeyer moved to approve the amended Region 24 Emergency management Agency Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner Storer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Van Winkle-aye. Commissioner DeNaeyer-aye. Commissioner Storer-aye. The motion carried.

After review, it was the consensus of the Board to authorize the Chairman to sign an understanding of the engagement agreement with the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts regarding the audit of Cherry County for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

At public comment time Carol Nieman-Lewis provided information on the NPPD projected access roads on her property related to the R-project; Ann Warren expressed concerns with the sources of counsel being sought by the Planning Commission and the need for zoning regulation updates; Melanie Coffman discussed concerns related to the R-project and the subsequent need for additional substations and transmission lines; Jim Ducey, Charlene Reiser-McCormick and Carolyn Semin commented on zoning regulations and negative articles published by other states related to wind-energy projects. Additional visitors at the meeting included Michael Knapp, Dave Hamilton and Dallas Dodson.

At 1:30 PM, the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization.

At 2:00 PM, the Board returned to regular session.

County Surveyor Lloyd Smith reviewed some current road projects with the Board.

Ron Nealeigh from Legal Shield discussed options for continuing the Identity Theft Protection coverage currently in place for County employees.



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Commissioner Van Winkle moved that as per October 1, 2017, Cherry County continue to provide the Identity Theft Protection to employees currently enrolled in the program with the opportunity for employees to provide coverage for their families at the employee's expense for two more years as a payroll deduction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Storer. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner DeNaeyer-aye. Commissioner Van Winkle-aye. Commissioner Storer-aye. The motion carried.

At 3:00 PM, as advertised the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections.

At 3:35 PM, the Board returned to regular session.

The Board reviewed the June bank reconciliations for the Imprest Account and the Health Fund Account.

County Assessor Betty Daugherty, County Treasurer Kathy Hammond, and County Sheriff Rusty Osburn discussed proposed budgets for their offices for fiscal year 2017-2018. Guidelines for setting employee salaries were discussed. No Board action was required at this time.

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CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$198,672.31	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of		\$198,672.31
GENERAL		
AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,072.32
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$14,426.90
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,317.20
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$35,530.67
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$3,731.86
DAS State Accounting	Fees	\$240.70
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$27,967.34
Legal Shield	Services	\$680.65
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$2,300.00
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums	\$15,023.59
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$3,270.94
NT&T	Telephone Service	\$947.40
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$480.44
General Fund Payroll	Gross Wages	\$125,712.93
	TOTAL	\$233,702.94
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$35,030.63)
	WARRANT AMOUNT	\$198,672.31

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$98,100.43	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of		\$98,100.43
ROAD		
AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$948.86
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$6,437.94

Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,220.72
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$21.75
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$17,515.42
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$1,761.75
DAS State Accounting	Fees	\$27.70
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$14,251.31
Legal Shield	Services	\$327.95
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums	\$6,959.14
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,631.54
SD Child Support Payment Center	Garnishment	\$433.33
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$244.70
Road Payroll	Gross Wages	\$63,694.06
	TOTAL	\$115,476.17
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$17,375.74)
	WARRANT AMOUNT	\$98,100.43

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$6,058.88	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of		\$6,058.88
HEALTH CLAIMS FUND		
Cherry County Clerk	Health Claims	\$6,058.88
	TOTAL	\$6,058.88

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$3,683.40	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of		\$3,683.40
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$263.88
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$555.77
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$60.25
Platte Valley Communications	Equipment	\$1,000.00
Emergency Management Payroll	Gross Salary	\$2,345.63
	TOTAL	\$4,225.53
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$542.13)
	WARRANT AMOUNT	\$3,683.40

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Commissioner Tanya Storer moved to approve the claims. Commissioner DeNaeyer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Van Winkle-aye. Commissioner DeNaeyer-aye. Commissioner Storer-aye. The motion carried.

At 5:30 PM, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

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The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session as a Board of Equalization at 1:30 PM on July 25, 2017, as per notice in the Valentine Midland News. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman Storer. Present for the



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meeting were Cherry County Commissioners: Jim Van Winkle, Tanya Storer, and Martin DeNaeyer, and Cherry County Clerk Tom Elliott. Also present were County Assessor Betty Daugherty and County Treasurer Kathy Hammond.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved during regular session.

County Assessor Betty Daugherty presented her 2017 Plan of Assessment for Cherry County.

It was the consensus of the Board to accept the 2017 Plan of Assessment as presented.

Commissioner Van Winkle moved to approve the 2017 Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption list as presented by the County Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DeNaeyer. Roll call Vote was taken. Commissioner Storer-aye. Commissioner Van Winkle-aye. Commissioner DeNaeyer-aye. The motion carried.

Commissioner DeNaeyer moved to approve a refund of \$31.58 to Alice Dawson for overpayment of 2016 real estate taxes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Storer. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Van Winkle-aye. Commissioner DeNaeyer-aye. Commissioner Storer-aye. The motion carried.

At 2:00 PM, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES July 25, 2017

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met as a Board of Corrections at 3:00 PM on July 25, 2017, as per notice in the Valentine Midland News, with the agenda being on file in the office of the County Clerk. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman Storer. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners: Jim Van Winkle, Tanya Storer, and Martin DeNaeyer, and Cherry County Clerk Tom Elliott.

The Board of Corrections minutes from the July 11, 2017 meeting were read and approved during regular session.

The Board reviewed a report from the Nebraska Jail Standards office following the annual evaluation of the Cherry County Jail. The facility was determined to be in full compliance with the standards at the time of the inspection.

The Board completed an application form for a Director of the Corrections facility and discussed where the position should be advertised. No formal Board action was required at this time.

At 3:35 PM, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.