



Cherry County Board Minutes



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES January 28, 2020

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 28, 2020 at 10:00 AM in the Commissioner 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 AM by Chairman Storer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Tanya Storer, Martin DeNaeyer, James Ward, and Cherry County Clerk Brittney Petersen. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman Storer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioners regular meeting minutes from January 14, 2020 were read. Commissioner Storer moved to approve the minutes as corrected with the noted additions. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Storer-aye. Commissioner DeNaeyer-aye. Commissioner Ward-aye. The motion carried.

Julie Bain, Bessey District Ranger, and Greg Wright, Bessey Ranger District Wildlife Biologist, met with the Board to provide information regarding the Forest Service's proposed fee increase for the Steer Creek Campground at the Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest. Public input was gathered in 2019 and the majority of commenters supported the fee increase. The fees haven't been increased since 2001 and the increase is an attempt to be more in line with fees charged by private and state entities. The Board requested that discussion/action re: letter of support for the fee increase at Steer Creek Campground be placed on the agenda for their next regular meeting. The eastern red cedar removal project was also discussed. No Board action was taken.

Barb Small Cherry County Noxious Weed Superintendent presented the Board with a 2020 Noxious Weed Control Plan and 2019 budget, infestation, and activity reports. Commissioner Ward moved to approve the 2020 Noxious Weed Control Plan and to authorize Chairman Storer to sign the reports as presented. Commissioner DeNaeyer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner DeNaeyer-aye. Commissioner Ward-aye. Commissioner Storer-aye. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from the Nebraska Department of Transportation regarding the upcoming highway-improvement project along Highway 83.

Commissioner Storer moved to approve the list of candidates for District #6 Extension Board vacancy as provided by the Engagement Zone Coordinator. Commissioner DeNaeyer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Ward-aye. Commissioner Storer-aye. Commissioner DeNaeyer-aye. The motion carried.

Cherry County Treasurer Kathy Hammond spoke with the Board about the possibility of relocating the County postage meter to her office. No Board action was taken.

At 11:02 AM, as advertised, Chairman Storer opened the public hearing to hear public comment and discuss Nebraska Revised Statute §32-525 regarding the continuation of electing the County Surveyor. Cherry County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith and Cherry County Surveyor Timothy Hanson were present to offer testimony in support of continuing the election of the County Surveyor. No testimony was offered in opposition. At 11:07 AM Chairman Storer closed the hearing.

Commissioner Storer moved to adopt Resolution #01-28-2020-01 in regard to keeping the office of County Surveyor as an elected position in Cherry County. Commissioner DeNaeyer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Storer-aye. Commissioner DeNaeyer-aye. Commissioner Ward-aye. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the Cherry County 2019-2020 budget.

At 11:15 AM, as advertised, Chairman Storer opened the public hearing for the purpose of hearing support opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to amending the budget which was originally adopted on the 11th day of September 2019. Carolyn Semin requested clarification of the advertised changes and Dennis Hall provided comments supporting the amendment. At 11:23 AM Chairman Storer closed the public hearing.

Commissioner DeNaeyer moved to adopt Resolution #01-28-2020-03 which approves the 2019-2020 Cherry County budget amendment as advertised. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner DeNaeyer-aye. Commissioner Ward-aye. Commissioner Storer-aye. The motion carried.

Commissioner Ward moved to adopt Resolution #01-28-2020-02 which provides for the creation of Disaster Fund #2575. Commissioner Storer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Ward-aye. Commissioner Storer-aye. Commissioner DeNaeyer-aye. The motion carried.

The Board reported on recent meetings that they had attended.

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

January 31, 2020 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	199,168.50	.
and disallowed in the amount of			.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of			\$
			199,168.50

GENERAL

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance		\$1,995.44
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement		\$14,163.56
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance		\$2,453.68
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding		\$33,500.82
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums		\$4,185.15
Credit Management	Garnishment		\$358.51
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes		\$25,553.24
Legal Shield	Services		\$54.75
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement		\$100.00
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums		\$14,577.53
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes		\$3,538.64
Eric A Scott	Services		\$7,849.18
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance		\$514.97
General Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries		\$123,062.98
	GROSS TOTAL		\$231,908.45
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings		(\$32,739.95)
	NET TOTAL		\$199,168.50

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	102,087.58	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$
			102,087.58

ROAD

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance		\$1,515.74
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement		\$6,311.41
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance		\$1,469.76
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance		\$14.50
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding		\$20,407.65
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums		\$2,230.76
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings		\$12,736.31
Legal Shield	Services		\$76.75
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement		\$300.00
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums		\$8,548.30
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings		\$1,557.35
SD Child Support Payment Center	Garnishment		\$433.33
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance		\$221.63



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Road Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$63,479.35
	GROSS TOTAL	\$119,302.84
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$17,215.26)
	NET TOTAL	\$102,087.58

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	4,927.32	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of			\$ 4,927.32

Visitor Promotion Fund

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$386.25
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$104.40
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$862.27
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$103.04
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$27.58
Visitor Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$4,324.03
	GROSS TOTAL	\$5,904.94
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$977.62)
	NET TOTAL	\$4,927.32

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	14,780.64	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of			\$ 14,780.64

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$14,780.64
	TOTAL	\$14,780.64

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	2,646.34	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of			\$ 2,646.34

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$260.24
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$511.64
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$60.53
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$2,313.24
	GROSS TOTAL	\$3,145.65
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$499.31)
	NET TOTAL	\$2,646.34

The Board recessed for lunch from 11:55 AM to 1:08 PM.

The Board received comments from the public during the allotted time.

Nebraska Property Assessment Division Liaisons Mark Loose, Sarah Scott, Curtis Stephen, Amber Berliner, and Cherry County Assessor Betty Daugherty met with the Board to discuss changes to land capability groups as prescribed by Nebraska Revised Statute §77-1363. Information was provided to the Board which outlined that upon utilization of Assessor Daugherty's proposed 2020 values and 2020 land capability groups, the analyses support that agricultural land values will not increase in Cherry County for 2020 due to the LCG changes. No Board action was required.

At 2:22 PM, as advertised, the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization.

At 2:27 PM the Board returned to regular session.

At 2:30 PM, as advertised, the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections.

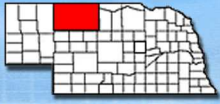
At 3:10 PM the Board returned to regular session.

The Board reviewed drone photographs of flooding on Carver Road and N Ashby Road.

Cherry County Emergency Manager Gary Weaver and Cherry County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith provided a brief update on the FEMA reimbursement progress.

At 3:39 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES January 28, 2020

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Reading of the previous Board of Equalization meeting minutes was waived.

Cherry County Assessor Betty Daugherty provided her recommendations to the Board for permissive exemptions as received by her office. Assessor Daugherty recommended approval of the tax exemptions for all applications, except for the parsonage in Eli until further information is received. No Board action was required.

The Board will take action to grant or withhold tax exemptions after a public hearing to be held on February 11, 2020 at 2:00 PM.

At 2:27 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

January 28, 2020

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Reading of the previous Board of Corrections meeting minutes was waived.

Cherry County Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse met with the Board to discuss upcoming staff trainings, the jail census, and mutual aid agreements with bordering counties. No Board action was taken.

At 3:10 PM, with no business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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