



Cherry County Board Minutes



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

April 28, 2020

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 28, 2020 at 10:00 AM in the Sheriff's Conference 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 Brittny 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 April 14, 2020 were read. It was moved by Ward and seconded by DeNaeyer to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Ayes – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

Cherry County Tourism Board members, Greg Nollette and Joan Rupe, and Cherry County Tourism Director Regina Osburn met with the Board to provide a list of candidates for the vacancy on the Cherry County Tourism Board. No Board action was taken.

At 10:24 AM it was moved by Storer and seconded by DeNaeyer to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing a potential real estate purchase with the Board, County Clerk, County Attorney, Joan Rupe, Greg Nollette, and Regina Osburn to be present. Roll call vote: Ayes – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

At 11:12 AM the meeting room door was reopened and the public was allowed to reenter the room. It was moved by Storer and seconded by DeNaeyer to return to open session. Roll call vote: Ayes – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Cherry County Noxious Weed Superintendent Barb Small discussed forced control spraying of noxious weeds and the need for an increase in the budget if the situation arises to require forced control spraying in the county. Superintendent Small provided information regarding an independent contractor for spraying in county rights-of-way. The Board requested that the contractor become a registered contractor with the State of Nebraska and to add Cherry County as additional insured on their insurance. No Board action was taken.

Superintendent Small discussed issues with the GWorks Noxious Weed Tab and how she would prefer to utilize the Nebraska Weed Mapper program and cancel the GWorks subscription. No Board action was required.

The Board and Cherry County Attorney Eric Scott reviewed the Right-of-Way Acquisitions for Project #83-4(117) for three tracts of land owned by Cherry County as received from the Nebraska Department of Transportation. It was a consensus of the Board to table the agenda item pending further review by the County Attorney.

The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Employees for Emergency Management – Region 24 was reviewed by the Board and the County Attorney. It was a consensus of the Board to table the agenda item pending further review by the County Attorney.

The rates for the VSP Vision Insurance Renewal were discussed. Storer moved and Ward seconded to approve the NACO Benefit Services VSP Vision Block Participation Agreement effective July 1, 2020 at the monthly rates as discussed. Roll call vote: Ayes – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

After review, it was moved by Storer and seconded by DeNaeyer to approve the engagement letter with Contryman Associates, P.C. for fiscal year 2019-2020 audit services. Roll call vote: Ayes – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

There were no comments received from the public during the allotted time.

Cherry County Road Superintendent Kent Lopez and Cherry County Emergency Manager Gary Weaver met with the Board to provide a brief update regarding the FEMA reimbursement progress and Cherry County road conditions. The possibility of a state-wide extension for disaster repair completion was also discussed. No Board action was taken.

At 2:38 PM, as advertised, the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections.

At 3:19 PM the Board returned to regular session.

The Board reviewed an application from Valentine Feeders for a Construction and Operating Permit as received by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy for a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation located in the SE ¼, Section 33, Township 34N, Range 30W, Cherry County Nebraska. The Board requested that the application be forwarded to the Cherry County Zoning Administrator for review prior to comments being submitted to NDEE by the Board of Commissioners.

Spencer Thomas, NOVO Benefits Account Executive, spoke with the Board via telephone regarding telemedicine and telehealth services for Cherry County employees enrolled on the county's Meritain health insurance plan. DeNaeyer moved and Ward seconded to add Teladoc coverage permanently to the Cherry County Meritain health insurance plan. Roll call vote: Ayes – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

It was a consensus of the Board to table the agenda item regarding the Cherry County Visitor Promotion Board Appointment.

Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve claims. Roll vote: Ayes – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

April 30, 2020

CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	201,440.17	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$		201,440.17

GENERAL

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,995.44
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$14,433.50
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,589.04
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$35,171.73
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$4,185.15
Credit Management	Garnishment	\$282.39
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EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$25,818.12
Legal Shield	Services	\$54.75
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$100.00
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums	\$15,324.81
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$3,520.21
Eric A Scott	Services	\$4,646.88
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$556.77
General Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$125,789.73
	GROSS TOTAL	\$234,582.52
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$33,142.35)
	NET TOTAL	\$201,440.17

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	126,896.84	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of	\$		126,896.84

ROAD

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,888.84
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$8,046.24
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	\$17,528.69
Legal Shield	Services	\$110.65
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00



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Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums	\$8,497.31
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,396.82
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$240.87
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$85,345.05
	GROSS TOTAL	\$148,886.06
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$21,989.22)
	NET TOTAL	\$126,896.84

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	4,835.26	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of	\$		4,835.26

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	\$848.35
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$101.63
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$27.58
Visitor Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$4,236.73
	GROSS TOTAL	\$5,806.47
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$971.21)
	NET TOTAL	\$4,835.26

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	17,451.67	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of	\$		17,451.67

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$17,451.67
	TOTAL	\$17,451.67

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	2,905.20	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of	\$		2,905.20

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$285.69
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$566.28
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$70.23
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$2,539.52
	GROSS TOTAL	\$3,461.72
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$556.52)
	NET TOTAL	\$2,905.20

At 4:17 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES

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The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from March 31, 2020 were read and approved during the regular Board of Commissioners meeting on April 14, 2020.

Cherry County Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse met with the Board to discuss the jail census, a staff update, and information for a restraint chair. No Board action was required.

At 3:19 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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