

Cherry County Board Minutes



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES March 30, 2021

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 30, 2021 at 10:00 AM in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room, as per notice in the Valentine Midland News every week and 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 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 March 9, 2021 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Ward seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

The Board of Commissioners Joint Meeting of Region 24 Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement Counties meeting minutes from the March 23, 2021 Special meeting were read. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to reappoint Kris Krolkowski to the Sawyer Memorial Library Board to a term set to expire December 31, 2025. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

The Board provided updates regarding various other board meetings they have attended.

Janie Swanson addressed the Board proposing the request for the County Board of Commissioners to create a committee for the purpose of preserving private property rights and to compose a resolution to be adopted by the Board which opposes the '30x30 Land Grab Executive Order' (ref. Executive Order #14008 on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad; signed 1/27/2021) put into place by President Biden and to act as an educational/advisory resource for landowners and residents regarding the many potential impacts of this order.

Storer moved and Ward seconded to authorize an exploratory committee for developing a Private Property Rights Committee and for drafting a resolution for protecting private property rights and opposing the '30 by 30 Executive Order' and to which appoint Janie Swanson, Wyatt Ladely, Stephanie DeNaeyer, Barb Harms, Judy Reece, Delores Colburn, Deb Ramm, and Kristi Colburn. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

James Almond, State 911 Field Coordinator for the Nebraska Public Service Commission, met with the Board to discuss the funding received by Cherry County from the PSC which is collected by wireless providers as a 911 surcharge. Mr. Almond detailed information to the Board regarding reimbursement amounts, the funding structure, annual fund audit process, the eligible costs for utilizing these funds, the difference between 911 wired funds and 911 wireless funds and the upcoming changes in fund receipt with the dissolution of the Region 24 Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement. Beginning with the upcoming fiscal year and the final date of dissolution of the Interlocal Agreement, the funds allocated to Cherry County will be received directly by the Cherry County Treasurer for use by Cherry County for expenses deemed eligible by the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:00PM to 1:10 PM.

The Board received comments from the public during the allotted time.

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith and KBR Public Power Representative Jason Vaisvilas met with the Board to discuss the KBR Rural Public Power District Request to Occupy the Right of Way in Section 30, Township 31N, Range 30W – 16F (Merritt Dam Rd). Mr. Vaisvilas informed the Board of the intent to mulch brush for ease of access and the addition of a power cabinet and the possibility of an additional cabinet to provide for future growth. Storer moved and Ward seconded to approve the Request to Occupy County Right of Way submitted by KBR Rural Public Power District for Section 30, Township 31N, Range 30W – 16F (Merritt Dam Rd). Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to table the agenda item regarding discussion/action for the Valentine Public Library 100-year anniversary Proclamation until the April 13, 2021 meeting. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

The Board engaged in conversation with the officials present regarding the Inclement Weather Closure Procedures for the County Courthouse. Requests for simplification were offered by those courthouse employees present for the discussion regarding the different circumstances of each office. The process, clarified by the Board, regarding closure decisions will be made by the Sheriff and the liaison board member residing the closest to Valentine. Notification will be sent to county employees by the Communications Director by 7:00 AM who will also notify the local radio stations. No official board action was taken.

From 2:09 - 2:35 PM the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization.

From 2:35 – 3:00 PM the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections.

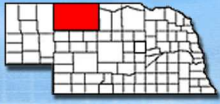
John Ravenscroft provided an update regarding the progress, implementation planning and anticipated timeline for the Veteran's Memorial that is being constructed at the entrance of the Cherry County Courthouse. He noted the anticipated project commencement is expected in late spring/early summer of this year.

From 3:40 – 4:30PM the Board moved the meeting temporarily to the basement Emergency Management Room in order to view the function of the GWorks Simple Roads Tool. Road Secretary Kay Reese shared her experience with the trial version of the program she has been testing. The Board explored ideas for satisfying the needs of the County Road department regarding maintenance tracking.

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

March 31, 2021 CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

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| Claims were presented in the amount of | \$ | 223,696.93 | . |
| and disallowed in the amount of | \$ | - | . |
| A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of | | | \$ 223,696.93 |
| GENERAL | | | |
| Accelerated Solution | | Garnishment | \$287.81 |
| AFLAC | | Withholdings/Insurance | \$2,293.15 |
| Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement | | Withholdings/Retirement | \$16,316.88 |
| Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental | | Withholdings/Insurance | \$2,626.64 |
| Cherry County Health Account | | Health Claims Funding | \$40,676.57 |
| Colonial Life | | Supplemental Insurance Premiums | \$4,711.96 |
| Credit Management | | Garnishment | \$362.23 |
| EFTPS | | Withholdings/Taxes | \$29,756.71 |
| Legal Shield | | Services | \$36.85 |
| MassMutual | | Withholdings/Retirement | \$100.00 |
| Meritain Health | | Health Insurance Premiums | \$17,123.80 |
| NE Department of Revenue | | Withholdings/Taxes | \$4,516.62 |
| Vision Service Plan | | Withholdings/Insurance | \$594.22 |
| GENERAL FUND PAYROLL | | GROSS SALARY/WAGES | \$142,621.74 |
| | | GROSS TOTAL | \$262,025.18 |
| | | Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings | (\$38,328.25) |
| | | NET TOTAL | \$223,696.93 |
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| Claims were presented in the amount of | \$ | 118,886.46 | . |
| and disallowed in the amount of | \$ | - | . |
| A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of | | | \$ 118,886.46 |
| ROAD | | | |
| AFLAC | | Withholdings/Insurance | \$2,124.72 |
| Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement | | Withholdings/Retirement | \$7,974.14 |



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| Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental | Withholdings/Insurance | \$1,236.00 |
| Assurity Life Insurance Company | Withholdings/Insurance | \$14.50 |
| Cherry County Health Account | Health Claim Funding | \$21,274.20 |
| Colonial Life | Supplemental Insurance Premiums | \$2,255.83 |
| EFTPS | Taxes/Withholdings | \$16,482.74 |
| Legal Shield | Services | \$110.65 |
| MassMutual | Withholdings/Retirement | \$300.00 |
| Meritain Health | Health Insurance Premiums | \$8,075.04 |
| NE Department of Revenue | Taxes/Withholdings | \$2,469.58 |
| Panhandle Collections | Garnishment | \$375.95 |
| Vision Service Plan | Withholdings/Insurance | \$237.42 |
| ROAD FUND PAYROLL | GROSS SALARY/WAGES | \$77,799.08 |
| | GROSS TOTAL | \$140,729.85 |
| | Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings | (\$21,843.39) |
| | NET TOTAL | \$118,886.46 |

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| Claims were presented in the amount of | \$ | 5,241.58 | . |
| and disallowed in the amount of | \$ | - | . |
| A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of | | | \$ 5,241.58 |

Visitor Promotion Fund

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| AFLAC | Withholdings/Insurance | 97.37 |
| Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement | Withholdings/Retirement | \$395.90 |
| Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental | Withholdings/Insurance | \$108.56 |
| EFTPS | Taxes/Withholdings | \$911.89 |
| NE Department of Revenue | Taxes/Withholdings | \$102.37 |
| Vision Service Plan | Withholdings/Insurance | \$28.17 |
| VISITOR PROMOTION FUND PAYROLL | GROSS SALARY/WAGES | \$4,608.78 |
| | GROSS TOTAL | \$6,253.04 |
| | Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings | (\$1,011.46) |
| | NET TOTAL | \$5,241.58 |

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| Claims were presented in the amount of | \$ | 65,141.56 | . |
| and disallowed in the amount of | \$ | - | . |
| A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of | | | \$ 65,141.56 |

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

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| Cherry County Clerk | Health Insurance Claims | \$65,141.56 |
| | TOTAL | \$65,141.56 |

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| Claims were presented in the amount of | \$ | 3,274.18 | . |
| and disallowed in the amount of | \$ | - | . |
| A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of | | | \$ 3,274.18 |

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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| Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement | Withholdings/Retirement | \$321.98 |
| EFTPS | Taxes/Withholdings | \$651.86 |
| NE Department of Revenue | Taxes/Withholdings | \$86.53 |
| EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PAYROLL | GROSS SALARY/WAGES | \$2,862.05 |
| | GROSS TOTAL | \$3,922.42 |
| | Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings | (\$648.24) |
| | NET TOTAL | \$3,274.18 |

At 5:10 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES March 30, 2021

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met as a Board of Equalization on March 30, 2021 in the Commissioner Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published March 17, 2021 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 2:10 PM by Chairman Storer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Tanya Storer, Martin DeNaeyer, James Ward, Cherry County Assessor Betty Daugherty, and Cherry County Deputy Clerk Elise Hamling. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman Storer.

Assessor Daugherty met with the Board to discuss omitted property tax list corrections for James J & Barbara G Harms, Trustees (160065577), Cleve Trimble (160665225), Trade Winds Lodge Inc. (160261007) which date back the maximum 3 years for eligible refunds. The tax lists have already been corrected for the current tax year.

Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the tax list corrections as presented by Assessor Daugherty and to authorize Chairman Storer to sign tax list corrections for Parcel #'s 160065577, 160665225, 160261007 for tax years 2018, 2019 and 2020. Roll call vote: DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the Order for Notice of Hearing before the Nebraska Tax Equalization & Review Commission regarding ARCP SH Valentine NE LLC v Cherry County Board of Equalization.

At 2:35 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 30, 2021

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met as a Board of Corrections on March 30, 2021 in the Commissioner Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published every week 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 2:35 PM by Chairman Storer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Tanya Storer, Martin DeNaeyer, James Ward, Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse, and Cherry County Deputy Clerk Elise Hamling. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman Storer.

Administrator Hesse provided updates to the Board to including the resumption of trainings available this year to Justice Center employees and potential software updates.

At 3:00 PM with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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