



Cherry County Board Minutes



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES February 27, 2018

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 27, 2018 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. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Vice Chairman Van Winkle. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Jim Van Winkle, Martin DeNaeyer, County Clerk Tom Elliott, County Clerk staff member Brittney Petersen, Merrial Rhoades and Jim Ducey. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Vice Chairman Van Winkle and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Storer arrived at 10:05 AM and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Pat Greenough presented the Board with information received from the only bidder, Wickett Construction, for improvements to the Courthouse bathrooms. It was the consensus of the Board to have Mr. Greenough proceed with the project and to have Commissioner Storer coordinate with the contractor regarding some of the material and finish selections.

Regular meeting minutes from the February 13, 2018 meeting were read. Commissioner DeNaeyer moved to approve the minutes as read. Commissioner Van Winkle seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Storer-aye. Commissioner DeNaeyer-aye. Commissioner Van Winkle-aye. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from February 13, 2018 were read. Commissioner Van Winkle moved to approve as read with a correction to the date of the meeting. 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.

Cherry County Hospital Administrator Brent Peterson Provided the Board with a progress report for the Hospital remodeling project. Mr. Peterson indicated that the project was staying on schedule and that the project completion date is October 10, 2019. No Board action was required.

It was the consensus of the Board to compose a letter to the USDA Forest Service expressing the Board's support for a full time Forest Service employee to be stationed at Valentine, with a letter to be sent to Julie Bain.

Cleve Trimble presented the Board with a request to place a referendum question on the May 15, 2018 Cherry County ballot regarding the County allowing the development of commercial/industrial wind energy. No formal Board action was taken at this time.

County Assessor Betty Daugherty, accompanied by Sarah Scott and Kevin Tighe from the State Property Tax Division reviewed 2017 average agland valuations for Cherry County and surrounding counties. At this time it is projected that the counties will make no changes or minimal changes based on the three-year roster of comparable sales as prescribed by State statute. No Board action was required.

Larry Burbach from Nebraska Machinery Co. met with the Board to inquire about any machinery and equipment needs the County may have. No formal Board action was necessary.

Commissioner Van Winkle moved to approve claims. 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.

Emergency Manager Gary Weaver presented a current proposal for purchasing a battery backup system from Power Protection Products, Inc. at a cost of \$15,808.54. It was the consensus of the Board to authorize Mr. Weaver to proceed with the purchase, with funding to come from the County's Inheritance Tax Fund.

It was consensus of the Board to recess for lunch until 1:00 PM.

At 1:00 PM, as advertised, Commissioner Storer declared the public hearing open for the purpose of reviewing the County's 1 & 6-year road improvement plan. It was the consensus of the Board to temporarily move the meeting to a larger room across the hall from the regular meeting room to accommodate approximately 20 people attending the hearing. County Surveyor Lloyd Smith provided an overview of short term and long-term road projects currently on the County's plan. No one testified in opposition to the planned projects. The majority of the people in attendance expressed concern for improving a road south of Wood Lake. Various portions of the road were discussed as well as options for making upgrades.

Commissioner Storer closed the public hearing at 2:15 PM.

Commissioner Van Winkle moved to adopt a resolution approving the long-range six-year plan of highway, road and street improvement for Cherry County. 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.

It was the consensus of the Board to return to the regular meeting room.

At public comment time, Jim Ducey asked if the Road Department secretary had been provided with all written testimony submitted for the February 7, 2018 Public Hearing held at the high school.

The Board reviewed a letter received from Joel Mundorf informing them of his decision to retire as the Zoning Administrator as of February 27, 2018.

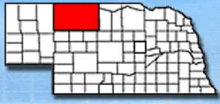
It was the consensus of the Board to accept the resignation from Joel Mundorf as Zoning Administrator and to express the Board's gratitude to Mr. Mundorf for his years of service to Cherry County and to wish him well in his retirement.

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

At 6:15 PM, the Board returned to regular session.

February 27, 2018 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	207,056.16	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of			\$ 207,056.16
GENERAL			
AFLAC		Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,212.57
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement		Withholdings/Retirement	\$14,856.40
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental		Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,457.76
Cherry County Health Account		Health Claims Funding	\$37,167.05
Colonial Life		Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$4,716.50
EFTPS		Withholdings/Taxes	\$26,833.16
Legal Shield		Services	\$403.35
MassMutual		Withholdings/Retirement	\$1,100.00
Meritain Health		Health Insurance Premiums	\$15,686.75
NE Department of Revenue		Withholdings/Taxes	\$3,455.45
Eric Scott		Clerical Salary/Postage/Telephone	\$3,558.00
Vision Service Plan		Withholdings/Insurance	\$513.90
General Fund Payroll		Gross Wages	\$128,952.00
		TOTAL	\$240,912.89
		Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$33,856.73)
		WARRANT AMOUNT	\$207,056.16
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	95,714.07	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$ 95,714.07



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ROAD

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,389.52
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$6,628.18
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,224.80
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$21.75
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$17,985.11
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$2,402.10
Credit Management	Withholdings/Garnishment	\$253.71
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$12,489.60
Legal Shield	Services	\$257.10
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums	\$7,204.77
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,574.20
SD Child Support Payment Center	Garnishment	\$433.33
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$224.14
Road Payroll	Gross Wages	\$60,764.51
	TOTAL	\$112,852.82
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$17,138.75)
	WARRANT AMOUNT	\$95,714.07

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **22,290.38** .
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of \$ **22,290.38**

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Clerk	Health Claims	\$22,290.38
	TOTAL	\$22,290.38

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **2,651.28** .
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .
 A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of **\$2,651.28**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$260.73
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$521.36
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$63.44
Emergency Management Payroll	Gross Salary	\$2,317.54
	TOTAL	\$3,163.07
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$511.79)
	WARRANT AMOUNT	\$2,651.28

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

February 27, 2018

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met as a Board of Corrections at 3:00 PM on February 27, 2018, 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 Tanya Storer, Jim Van Winkle, Martin DeNaeyer, Cherry County Clerk Tom Elliott, and staff member Brittney Petersen. Also present were Justice Center Lt. Krista Ostransky, Sgt. Sharon Hesse and Justice Center employee Ben Shelbourn.

The Board of Corrections minutes from the February 13, 2018 meeting were read and approved during regular session.

Shir Smith, incarcerated victim advocate for the Rape and Domestic Abuse Program in North Platte, addressed the Board regarding the services provided by her company. It was the consensus of the Board to have her contact Lt. Ostransky to identify needs of the Cherry County Jail and discuss a possible plan for scheduling appointments with inmates.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve salary increases for three Justice Center employees following their completion of additional training.

At 3:45 PM, Commissioner Storer moved to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing allegations of criminal misconduct of a County employee, with the Commissioners, Clerk, Lt. Ostransky and Sgt. Hesse to remain present. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DeNaeyer. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Van Winkle-aye. Commissioner Storer-aye. Commissioner DeNaeyer-aye. The motion carried.

At 4:10 PM, the Board exited executive session and returned to open session.

The Board conducted a job interview over the phone. No Board action was required at this time.

Sgt. Hesse discussed the scheduling software product that has been under consideration recently. She stated that she would participate in an orientation tutorial at 4:00 PM and report back to the Board with her opinion of the program.

County Attorney Eric Scott arrived at the meeting. Commissioner Storer moved to enter executive session at 5:00 PM for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Van Winkle. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner DeNaeyer-aye. Commissioner Storer-aye. Commissioner Van Winkle-aye. The motion carried.

At 5:25 PM, the Board exited executive session and returned to open session.

The Board discussed several personnel issues. County Attorney Eric Scott directed the Board to contact the County Sheriff and have him review historical video tape from the jail regarding a current issue.

Lt. Ostransky provided some additional information on the State Patrol's fingerprint contract. It was the consensus of the Board to table the matter to the March 13th, 2018 meeting.

Sgt. Hesse reported on the scheduling software training. No Board action was required at this time.

At 6:15 PM, Chairman Storer declared the Board of Corrections meeting adjourned.