

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

June 29, 2021

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on June 29, 2021 at 10:00 AM in the Cherry County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice in the Valentine Midland News every week, 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 Brittney 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 Commissioner regular meeting minutes from June 8, 2021 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Ward seconded to approve the minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

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

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

Cherry County Hospital CEO Kyle Kellum and Cherry County Hospital CFO Amanda Davidson met with the Board to present the Cherry County Hospital & Clinic 2021-2022 Operating Budget. Departmental changes, patient statistics trends, and changes in revenues and expenses were discussed.

Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to reappoint Roger Dunn and Andrew Ward to the Cherry County Hospital Board of Trustees to six-year terms set to expire on July 30, 2027. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

Ward moved and Storer seconded to approve the Cherry County Hospital budget for 2021-2022 as presented. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

Storer moved and Ward seconded to reappoint William F. Marshall to the Cherry County Veterans Service Committee to a five-year term set to expire on June 30, 2026. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

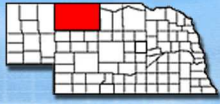
The current language of the Cherry County Employee Handbook regarding holidays was discussed due to the recent new Federal and State holiday. No Board action was taken.

Cherry County Zoning Administrator Jessica Coyle provided information for an additional consultant for the Cherry County Planning Commission to aid in the areas regarding conservation easements, endangered species, and wetlands protection for the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations updates. Administrator Coyle stated that the Planning Commission had voted at their June 8, 2021 meeting to hire Margaret Byfield of American Stewards of Liberty as a secondary consultant. Storer moved and Ward seconded to approve the Professional Services Agreement between American Stewards of Liberty and Cherry County, Nebraska per the Planning Commission's recommendation. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried. Administrator Coyle reminded the Board that there is still a vacancy on the Planning Commission.

Cherry County Attorney Eric Scott confirmed that the job requirements of the Cherry County Emergency Management Director would qualify it as a salaried position. The Board requested confirmation from NEMA regarding the notification requirements of the appointment.

Cherry County Communications Director Gary Weaver met with the Board to inform them of the upcoming date at which no parts or warranty work will be available for the current model of dispatch radio console that the county owns. The replacement cost, funding options, and interim capabilities were also discussed. Director Weaver stated that the increase of malicious emails being received by County officials across Nebraska has resulted in a need for additional IT security. Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the quote from Applied Connective for IronScales Email Security monthly services. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

Cherry County Road Superintendent Kent Lopez and Cherry County Road Foremen J.D. Osburn, Doug Boyer, and Arnold Olson were present to discuss road employee wages, job openings, insurance benefits, and the potential for an electronic timecard and updated reporting system. No Board action was taken.



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Comments were received from the public during the allotted time.

Cherry County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith informed the Board of issues with Manning Bridge and Lyons Bridge located in Cherry County and that the estimated repairs would meet the threshold for competitive sealed bidding, as confirmed with the Cherry County Attorney. DeNaeyer moved and Storer seconded to authorize Superintendent Smith to advertise for sealed competitive bids to repair the Manning Bridge. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried. Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to authorize Superintendent Smith to advertise for sealed competitive bids to repair Lyons Bridge. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

Commissioner Ward recused himself from the conversation regarding the bridge located in Section 20, Township 34N Range 27W, Cherry County, Nebraska. Superintendent Smith stated that the bridge is not on the county inventory, but that there is an agreement to construct and maintain the bridge and Mr. Scott has recommended honoring the agreement. The process for adding the bridge to the county inventory was also discussed. Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to authorize Superintendent Smith to get a load rating per the historical maintenance agreement for the bridge located in Section 20 Township 34N Range 27W Cherry County, Nebraska. Roll call vote: DeNaeyer – Aye, Ward – Abstain, Storer – Aye. The motion carried.

At 2:01 PM, as advertised, the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Equalization. The Board returned to regular session at 2:42 PM.

Clerk Petersen, Cherry County Treasurer Kathy Hammond, Cherry County Assessor Betty Daugherty, and Cherry County Justice Center Administrator Sharon Hesse discussed the Cherry County Employee Handbook regarding holidays and the implications that State closures have for individual Cherry County offices. Ward moved to strike the verbiage “(paid for)” and “not to pay for the closure dates” in the third paragraph of page 18 and to add “to close” after the word “chooses” in the last sentence in the third paragraph of page 18 of the Cherry County Employee Handbook. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

As amended, the final excerpt from the Cherry County Employee Handbook now reads: Ref. Pg. 18 Para. 3 “Only the holidays listed are paid holidays. In the event of the proclamation of additional government closings, it is at the discretion of the appropriate department how closures will be handled. In general, hourly employees and employees working in 24-hour positions will only be paid for the official paid holidays. Vacation or comp time can be applied to the closure day of the department head chooses to close.”

At 3:02 PM, as advertised, the Board recessed from regular session to convene as a Board of Corrections. The Board returned to regular session at 3:49 PM.

The Board met with Mr. Weaver to discuss the Cherry County Emergency Management Director position. It was confirmed with the County Attorney that NEMA does not require a resolution for the appointment notification, but that a letter from the Board would suffice. The salary and finalization of the job description were discussed. DeNaeyer moved and Storer seconded to appoint Gary Weaver as the Cherry County Emergency Management Director with an effective date of July 1, 2021. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Mr. Weaver informed the Board that the SEAT plane is now stationed in Valentine due to the availability of a hangar provided by A.J. Abbott and the dispersion of Region 24 Emergency Management inventory was also discussed.

Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to adopt Resolution #06-18-2021-01 Region 24 Emergency Management Agency Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2021. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

The deadlines for the filing of and Board action regarding Form 425 – Report of Destroyed Real Property were confirmed with Clerk Petersen. Ward moved and Storer seconded to set a special meeting date for the Cherry County Board of Equalization for 10:00 AM on July 20, 2021. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

DeNaeyer moved and Storer 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 \$ **184,493.83** .
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .

A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of \$ **184,493.83**

GENERAL

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,279.35
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$16,003.76
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$2,626.64
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claims Funding	\$2,300.00
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$4,385.48
EFTPS	Withholdings/Taxes	\$28,753.58
Legal Shield	Services	\$36.85
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$100.00
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums	\$15,534.08
NE Department of Revenue	Withholdings/Taxes	\$4,384.86
Eric Scott	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment	\$3,908.00
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$541.79
General Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$140,077.17
	GROSS TOTAL	\$220,931.56
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$36,437.73)
	NET TOTAL	\$184,493.83

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **112,857.02** .
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of \$ **112,857.02**

ROAD

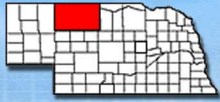
AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,912.65
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$7,713.72
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$1,236.00
Assurity Life Insurance Company	Withholdings/Insurance	\$14.50
Cherry County Health Account	Health Claim Funding	\$19,376.85
Colonial Life	Supplemental Insurance Premiums	\$2,140.59
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$15,522.31
Legal Shield	Services	\$110.65
MassMutual	Withholdings/Retirement	\$300.00
Meritain Health	Health Insurance Premiums	\$7,280.18
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$2,308.05
SD Child Support Payment Center	Garnishment	\$281.00
Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$207.91
Road Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$74,882.53
	GROSS TOTAL	\$133,286.94
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$20,429.92)
	NET TOTAL	\$112,857.02

Claims were presented in the amount of \$ **5,548.18** .
 and disallowed in the amount of \$ - .

A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of \$ **5,548.18**

Visitor Promotion Fund

AFLAC	Withholdings/Insurance	97.37
Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$414.65
Ameritas Life Insurance/Dental	Withholdings/Insurance	\$108.56
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$972.95
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$112.63



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Vision Service Plan	Withholdings/Insurance	\$28.17
Visitor Promotion Fund	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$4,883.15
	GROSS TOTAL	\$6,617.48
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$1,069.30)
	NET TOTAL	\$5,548.18

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	17,559.09	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Claims Fund in the amount of			\$ 17,559.09

HEALTH CLAIMS FUND

Cherry County Clerk	Health Insurance Claims	\$17,559.09
	TOTAL	\$17,559.09

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	3,225.77	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of			\$ 3,225.77

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Ameritas Life Insurance/Retirement	Withholdings/Retirement	\$317.22
EFTPS	Taxes/Withholdings	\$641.19
NE Department of Revenue	Taxes/Withholdings	\$84.79
Emergency Management Fund Payroll	Gross Wages & Salaries	\$2,819.73
	GROSS TOTAL	\$3,862.93
	Adjustment for employees' share of withholdings	(\$637.16)
	NET TOTAL	\$3,225.77

At 4:32 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

June 29, 2021

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners met as a Board of Equalization on June 29, 2021 in the Commissioner Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice published June 16, 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 2:01 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, Cherry County Assessor Betty Daugherty, Cherry County Deputy Assessor Jacqueline Moreland, and Cherry County Treasurer Kathy Hammond. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman Storer.

Treasurer Hammond presented the Board with Applications for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes by Qualifying Nonprofit Organizations received by her office. Storer moved and Ward seconded to approve the motor vehicle tax exemptions as presented by Treasurer Hammond. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Assessor Daugherty and Deputy Assessor Moreland discussed bids for commercial revaluation services as received from Central Plains Valuation, LLC and Stanard Appraisal Services, Inc. with the Board. Experience, active contracts, and past performance of each company were considered. Ward moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the bid from Central Plains Valuation, LLC for commercial revaluation services. Roll call vote: Aye Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

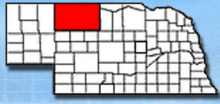
Assessor Daugherty presented the contract for residential revaluation services based on the bid from Central Plains Valuation, LLC that was approved at the June 8, 2021 Board of Equalization meeting. The contract has been reviewed by the County Attorney and fulfills the specifications as set forth by Assessor Daugherty. Storer moved and Ward seconded to approve the contract for property appraisal services between Cherry County and Central Plains Valuation, LLC for residential revaluation. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

Assessor Daugherty reviewed information for corrections to the 2021 assessment roll. Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve the Report of Overvalued, Undervalued, and Omitted Property for Tax Year 2021 as presented by Assessor Daugherty. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Assessor Daugherty reviewed information received to support Report of Destroyed Real Property #21-001 for a building damaged by a fire. Ward moved and Storer seconded to approve the reassessment value as recommended by Assessor Daugherty for Report of Destroyed Real Property #21-001. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

At 2:42 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES June 29, 2021

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The Board reviewed a proposal from the Cherry County Hospital and Clinic for the preparation and delivery of food services for inmates of the Cherry County Justice Center. The jail census and the effect that it has on the cost per meal were discussed. Storer moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept the proposal and proceed with the drafting of a formal agreement for inmate food services with the Cherry County Hospital and Clinic. Roll call vote: Aye – Ward, Storer, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Administrator Hesse informed the Board that a Request for Set Aside Usage has been submitted to the Nebraska Public Service Commission for spending authority to purchase the CAD system for Cherry County Dispatch. The agenda items regarding C.R.I.M.E.S. Proposal/Contract – CAD Radio and providing written notice to Summit Foods of termination of contract were tabled until further notice.

The Third-Party Billing section of the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Service Contract was discussed. Storer moved and Ward seconded to pursue finalizing a service contract with Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. Roll call vote: Aye – Storer, DeNaeyer, Ward. The motion carried.

Ward moved and Storer seconded to approve the IDEMIA Maintenance and Support Agreement for LiveScan and authorize Administrator Hesse to sign said agreement. Roll call vote: Aye DeNaeyer, Ward, Storer. The motion carried.

At 3:49 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Storer declared the meeting adjourned.

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