



Merrick County Board Minutes



January 28, 2019

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Monday, January 28, 2019 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Weller, Kucera, Dexter, Placke, Yrkoski, and Wiegert present. Deputy County Attorney Kunz was also present.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil and The Palmer Journal and the Merrick County Website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Wiegert declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 a.m.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Agenda: Moved Weller, second Kreachbaum to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve the minutes of January 8, 2019 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Dexter had a webinar on January 17 with SCEDD; Dexter, Placke, and Yrkoski attended the NACO New Supervisor Training in Lincoln on January 19; Yrkoski attended the Long Term Care meeting; Kucera attended the Mid Nebraska MNIS Executive meeting on January 16 and Region 3 meeting on January 26; Kucera and Wiegert attended the Central District Planning meeting in Aurora on January 17.

Official's reports: Extension Educator Stuhr gave a brief update on Extension. She has hired a part time person, Sherry Siwinski. Sheriff Westman said he and Chief Deputy Benson will be attending the jail liability and mental health in jails training. Sheriff Westman said they had received a \$5,300.00 donation for safety equipment from a lady who had lost her husband and like the care that she received in Merrick County. It will be used for rifles, body armour and optics for rifles. Deputy Dickhautd has been deployed and will return in August.

Assessor Surplus: Moved Placke, second Yrkoski to allow the Assessor to surplus a steel bookcase. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2019-4: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2019-4 allowing the Treasurer to transfer funds and accounts at 4 banks and to transfer the amounts into NPAIT per the recommendation of the State Auditor's. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2019-4 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Semi Annual Treasurer's report: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve and have the Finance Committee sign the Treasurer's Semi Annual report. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Planning and Zoning appointment: Moved Dexter, second Weller to appoint David Miller to the Merrick County Planning Commission replacing Don Hannappel. Roll Call: All Aye.

State Fire Marshall report: Sheriff Westman presented to the Board the State of Nebraska State Fire Marshall report that reported all of the deficiencies and that on a revisit of the inspection all deficiencies had been taken care of.

Interlocal agreement: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve and have the Chairman sign an Interlocal Agreement between the County of Lincoln and the County of Merrick to house inmates at a basic rate of \$50.00 per inmate per day. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Weed Superintendent: Weed Superintendent Kevin Koziol presented the Board with his yearend reports. Yrkoski said that road employees are spraying ditches and are not certified and wanted to know if Koziol could do all of that. The Board thought that the road employees should get certified. Koziol said that he could do some of it but he doesn't have a sprayer. Highway Superintendent Meyer said that he has three or four sprayers that are 60 gallons but Koziol will need a bigger tank. Meyer said that Kris Erickson and Cliff Yrkoski were certified and thinks that Lee Neel might be. Board asked Koziol to check into what a 100 gallon sprayer would cost and let them know at the next Board Meeting.

RESOLUTION 2019-2: Moved Placke, second Weller to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2019-2 giving Weed Superintendent Kevin Koziol weed control authority. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2019-2 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Vacation in Handbook: Moved Kucera, second Weller to change the vacation in the County Handbook to read hours instead of days for vacation time rates. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Comp time in Handbook: Moved Placke, second Dexter to change the wording in the County Handbook to read that comp time needs to be used in 120 days instead of the current 90 days or payment for such time will be made by the county. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Over time in Handbook: Moved Kucera, second Yrkoski to change the wording for hours worked for over time to read: Once an employee has worked over forty (40) hours, payment for time in excess of (40) hours, payment for time in excess



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of forty (40) must be at time and one-half (1 ½) or given in compensatory time at time and one-half (1 ½) except in the Sheriff's office when an employee has worked over 172 hours, payment for time in excess of 172 hours, payment for time in excess of 172 hours must be at time and one-half (1 ½) or given in compensatory time at time and one-half (1 ½).

Roll Call: All Ayes.

Sheriff Surplus: Sheriff Westman would like to surplus 5 vehicles, one 2007 Ford Explorer, one 2008 Dodge Ram, three 2011 Dodge Chargers. The engine is blown in the pickup and is sitting in Grand Island, and they paid \$4,000.00 for each of the Chargers and have gotten their money's worth out of them. Westman has called a dealership and they will not give them much for all of them. Westman will continue to seek out options.

Write off: Sheriff Westman presented the amount that will be wrote off in his office per the recommendation of the State Auditors and that amount is \$1,053.03. This is basically civil service fees.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to give approval to the Sheriff to write off \$1,053.03. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Sheriff's Office server: Sheriff Westman is checking on what it would cost to replace their current server. Westman said that a wire had burnt and Cody's Repair was able to replace it but will not be able to replace it again if something happens to it. This is nothing that could have been foreseen. Westman will get bids and estimates for the Board.

City of Grand Island Utility bill: Sheriff Westman said they have been receiving a bill for the electricity for the siren by Grand Island for the City of Grand Island Utility Department. It has been taken out of the E911 Fund but Westman said he doesn't think it should be. County Clerk Wichmann will ask the auditors where it should come out of.

Special Designated Liquor License: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve and have the Chairman sign the Special Designated Liquor License for YZGYZ, LLC dba The Filling Station for a wedding reception February 23, 2019 at the 4H Building. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Budget contract: Moved Kucera, second Yrkoski to approve and have the Chairman sign the contract from Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP to do the 2019-2020 budget. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Metlife Dental plan: Moved Weller, second Placke to approve the renewal of the Metlife Dental Plan. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Lawn Care Bids: Three bids were submitted for lawn care for 2019: Heins Lawn Care for 4 step program is \$1,993.68 and \$1,874.06 if paid as soon as possible; AB Tree and Lawn for 4 step program is \$1,944.00 and \$1,846.80 if paid by February 20, 2019 and 5th Season Lawn Service for their Deluxe Program for \$1,156.63. Moved Kucera, second Weller to go with the AB Tree and Lawn bid. Kucera and Weller rescinded their motion and second.

Executive Session: Moved Kucera, second Weller to go into executive session at 10:47 a.m. for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Weller to go out of executive session at 10:51 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Weller to go with the AB Tree and Lawn bid for a 4 step program for \$1,944.00 and \$1,846.80 if paid by February 20, 2019. Roll Call: All Ayes.

County warrant: Moved Dexter, second Yrkoski to approve and have the Chairman sign a county warrant from the Treasurer to pay \$100.00 out of the Vieregg Township Fund to pay for the 2018 General Election Costs. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Spring Central District Meeting: Kucera went over what was discussed and decided for food at the NACO Central District Planning meeting on the January 17, 2019. Merrick County is the host county. County Board members will go to county businesses to see if they would like to donate anything for drawings to advertise for the county.

January 2019 payroll: The January 2019 payroll was presented for approval: General: Gross: \$157,100.15 Net: \$110,181.58 Roads: Gross: \$60,444.73 Net: \$43,410.29 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: 5,187.22 Net: \$2,745.19. Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the January 2019 payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to adjourn at 11:24 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk