



Merrick County Board Minutes



April 23, 2019

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Kucera, Dexter, Placke, Yrkoski, and Wiegert present. Weller was absent. County Attorney Homolka 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 Kucera, second Kreachbaum to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the minutes of April 9, 2019 as published and a date change to the agenda as to the date of the minutes to be approved. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Dexter, Placke, Yrkoski, Kreachbaum, and Wiegert attended the NIRMA meeting in Keaney, Thursday, April 18, 2019; Yrkoski attended the Community Action meeting on April 16 and on April 17, 2019 he attended the Long Term Care meeting; Kreachbaum and Wiegert attended the 4H Building Committee meeting on April 15, 2019, and Kreachbaum had a conference call on April 16, 2019 with the Wild Land Fire Committee.

Official reports: Clerk Wichmann let the Board know that there would be a County burial to be approved in their claims at their next meeting and she has another one that she is checking to make sure it qualifies.

Long Term Care: Emily Triplett gave the Board an update on Long Term Care and said the census today was 26 and they have three referrals. They had six admissions last month. They are needing evening and night CNA's. Triplett said that they did lose some money last month due to insurance expenses that hit in March.

Long Term Care Board: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to appoint Kent Carlson to the Long Term Care Board. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Ameritas Investment: Brad Slaughter with Ameritas Investment Corporation gave the Board some options they have for counties for the repairs needed because of the flooding. Slaughter went over gap financing options for road improvements. There are two options: (1) permanent financing with up to a 36 month call so when FEMA and NEMA money comes in you can pay the bond off and (2) is an anticipation loan which is interim financing and with this option you can levy some cash up to such an amount. Highway Superintendent Meyer said he doesn't anticipate over \$500,000.00 worth of damage that was done by the flooding.

Special Designated Liquor License: Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve and have the Chairman sign the Special Designated Liquor License for Dubs Pub for a wedding reception at the Riverside Dance Pavilion on June 1, 2019. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Special Designated Liquor License: Moved Yrkoski, second Placke to approve and have the Chairman sign the Special Designated Liquor License for Nite Crawlers Bar & Grill for a wedding reception at the 4H Building on June 15, 2019. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Public Hearing: Moved Kucera, second Placke to open the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. in regards to a conditional use application requested by Les Denning in the NE1/4 of 14-15-6. Roll Call: All Ayes. Planning & Zoning Administrator Lyons read the Planning & Zoning Commission minutes to the Board. Lyons said the DEQ is not requiring a special permit because the product is not paunch. Lyons said at the Planning Commission meeting there was different interpretations of the rules of applying and incorporating the product and County Attorney Homolka said she and her Deputy County Attorney Kunz agreed there were different ways to interpret the rules of the application and incorporating the product. Kreachbaum suggested the trucks haul the product on Highway 30 to Highway 14 to the Pierce Chapel turn off so they would not be traveling so many county roads to get the product to Denning's land. Moved Placke, second Kucera to close the public hearing at 10:29 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the conditional use application requested by Les Denning in the NE1/4 of 14-15-6 as the commission has recommended with the change of the route to using Highway 30 to Highway 14, to Clark's blacktop one mile east and then north on 18th Road 3/4 of a mile due to current road conditions caused by weather conditions from early spring floods and frost. The CDW must be applied and incorporated within the first 48 hours of delivery. Roll Call: All Ayes.

South Central Economic Development: Sharon Hueftle with SCEDD gave the Board an update which included the mission, vision, staff, their HomeNE learning network and their housing fund, and also provided the board with a newsletter.



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Computer support and maintenance: Cody Lawson with Cody's Computer Repair Service gave the Board a general quote of \$599.88 a month to provide support and maintenance for 60 computers in the courthouse. Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve the quote of \$599.88 per month from Cody's Computer Repair Service to provide support and maintenance for all the computer in all departments of the courthouse starting June 1, 2019. Roll Call: All Ayes.

FEMA: Intergovernmental Liason Tamiko Exford and Sharon Porter said they need someone to go to meetings for public assistance. Tamiko also asked for emails for all of the supervisors.

Executive Session: Moved Kucera, second Placke to go into executive session at 11:53 a.m. regarding pending litigation. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to go out of executive session at 12:19 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. No action was taken.

April 2019 payroll: The April 2019 payroll was submitted for approval: General: Gross: \$143,841.42 Net: \$102,880.42 Roads: Gross: \$ 57,076.12 Net: \$40,817.10 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$5,764.67 Net: \$3,254.28. Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve the April 2019 payroll as submitted. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 12:23 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk