

# Cherry County Board Minutes



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES March 31, 2020

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 31, 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 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 March 10, 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 Commissioner emergency meeting minutes from March 20, 2020 were read. It was moved by DeNaeyer and seconded by Ward to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Ayes – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

At 10:23 AM it was a consensus of the Board to move the meeting to the Sherriff's conference room.

Spencer Thomas, NOVO Benefits Account Executive, spoke with the Board via GoToMeeting. Mr. Thomas provided information regarding the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and potential costs to the County's health plan for COVID-19 testing and treatment. Mr. Thomas also reviewed the Quarterly Summary of Expense for Quarter 2 2019-2020 and discussed benefit plan design change recommendations. Plan renewal information will be provided to the Board at a later date.

DeNaeyer moved and Ward seconded the approval of claims. Roll call vote: Ayes – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

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### CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	<b>216,537.78</b>	.
and disallowed in the amount of			.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$	<b>216,537.78</b>	

#### GENERAL

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,995.44
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$15,689.56
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,513.84
Cherry County District Court	Court Fees	\$900.00
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$33,500.82
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$4,185.15
Cooperative Extension Division	Services	\$625.00
Credit Management	Garnishment	\$358.51
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$28,817.20
Journal Entry	Voided Check	(\$6.25)
Legal Shield	Services	\$54.75
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$100.00
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums	\$14,577.53
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$4,088.79
Eric A Scott	Services	\$8,429.02
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$531.70
General Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$136,374.83
	<b>GROSS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$252,735.89</b>

Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings (\$36,198.11)  
NET TOTAL **\$216,537.78**

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **128,706.58** .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$ **128,706.58**

**ROAD**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,828.39
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$8,658.25
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,453.12
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$20,681.76
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$2,382.21
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$18,345.32
Legal Shield	Services	\$76.75
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums	\$8,497.31
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,659.38
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$240.87
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$86,680.78
	GROSS TOTAL	\$151,818.64
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$23,112.06)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$128,706.58</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **5,274.34** .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of \$ **5,274.34**

**Visitor Promotion Fund**

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$386.25
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$108.56
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$910.75
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$101.11
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$27.58
Visitor Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$4,644.61
	GROSS TOTAL	<b>\$6,276.23</b>
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,001.89)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$5,274.34</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **17,370.48** .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of \$ **17,370.48**

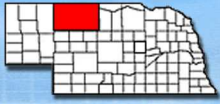
**HEALTH CLAIMS FUND**

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$17,370.48
	TOTAL	<b>\$17,370.48</b>

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **3,212.30** .  
and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .  
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$ **3,212.30**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$315.89
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$638.52
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$83.20
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$2,807.97
	GROSS TOTAL	<b>\$3,845.58</b>
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$633.28)
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$3,212.30</b>



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Cherry County Visitors Promotion Board members Greg Nollette & Joan Rupe and Cherry County Tourism Director Regina Osburn met with the Board to provide information about a potential Merritt Reservoir Dark Sky designation. Jenna Bartja with the Nebraska Tourism Commission spoke with the Board via telephone and summarized the International Dark-Sky Association accreditation requirements, the components of the application process completed thus far, and answered questions from the Board. No Board action was taken.

The Board of Commissioners wishes to offer condolences to the family of Mary Young and to express gratitude for her years of service on the Cherry County Visitors Promotion Board.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Jim Edwards pertaining to the Mears Cabin.

No comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

Cherry County Hospital Administrator Brent Peterson introduced the new Cherry County Hospital CEO Kyle Kellum to the Board. COVID-19 testing and the possibility of a mobile hospital trailer were discussed.

Cherry County Road Superintendent Kent Lopez and Cherry County Emergency Manager Gary Weaver met with the Board to discuss the continuation of the ongoing, widespread flooding throughout the County. Cherry County Sheriff Rusty Osburn was present to discuss the availability of staff to obtain drone footage of the affected areas in order of priority as determined by Mr. Lopez. No Board action was required.

At 2:48 PM, as advertised, the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections.

At 3:47 PM the Board returned to regular session.

Michelle Garwood, 4-H Extension Educator, updated the Board via telephone of the UNL mandate that she work from home and discussed Extension Office functionality during the Courthouse closure.

Meeting protocol during the Courthouse closure was discussed. Face-to-face meetings will continue until further notice and upon NACO's recommendations and State guidelines, the 10-person maximum in the room will be followed. No Board action was taken.

At 4:08 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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## BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES March 31, 2020

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met as a Board of Corrections on March 31, 2020 in the Sheriff's Conference Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per the 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 2:48 PM 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 Brittny Petersen. The location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged by Chairman Storer.

The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from February 25, 2020 were read and approved during the regular Board of Commissioners meeting on March 10, 2020.

Cherry County Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse met with the Board to discuss protocol for Justice Center employees. All recommendations from the Health Department regarding COVID-19 are currently being followed. No Board action was taken.

At 3:47 PM, with no business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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