



Cherry County Board Minutes



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

May 25, 2021

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 25, 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 Clerk Brittny Petersen. 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 May 11, 2021 were read. Ward moved and Storer seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

The hiring of a Road District #3 foreman and the status of Carver Road were discussed by the Board. Cherry County Emergency Manager Gary Weaver provided a brief update regarding the status of FEMA reimbursements, emergency management statutory requirement coordination with NEMA, and Region 24 Emergency Management 911-circuit billing.

Andy Dawson, Carol Leonard, and Stephanie DeNaeyer, members of the Cherry County Ag Society Board of Directors, were present to discuss a project at the Cherry County Fairgrounds to improve parking, accessibility, and renovation/construction of bathrooms. The Ag Society requested that Cherry County apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) on behalf of the project with the Central Nebraska Economic Development District (CNEDD) as the grant administrator. The CDBG requires a 25% match and local grant opportunities are available to potentially cover the match amount. The Board of Commissioners will require reviewal of the grant application prior to submission to ensure that it does not obligate the spending of Cherry County funds. A mixing strip location and insurance coverage on Cherry County Ag Society property for Road District #1 was also discussed. No Board action was required at this time.

Cherry County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith met with the Board to discuss fracture critical bridge inspections and adding riprap to Carver Road.

The Board spoke with Spencer Thomas, NOVO Benefits Account Executive, via telephone to review health insurance renewal options. No Board action was taken.

Mike Bateman, Murphy Tractor Territory Sales Manager, was present to discuss lease terms and costs associated for two John Deere Motor Graders for Road District #1. Ward moved and Storer seconded to lease a 2016 John Deere 672G Motor Grader Serial Number 1DW672GXVGF678108 and trade off a 2002 Cat 140H. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried. OPT hours on the motor graders and equipment maintenance costs were discussed. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to lease a 2016 John Deere 672G Motor Grader Serial Number 1DW672GXLGF678113 and trade off a 1990 Cat 140G. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board recessed for lunch from 11:48 AM to 1:02 PM.

Comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

Greg & Tim Nollette from Niobrara Valley Vineyards and Chelsea Luthy, CNEDD Community Development Specialist, met with the Board to discuss plans for expanding Niobrara Valley Vineyards to potentially include new tasting & dining rooms and daily food service. The project would also create jobs and increase accessibility for the vineyard.

If Cherry County agrees, the project would be used to apply for a Community Development Block Grant with CNEDD as grant administrator. Confirmation of the single federal audit threshold was requested by the Board from Contryman Associates, the county's contracted auditor. The Board requested that Ms. Luthy provide CDBG application guidelines prior to a Board decision about whether to proceed with the grant application. An agenda item for action regarding the CDBG application authorization will

be placed on the agenda for June 8, 2021. If funds are awarded, an MOU will be executed between Nebraska Department of Economic Development, Cherry County, and Niobrara Valley Vineyards. No Board action was taken.

At 2:09 PM, as advertised, the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization. The Board returned to regular session at 2:37 PM.

At 2:38 PM, as advertised, the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections. The Board returned to regular session at 3:33 PM.

Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept Option 2 from NOVO Benefits for the Cherry County health insurance renewal for the 2021-2022 plan year. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Cherry County Historical Society Board minutes from their May 19, 2021 meeting.

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

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CHERRY COUNTY CLAIMS LISTING

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	218,949.08	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of			\$
			218,949.08

GENERAL

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,293.15
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$15,060.76
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,555.68
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$40,776.57
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$4,651.96
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$26,504.04
Journal Entry	Refund Check Correction	\$588.94
General Collection	Garnishment	\$238.29
Legal Shield	Services	\$36.85
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$100.00
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums	\$16,328.94
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$3,908.94
Eric Scott	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$8,441.58
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$602.73
General Fund Payroll	Gross Salaries & Wages	\$131,311.07
	GROSS TOTAL	\$253,399.50
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$34,450.42)
	NET TOTAL	\$218,949.08

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	101,836.49	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of			\$
			101,836.49

ROAD

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,834.00
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$6,741.34
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,236.00
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Cherry County Treasurer	Taxes/Withholdings	\$96.60
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$19,376.85
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$2,224.26
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$13,423.43
Legal Shield	Services	\$110.65



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MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums	\$7,280.18
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,859.64
Panhandle Collections	Garnishment	\$50.88
SD Child Support Payment Center	Garnishment	\$281.00
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$207.91
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Salaries & Wages	\$65,110.40
	GROSS TOTAL	\$120,147.64
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$18,311.15)
	NET TOTAL	\$101,836.49

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	5,554.42	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of	\$	5,554.42	

Visitor Promotion Fund

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$452.15
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$108.56
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$1,008.85
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$133.15
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$28.17
Visitor Promotion Fund Payroll	Gross Salaries & Wages	\$4,868.04
	GROSS TOTAL	\$6,696.29
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,141.87)
	NET TOTAL	\$5,554.42

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	2,857.78	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of	\$	2,857.78	

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$281.03
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$557.30
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$70.15
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$2,498.06
	GROSS TOTAL	\$3,406.54
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$548.76)
	NET TOTAL	\$2,857.78

At 4:22 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

May 25, 2021

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met as a Board of Equalization on May 25, 2021 in the Commissioner Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published May 19, 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 2:09 PM by Chairman Storer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Tanya Storer, Martin DeNaeyer, James Ward, Cherry County Clerk Brittny Petersen, and Cherry County Assessor Betty Daugherty. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman Storer.

Assessor Daugherty provided information for tax list corrections for parcel ID: 160665239 to accelerate taxes and for parcel ID: 160049628 because of a homestead exemption change. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve tax list corrections #2018-17 and #2020-17 as presented by Assessor Daugherty and authorize Chairman Storer to sign said corrections. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

The Board and Assessor Daugherty discussed the Findings and Order (No Show Cause Hearing) from the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission regarding levels of value for residential, commercial, and agricultural and horticultural classes of real property. The levels of value for real property in Cherry County for tax year 2021 meet the requirements of law. Recent commercial revaluations were also discussed. No Board action was required.

At 2:37 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 Cherry County Board of Commissioners met as a Board of Corrections on May 25, 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 2:38 PM by Chairman Storer. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Cherry County Commissioners Tanya Storer, Martin DeNaeyer, James Ward, Cherry County Clerk Brittny Petersen, and Cherry County Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman Storer.

Administrator Hesse, Cherry County Sheriff Rusty Osburn, and Cherry County Emergency Manager Gary Weaver met with the Board to discuss the potential purchase and implementation of a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) radio system. Information-sharing capabilities and maintenance, support, and server hosting costs were discussed. The ability to use funds currently in the county's 911 Emergency Services fund to pay for the purchase and implementation of the system was confirmed with Mr. Weaver. Board action regarding the CAD radio system will be placed on the agenda for the June 8, 2021 Board of Corrections meeting.

The jail census and potentially housing inmates for the state were discussed.

At 3:33 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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