



Cherry County Board Minutes



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING May 21, 2020

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met in special session on May 21, 2020 at 2:00 PM in the Sheriff's Conference Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice posted on May 14, 2020 at the Valentine Public Library, Valentine Post Office, Cherry County Courthouse doors, and the Cherry County website (<https://co.cherry.ne.us>), with the agenda being on file in the office of the County Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 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 and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance was foregone.

Chairman Storer stated that the purpose of the special meeting was to ensure that all FEMA & NEMA repairs and reporting are completed in a manner to ensure that the County receives the maximum reimbursement for expenditures associated with the road damages resulting from the declared disaster. Cherry County Road Superintendent Kent Lopez, Cherry County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Cherry County Emergency Manager Gary Weaver, Cherry County Road/Emergency Management Secretary Kay Reese, Road District #1 employee Randy Graeff, Road District #2 Foreman Doug Boyer, and Road District #3 Foreman Alfred Grass were present for the meeting.

The Board spoke with FEMA Program Delivery Manager, Blake Parker, via telephone to discuss FEMA reporting procedures. Reimbursement for salaried road foremen, repair thresholds required for reimbursement, and the process for previously repaired roads that have been damaged again were discussed.

Each road district provided an update on the status of current road repair efforts. Kay Reese clarified the necessary documentation that is required to submit damages and repairs more efficiently for reimbursement from FEMA and NEMA. Cameras for each road district will be purchased to enable better documentation of road conditions and repairs.

Superintendent Smith provided a brief update regarding the status of the process for the relocation of Carver Road with the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission.

The Board expressed gratitude to the Cherry County Road Department for all their hard work during this unprecedented, challenging time.

At 3:25 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

These minutes are not the official record and may be corrected. A copy of the approved official minutes is available to the public in the Cherry County Clerk's Office.