



Cherry County Board Minutes



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

April 27, 2021

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 27, 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 10:05 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, as well as the recently amended (April 2021) copy also available to the public, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioners regular meeting minutes from April 13, 2021 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Ward seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and Ward seconded to appoint Darci Lee to the Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees for a term set to expire July 30, 2023. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Treasurer Kathy Hammond met with the board to certify the correction done to two distress warrants for tax year 2018.

The Board met with Cherry Communications Director/Deputy Region 24 Emergency Manager Gary Weaver to discuss the creation of a job description for his position after the dissolution of the Region 24 Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement. The Board considered statutory requirements as well as examples of other Emergency Management position job descriptions offered by Mr. Weaver for their consideration. The Board required more time to consider the descriptions presented and to hybridize the description to include the Communications Director position as well. No action was taken at this time. Mr. Weaver went on to describe details of this position and indicate some upcoming changes to the Local Emergency Operations Plans (LEOP) which will be updated more regularly as well as some potentially large communications equipment replacement costs in the future which may have opportunities for funding to alleviate or offset that cost to the County.

Mike Bateman, Murphy Tractor representative, met with the Board to offer some information regarding Motor Grader cost analyses for them to compare when considering replacing or continuing to maintain existing equipment and the warranty coverages available for those options. The Board requested additional detailed information regarding the potential to trade equipment to offset the costs.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:02PM to 1:05 PM.

The Board did not receive any comments from the public during the allotted time.

Commissioner Storer returned to the meeting at 1:12 PM.

The Board met via Zoom with State of Nebraska Soil Scientist Carlos Villarreal, NRCS Soil Scientist Chuck Markley, NRCS Soil Scientist Howard Main, NRCS Middle Niobrara District Conservationist Christine Lousias, NRCS Senior Regional Soil Scientist John Warner, Deputy County Assessor Jackie Moreland, and Assessor Betty Daugherty who was present in person. The Board inquired about the possibility of soil reclassifications for areas affected by the Catastrophic Water Mounding experienced in the Sandhills after the excessive 2019 flooding due to areas of both standing water as well as those that have suffered losses of productivity even where the water has receded. The soil scientists explained the static nature of the USGS Web Soil Survey tool and clarified that it is to be used as a base-line model for the soil types of the area. It was acknowledged that the standing water could permanently affect the properties/productivity potential for some soils over time, however some would potentially be able to recover completely with no permanent ill effects. There are many variables to be considered when Soil Scientists attempt to consider a true change in soil properties or types which can even be attributed to the ancient soils below the currently established soils. After experiencing long-term saturation these soils could either be permanently destroy or completely recover and even vary by the same soil types but in different locations. The re-mapping of these soils would not necessarily reflect different soil types, or to impact the Soil Valuation system of property assessment. The Board expressed their frustrations with the limitations of the current laws regarding property

tax relief as they have allowances only for 'destroyed' property which is difficult to establish regarding soils and require mandatory consideration of a three-year market value/sales comparison.

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith met with the Board to provide an update on some of the Fracture Critical Bridge Inspections/Maintenance that will require attention. The Board requested that Mr. Smith do some additional follow up regarding bridge-maintenance being done by other counties that we can reference for more thorough fiscal planning.

County Road Superintendent Kent Lopez met with the Board to provide updates regarding the bidding/estimating process for oil prices for the year as they are rather unpredictable at this time. The need to have a more centrally located cold-mixing site for road materials was discussed as well as knowing the full inventory of county-owned millings.

The Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections from 2:50 to 3:45 PM.

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

April 29, 2021

CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	212,288.26	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of			\$
			212,288.26

GENERAL

Accelerated Solution	Garnishment	\$220.93	
AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,293.15	
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$14,912.32	
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,271.84	
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$43,513.53	
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$4,518.26	
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$26,421.10	
General Collection	Garnishment	\$238.29	
Legal Shield	Services	\$36.85	
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$100.00	
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums	\$17,308.06	
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$3,869.57	
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$602.73	
GENERAL FUND PAYROLL	GROSS SALARIES/WAGES	\$130,723.03	
		GROSS TOTAL	\$247,029.66
Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings			(\$34,741.40)
		NET TOTAL	\$212,288.26

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	100,323.72	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$
			100,323.72

ROAD

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,946.23
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$6,521.81
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,236.00
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$20,745.33
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$2,224.26
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$12,388.97
Legal Shield	Services	\$110.65
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums	\$7,769.74
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,639.81



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Panhandle Collections	Garnishment	\$375.95
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$228.91
ROAD FUND PAYROLL	GROSS SALARIES/WAGES	\$62,203.68
	GROSS TOTAL	\$117,705.84
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$17,382.12)
	NET TOTAL	\$100,323.72

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	5,064.26	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of	\$		5,064.26

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	\$886.67
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$98.65
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$28.17
VISITOR PROMOTION PAYROLL	GROSS SALARIES/WAGES	\$4,444.07
	GROSS TOTAL	\$6,059.39
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$995.13)
	NET TOTAL	\$5,064.26

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	10,139.12	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of	\$		10,139.12

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$10,139.12
	TOTAL	\$10,139.12

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	2,809.35	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
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 SALARIES/WAGES	\$2,455.73
	GROSS TOTAL	\$3,345.04
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$535.69)
	NET TOTAL	\$2,809.35

At 5:00 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES April 27, 2021

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met as a Board of Corrections on April 27, 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 2:50 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.

Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse updated the Board on trainings completed by Justice Center Staff.

Administrator Hesse presented two payroll change notices to the Board for approval which were prepared in accordance with the established Justice Center Pay scale and preceded pay increase for acquiring Threat Pattern Recognition Use of Force Instructor Certification. The Board signed the presented change notices.

At 3:45 PM with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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