

# Cherry County Board Minutes



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES February 11, 2020

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 11, 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. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Tanya Storer, Martin DeNaeyer, James Ward, and Cherry County Clerk Brittney Petersen. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged by Chairman Storer.

The Board of Commissioners regular meeting minutes from January 28, 2020 were read. It was moved by DeNaeyer and seconded by Ward to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Ayes – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from January 28, 2020 were read. It was moved by Ward and seconded by DeNaeyer to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Ayes – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from January 28, 2020 were read. It was moved by DeNaeyer and seconded by Ward to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Ayes – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Upon motion by Storer and second by Ward, the Board will provide a letter of support for the increase of Steer Creek Campground fees as outlined by Julie Bain, Bessey District Ranger. Roll call vote: Ayes – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

It was moved by DeNaeyer and seconded by Ward to reappoint Commissioner Storer as the Cherry County Representative and Dave Sandoz as the alternate for the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging Governing Board to 3-year terms set to expire on January 1, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a request from the Cherry County Visitors Promotion Board that Richard Mercure and Jon Davenport be reappointed to their Board. Ward moved and Storer seconded the reappointment of Jon Davenport and Richard Mercure to the Cherry County Visitors Promotion Board to 4-year terms set to expire on January 28, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Eric Kamler, Community Liaison – Agriculture Specialist, provided a Washington update from Congressman Adrian Smith's Office. The Board noted areas of concern including additional flooding and damage since the closing of the previous disaster declaration, Medicare payment issues for dementia and Alzheimer's patients, and concerns regarding net neutrality in rural areas. No Board action was required.

Kim Burge, North Central Nebraska RC&D Director, spoke with the Board about the possibility of applying for a grant with Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy for a tire amnesty program in Cherry County. More information about the requirements of the grant will become available in the summer of 2020. The location of a secure site for tire drop off was also discussed. No Board action was taken.

Mike Murphy, Middle Niobrara NRD Manager, joined the conversation regarding the tire amnesty program and expressed willingness to participate as the political subdivision applying for the grant with the help of RC&D. Mr. Murphy provided the Board with information concerning ground water levels and static well measurements throughout the County. Sources of potential financial support due to water issues and upcoming Local Work Group Meetings were also discussed. No Board action was taken.

From 12:14 PM to 1:06 PM the Board recessed for lunch.

No public comment was received by the Board during the allotted time.

The Board reviewed the Cherry County draft financial statements for the 2018-2019 fiscal year as provided by Contryman Associates, P.C. It was a consensus of the Board to review Operating Statements monthly. It was moved by DeNaeyer and seconded by Ward to

approve the draft Cherry County financial statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 and to authorize Chairman Storer to sign the representation letter on behalf of the Board. Roll call vote: Ayes – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the 2020 dental insurance rates as provided by Novo Benefits. Upon motion by Storer and second by DeNaeyer, the Board renewed the Ameritas Dental Insurance for 2020 at the provided rates. Roll call vote: Ayes – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

Chelsea Luthy, CNEDD Community Development Specialist, and Carla Kimball, CNEDD Disaster Recovery Coordinator, met with the Board to provide an update regarding projects throughout Cherry County and to discuss potential funding avenues for business-related County roads damaged by the recent disaster. Cherry County Emergency Manager Gary Weaver and Cherry County Road Superintendent Kent Lopez were also present to offer suggestions. No Board action was taken.

At 2:03 PM, as advertised, the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization. At 3:03 PM the Board returned to regular session.

At 3:04 PM it was moved by Storer and seconded by DeNaeyer to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation with the Board, County Attorney, and County Clerk to be present. Roll call vote: Ayes – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

At 3:45 PM the meeting room doors were reopened and the public was allowed to reenter the room. At 3:46 PM, upon motion by Storer and second by Ward, the Board returned to open session. Roll call vote: Ayes – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

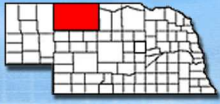
Motion by DeNaeyer and second by Ward to approve claims. Roll call vote: Ayes- DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

## February 11, 2020 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	64,778.10	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of			\$	64,778.10

### GENERAL

Applied Connective Technologies	Services	\$390.00	
Black Hills Chemical	Supplies	\$880.45	
Bob Barker Company	Services	\$182.35	
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$34.97	
Brown County Treasurer	Services	\$1,140.91	
Buhl's Quality Laundry & Dry Cleaning	Services	\$6.80	
Clint Burney	Reimbursement	\$35.65	
Aisha Carr	Attorney Fees	\$651.50	
Centurylink	Telephone Service	\$209.13	
Centurylink	Telephone Service	\$1,304.17	
Cherry County Clinic	County Jail Medical	\$140.00	
Cherry County Court	Court Fees	\$255.00	
Cherry County Hospital	County Jail Medical	\$137.00	
Cherry County Sheriff	Service Fees	\$396.06	
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees	\$5.00	
CHS	Fuel Oil	\$2,083.64	
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service	\$274.23	
Cobblestone Hotel & Suites	Lodging	\$534.00	
D/W Machine & Manufacturing Co	Services	\$89.00	
Logan Dailey	Reimbursement	\$73.09	
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services	\$448.00	
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Encartele Inc	Services	\$640.00	
Equature/DSS Corporation	Services	\$1,600.00	
Federal Surplus Property	Supplies	\$178.00	
Galls	Supplies	\$671.69	



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Government Forms & Supplies	Supplies	\$35.00
Great Plains Health	County Jail Medical	\$3,555.24
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement	\$100.00
Elise Hamling	Reimbursement	\$427.89
Shawn Hamling	Reimbursement	\$156.40
Heart City Drug	County Jail Medical	\$119.98
Heartland Paper Company	Supplies	\$240.00
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$348.58
Imperial Fastener	Supplies	\$270.00
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$3,898.54
KBR Rural Public Power	Utilities	\$109.74
Angie Lincoln	Reimbursement	\$74.75
Vince Lopez	Reimbursement	\$50.05
Mailfinance	Postage Meter	\$1,322.48
William F Marshall	Reimbursement	\$100.00
Midwest Special Services	Services	\$415.50
MIPS Inc	Services	\$1,513.72
Monroe HVAC	Services	\$928.40
Nebraska Assn of County Clerks	Dues	\$75.00
Nebraska Public Health Environment	Services	\$105.00
Nebraska Safety & Fire Equip	Services	\$275.00
Neofunds by Neopost	Postage	\$2,925.00
NK Waste Management	Services	\$184.00
NPZA	Supplies	\$380.00
Office Products	Office Supplies	\$840.82
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Supplies	\$56.00
Pathology Medical Service	County Jail Medical	\$2,913.63
Brittney Petersen	Reimbursement	\$187.46
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$5,876.97
Postmaster	Postage	\$104.00
Prema	Utilities	\$222.02
Presto X	Services	\$77.00
Quigley Dill & Quigley	Attorney Fees	\$2,976.00
Quill Corporation	Supplies	\$281.06
Reese Inc	Services	\$159.80
Ron's Quik Lube	Services	\$110.00
RR Donnelley	Services	\$67.45
Sandhill Oil Company	Fuel	\$1,901.91
Scotty's Ranchland Foods	Supplies	\$191.69
Cardmember Services	Supplies	\$186.64
Nick Simmons	Reimbursement	\$69.00
Summit Food Service, LLC	County Jail Food Service	\$9,205.87
Sundance Enterprises	Services	\$37.91
Tehrani Motor Company	Services	\$1,725.55
Three River Telco	Services	\$36.04
True Value Hardware	Supplies	\$34.66
U-Save Pharmacy	Supplies	\$15.66
UNL Its Communications Center	Services	\$6.52
US Cellular	Telephone Service	\$69.31
US Cellular	Telephone Service	\$55.55
Valentine Midland News	Publishing Services	\$1,037.64
Valentine Office Supply	Office Supplies	\$539.30
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$3,983.08
Viaero Wireless	Telephone Service	\$245.90

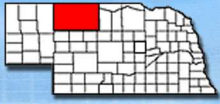
Gary Weaver	Reimbursement	\$55.00
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$1,292.05
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$64,778.10</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>176,483.40</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$
			<b>176,483.40</b>

**ROAD**

Andersen & Sons NAPA Auto Parts	Services	\$87.34
Applied Connective Technologies	Services	\$1,199.50
B's Enterprises	Supplies	\$9,138.00
Bacon Repair	Services	\$1,925.97
Barco Municipal Products	Services	\$86.34
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$1,021.93
Douglas Boyer	Reimbursement	\$521.83
Buckles Fuel Service Inc	Services	\$3,923.48
Cody Oil Company	Services	\$3,839.14
Colonial Research Chemical Company	Services	\$3,115.57
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$257.75
Cow Country Sales & Service LLC	Services	\$83.50
Croell Inc	Services	\$1,863.74
Crossroads Auto Repair Specialists	Services	\$26.58
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$403.37
D/W Machine & Manufacturing Co	Services	\$194.50
Dale's Tire & Retreading Inc	Services	\$4,335.00
Danielski Farms	Services	\$9,677.10
DAS State Accounting	Services	\$27.70
Flat Creek Construction	Services	\$8,330.40
Great Plains Communications	Telephone Service	\$281.01
Heinert Ag Service	Services	\$427.35
Hometown Lumber	Services	\$56.17
Hydrotex	Services	\$1,877.69
John Deere Financial	Supplies	\$7.28
KBR Rural Public Power District	Utilities	\$730.66
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$1,561.74
Koinzan Trucking	Services	\$3,976.80
Lanair Products LLC	Services	\$301.08
Lawson Products Inc	Services	\$234.17
MARC/Mid American Research Chemical	Supplies	\$89.53
Martin Marietta Materials Inc	Services	\$8,321.58
Mathis Equipment	Services	\$153.05
MCT Trucking	Services	\$10,446.00
Medical Enterprises	Supplies	\$250.00
Menards	Supplies	\$31.61
Village of Merriman	Services	\$62.24
Michael Todd & Company	Services	\$628.96
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
MSC Industrial Supply Co	Supplies	\$383.63
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Services	\$882.70
Nebraska Department of Correctional	Services	\$671.00
Nebraska Machinery Company/NMC	Services	\$5,526.90
Nebraska Public Power District	Utilities	\$174.51
Nebraska Truck Center	Services	\$1,188.54
Neofunds by Neopost	Services	\$75.00
Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$6.00
NK Waste Management Inc	Services	\$230.00
Office Products Center	Supplies	\$89.14
Outback Screenprinting & Embroidery	Services	\$565.75



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The Parts Company	Supplies	\$346.34
Perrett Construction LTD	Services	\$1,377.52
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	\$10.00
Platte Valley Communications Inc	Services	\$75.24
Powerplan	Services	\$548.04
PREMA	Services	\$148.72
Reese Inc	Services	\$1,735.50
Rushville Service Center	Services	\$27.40
Sandhill Oil Company Inc	Fuel	\$8,230.47
Sandhills Ranch Supply	Services	\$968.56
Security First Bank	Services	\$7,094.52
Tehrani Motor	Services	\$49.99
True Value	Supplies	\$62.98
US Cellular	Services	\$76.37
Valentine Machine & Welding Works	Services	\$378.27
Valentine Medical Clinic	Services	\$435.00
Valentine Office Supply	Office Supplies	\$106.92
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$1,342.73
Werner Construction Inc	Services	\$64,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$176,483.40</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>3,846.68</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Bridge Fund in the amount of			\$ <b>3,846.68</b>

## EMERGENCY BRIDGE

Niobrara Valley Consultants	Services	\$3,846.68
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,846.68</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>16,070.41</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of			.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of			\$ <b>16,070.41</b>

## VISITOR PROMOTION

Century Link	Telephone Service	\$206.06
Cherry County Visitors Promotion Board	Registration	\$50.00
Tony Hanson	Services	\$225.00
Henderson's IGA	Supplies	\$43.28
KBR Rural Public Power	Utilities	\$317.48
Miles Partnership LLP	Services	\$5,000.00
NK Waste Management	Services	\$79.00
Regina Osburn	Reimbursement	\$748.24
Quad Graphics	Services	\$1,373.73
True Value Hardware	Supplies	\$63.98
Valentine Area Arts Council	Grant	\$2,000.00
Valentine Rotary Club	Dues/Fees/Training	\$139.00
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$311.92
Laura Vroman	Services	\$5,512.72
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,070.41</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>59,538.54</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claim Fund in the amount of			\$ <b>59,538.54</b>

## EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM

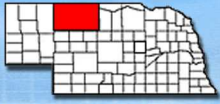
Cherry County Clerk	Employee Health Insurance Claims	\$59,538.54
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	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$59,538.54</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$ 8,509.22	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$ -	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of	\$	<b>8,509.22</b>
<b>BOOKMOBILE</b>		
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	\$489.00
Valentine Public Library	Bookmobile	\$8,020.22
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,509.22</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$ 577.81	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$ -	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of	\$	<b>577.81</b>
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>		
Century Link	Services	\$159.81
Nebraska Dept of Correctional Service	Services	\$198.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$220.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$577.81</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$ 26,988.74	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$ -	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of	\$	<b>26,988.74</b>
<b>INHERITANCE TAX</b>		
Houghton Bradford Whitted PC	Attorney Fees	\$4,688.74
Marvin Planning Consultants	Services	\$1,200.00
Nebraska Dept of Correctional Service	Services	\$21,100.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,988.74</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$ 271.19	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$ -	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of	\$	<b>271.19</b>
<b>911 EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>		
US Cellular	Services	\$271.19
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$271.19</b>
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$ 1,111.65	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$ -	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 4000 Courthouse (Special Building) Fund in the amount of	\$	<b>1,111.65</b>
<b>4000 Courthouse (Special Building)</b>		
Hometown Lumber	Supplies	\$369.00
Mechanical Sales Parts	Supplies	\$742.65
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,111.65</b>

The Board reviewed the Clerk of the District Court fee report for January 2020, Treasurer fund balances for January 2020, and the Operating Statement report of budget vs actual spending for January 2020. The Board reviewed the following correspondence: CNEDD – Federal & State Procurement Regulations Information, Center for Rural Affairs – Wind Energy Information, NIRMA – Property Appraisal Report, Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees – December 17, 2019 meeting minutes, and Cherry County Hospital Balance Sheets- December 31, 2019.

At 5:01 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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## BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES February 11, 2020

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met as a Board of Equalization on February 11, 2020 in the Cherry County Courthouse in the Commissioner Meeting Room, 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 2:03 PM by Chairman Storer. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Tanya Storer, Martin DeNaeyer, and James Ward, Cherry County Assessor Betty Daugherty, and Cherry County Clerk Brittny Petersen. The location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged by Chairman Storer.

Reading of the previous Board of Equalization meeting minutes occurred during regular session.

Changes to land capability groups as prescribed by Nebraska Revised Statute §77-1363 were discussed.

At 2:17 PM Chairman Storer opened the public hearing to hear public testimony regarding applications for tax exemption on real and personal property by qualifying organizations.

Assessor Daugherty provided information that the Nebraska Eli Wesleyan parsonage is vacant and recommends denial of the application. Recommendations for all other applications were provided at the previous Board of Equalization meeting on January 28, 2020.

Jean Pinney offered testimony in support of Wood Lake Union Church's application for tax exemption.

At 2:26 PM Chairman Storer closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Storer and seconded by DeNaeyer to concur with Assessor Daugherty's recommendations for all permissive exemptions as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes- Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Assessor Daugherty provided information regarding a personal property tax error. The affected subdivisions will be notified and the money will be reallocated once notice is sent.

It was moved by Storer and seconded by DeNaeyer to approve a refund for parcel ID: 160141370 for tax years 2018 and 2019 and the corresponding tax list corrections #2018-13-160141370 and #2019-6-160141370. Roll call vote: Ayes – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

The legislation change regarding land capability groups was also discussed with County Attorney Eric Scott. At the request of the Board, Mr. Scott will investigate the matter further.

Assessor Daugherty presented information for five tax list corrections. Storer moved and Ward seconded to approve tax list corrections #2019-4-160665026, #2019-5-160650106, #2019-7-160264588, #2019-8-160246598, and #2019-9-160246598 as presented by Assessor Daugherty. Roll call vote: Ayes – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

At 3:03 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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