

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

February 23, 2021

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 23, 2021 at 10:00 AM in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room, as per notice in the Valentine Midland News every week, with a relocation sign on the Sheriff's Meeting Room door, 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, James Ward, Martin DeNaeyer, and Cherry County Deputy Clerk Elise Hamling. 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 February 8, 2021 were read. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, DeNaeyer, Storer. The motion carried.

The Board of Corrections regular meeting minutes from February 8, 2021 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Ward seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Storer, Ward. The motion carried.

The Board of Commissioners special meeting minutes from February 11, 2021 were read. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes as corrected and amended. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, Ward, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Commissioner Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to adopt Region 4 Behavioral Health System Interlocal Agreement and to authorize Chairman Storer to sign Resolution #02-23-2021-1. Roll Call vote: Aye – Ward, DeNaeyer, Storer. The motion carried.

Storer moved and Ward seconded to withdraw from Region 24 Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement and to adopt Resolution #02-23-2021-3. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Storer, Ward. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and Storer seconded to table the agenda item for discussion/action regarding Vrenders Marsh & Eby Lake Renovation Project Agreement until the March 9, 2021 meeting pending the review of Cherry County Attorney Eric Scott. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, Ward, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board discussed a courtroom scheduling conflict with County Court for the previously stated time set for action regarding CUP 001/20 Zoning Resolution # Z-85 which had been set at the February 11, 2021 Special Meeting to be for 11:00AM in the Cherry County Courtroom. Commissioner Ward moved and Storer seconded to move the action agenda item for CUP 001/20 Zoning Resolution #Z-85 to 1:30 PM on March 9, 2021 in the Cherry County Courtroom. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, DeNaeyer, Storer. The motion carried.

Deputy County Clerk Hamling will send notice to the local radio stations, KBRB in Ainsworth, KSDZ in Gordon, KVSH in Valentine, adjust the notice in the Valentine Midland News and post notice on the Cherry County website.

Commissioner DeNaeyer offered background regarding the Region 24 Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-year update and its benefit to Cherry County and the concerned subdivisions within. DeNaeyer moved and Ward seconded to pay the Cherry County portion of the Region 24 Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-year update. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Storer, Ward. The motion carried.

Commissioners Storer provided an update on the Niobrara Council and noted that they are looking for a representative from the Forestry Industry.

Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to provide a letter of support for the Clerk of the District Court in opposition to LB 102 to be submitted as testimony for the February 25, 2021 legislative hearing. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, Ward, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board received comments from one member of the public during the allotted time.

At 1:45 PM Chairman Storer opened the Public Hearing for the One & Six-Year Highway Improvement Plan.

No members of the public provided verbal or written testimony.

Cherry County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith presented maps detailing the 1-year and long-range 6-year plan of highway, road and street improvements for Cherry County which he detailed by referencing road maps which divide Cherry County into four



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quarters. Superintendent Smith went on to explain project setbacks including limited availability of materials and inconsistent cooperative support from involved entities.

The 1-year projections shown on the maps illustrate improvements on portions of the following roads: asphalt Irwin Rd., asphalt S Cody Rd., grading/clay on Nollett Rd., grading/gravel on 388th Ave., asphalt Merritt Dam Rd., armorcoat Ideal Rd., asphalt/armorcoat/grade/gravel on Ashby Rd., and a drainage structure for Goose Creek Bridge.

The 6-year projected improvements illustrated on the maps are as follows: asphalt Pioneer Schools Rd., asphalt N Eli Rd., asphalt N Cody Rd., armorcoat Henderson Rd., asphalt Rocky Rd., asphalt Lakeview Rd., asphalt Kennedy Rd., replace Borman Bridge, grading/millings on Sparks River Rd., grading/gravel on W Wood Lake Rd., millings on Lee Rd., millings on Beaver Lake Rd., armorcoat Goose Creek Rd., and millings on Loup River Rd.

The Board discussed with Superintendent Smith and County Road Superintendent Kent Lopez and commended all of the Cherry County Road District employees noting the exceptional maintenance done on Cherry County roads compared to the surrounding areas.

Chairman Storer closed the public hearing at 1:55 PM.

DeNaeyer moved and Ward seconded to adopt Resolution #02-23-2021-2 Long-Range Six-Year Plan of Highway, Road and Street Improvements for Cherry County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, DeNaeyer, Storer. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the Fracture Critical Bridge Inspection Bids with Mr. Smith and the shift in responsibility that used to be shared by the State of Nebraska which has become the responsibility of the county entirely. Mr. Smith reassured the Board that the insurance certificate of the accepted bidder would include Cherry County.

Storer moved and Ward seconded to accept the low bid from Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. for the 2021 Fracture Critical Bridge Inspections. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Storer, Ward. The motion carried.

The Board detailed some expectations with County Road Superintendent Kent Lopez such as continued training, equipment maintenance recording, improving communication and planning, completion of the Road Handbook and outreach to other counties regarding some of their processes and technology suggestions.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections at 2:50 PM. The Board returned to regular session at 3:10 PM.

Communications Director/Cherry County Emergency Manager Gary Weaver discussed PPE/Covid-19 Disaster Relief funds with the Board.

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

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CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	213,046.27	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of			\$
		213,046.27	

GENERAL

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,262.21
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$14,870.51
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,735.20

Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$44,042.40
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$4,711.96
Credit Management	Garnishment	\$215.19
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$26,477.78
Legal Shield	Services	\$36.85
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$100.00
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums	\$17,492.32
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$3,903.95
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$611.31
GENERAL FUND PAYROLL	GROSS SALARY/WAGES	\$129,757.81
	GROSS TOTAL	\$247,217.49
Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$34,171.22)	
	NET TOTAL	\$213,046.27

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	105,896.87	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of	\$	105,896.87	

ROAD

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,124.72
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$6,599.59
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,306.96
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$22,113.81
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$2,255.83
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$25,653.65
Journal Entry	Claim Correction	(\$12,507.32)
Legal Shield	Services	\$110.65
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums	\$8,259.30
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,777.19
Panhandle Collections	Garnishment	\$375.95
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$220.40
ROAD FUND PAYROLL	GROSS SALARY/WAGES	\$65,617.10
	GROSS TOTAL	\$124,222.33
Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$18,325.46)	
	NET TOTAL	\$105,896.87

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	5,221.14	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of	\$	5,221.14	

Visitor Promotion Fund

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$395.90
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$108.56
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$908.97
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$101.94
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$28.17
VISITOR PROMOTION PAYROLL	GROSS SALARY/WAGES	\$4,589.80
	GROSS TOTAL	\$6,230.71
Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,009.57)	
	NET TOTAL	\$5,221.14

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	37,165.69	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.



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A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of

\$ 37,165.69

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Clerk

Health Insurance Claims

\$37,165.69

TOTAL \$37,165.69

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ 2,809.35
and disallowed in the amount of \$ -

2,809.35

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of

\$ 2,809.35

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement

Withholdings/Retirement

\$276.27

EFTPS

Taxes/Withholdings

\$545.56

NE Department of Revenue

Taxes/Withholdings

\$67.48

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PAYROLL

GROSS SALARY/WAGES

\$2,455.73

GROSS TOTAL

\$3,345.04

Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings

(\$535.69)

NET TOTAL

\$2,809.35

At 3:50 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES February 23, 2021

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The Board of Corrections meeting minutes from February 8, 2020 were read and approved during regular session.

Commissioner Ward discussed an upcoming meeting opportunity with Administrator Hesse with the Kyle Kellum at the Cherry County Hospital to discuss the possibility of cooperative food services opportunity.

Administrator Hesse provided a staffing update as well as discussion regarding the payment reimbursement arrangement with the City of Valentine for Dispatching services and how that relates to the Covid-Relief funds received as well as upcoming training challenges.

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

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