



Merrick County Board Minutes



May 28, 2019

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 9:08 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Kucera, Dexter, Placke, Yrkoski, Weller, and Wiegert present. 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 9:08 a.m.

Moved Dexter, second Placke to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:08 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the minutes of May 14, 2019 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Weller attended the Bader Park meeting on May 21, 2019; Placke attended the Senior Center meeting on May 15, 2019 and the appreciation breakfast on May 16, 2019; Yrkoski attended the Long Term Care meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2019 and the Central NE Community Action Partnership meeting on May 21 2019; Kreachbaum attended the Mid Plains Behavioral meeting on May 20, 2019 and Wiegert attended the 4H Building meeting on May 20th, 2019.

Official's reports: Assessor Myers will be sending valuations out Friday, May 31, 2019. There will be 3500. Myers reported that ag land went down and that they are at 94% for residential, 100% for commercial, and 71% for ag land. Sheriff Westman passed around some statistics on the canine from Deputy Samek. Sheriff Westman said the jail is full and so if Buffalo County Jail. They are currently having to use Butler County to house inmates. Deputy Bauer introduced the new deputy Dana Dramse to the Board. Westman said he has many years of experience and training. Westman also went over the number of arrest figures from January to May 14, 2019 with the Board.

Long Term Care: Emily Triplett said the census today was at 25. Triplett said they had made a little over \$11,000.00 and that more of their population is private pay which is very good. Payments from Medicaid are very poor. Triplett said that Nate had a figure of roughly 3.6 million for demolition of a portion of the hospital and making it usable for long term care. This is just a figure for the County Board to think about.

Weed Superintendent: Paul Moyer, With the Nebraska Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Program told the Board that the State has no regulatory authority of control of noxious weeds. If someone refuses to pay on a 10 day notice then the county can add it to their taxes and if someone refuses to pay on a 15 day notice you can start fining them \$100.00 a day. The State is basically an oversight. Moyer said there was a lot of control done last year and they understand this year with the flooding and road conditions. The State offers four training a year and superintendents have to attend at least 2 a year. Merrick County's score had a slight decrease from last year due to open files. Merrick County's score is similar to other counties.

Weed sprayer: Yrkoski brought three bids to the Board for weed sprayers: 1. From Ag Spray Equipment in Columbus for a 100 or 150 gallon, 5.5 HP Honda motor with roller pump manual hose reel with 100 foot PVC 600# PSI hose, pro series hand gun/ max 10 GPM 300 PSI for \$2,650.00 2. From Green Line Central City a DEMCO 150 Pro Series Honda Gas Engine Sprayer on Skid with hose reel with 100 foot ½ hose for \$3,100.00 and 3. Green Line Central City DEMCO 150 Pro Series Electric Sprayer on Skid 5 GPM electric pump, hose reel with 100 feet of ½ hose for \$2,300.00. Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to purchase the DEMCO 150 Pro Series Electric Sprayer from Green Line for \$2,300.00. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Sick time: Moved Yrkoski, second Kucera to allow Jim Wilson of the Road Department, to donate 40 hours of sick time to Jim Cepelcha also of the Road Department. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Electric Agreement: Moved Placke, second Yrkoski to approve and have the Chairman sign the Electric Agreement between Merrick County and Jake Brown to install a meter on the south side of the road to eliminate overhead wires between Sections 15 & 22, Township 13, Range 7. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Building road: Stock Realty had contact Highway Superintendent Meyer about building a road on 36th Road which would be between Sections 1 & 2, Range 16, Range 3 because they have a client that would like to build chicken barns in Platte County. There would be no benefit to Merrick County. The board took no action on this item.

Vieregg Township bill: Moved Kucera, second Yrkoski to approve the Treasurer pay \$3,273.60 to the Road Department for Vieregg Township which is \$211.10 for gravel and \$3,062.50 for the 2018-2019 yearly maintenance. Roll Call: All Ayes.



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Expense reimbursement policy: There is no current policy for expense reimbursement for testing, training, and certifications. The Handbook Committee will discuss this matter. No action was taken.

Interlocal Agreement: Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve and sign the Interlocal Agreement between the Central City Volunteer Fire Department and Merrick County regarding the use of the Central City Volunteer Fire Department wash bay Merrick County Sheriff's Office and in consideration of services provided by the Central City Volunteer Fire Department, Merrick County Sheriff's Office will transfer to CCVFD ownership and title to its 2007 Ford Expedition XLG. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Special Designated Liquor License: Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to approve and have the Chairman sign the Special Designated Liquor License for the Merrick County Agricultural Society for July 27, 2019, July 29, 2019, July 30, 2019, and July 31, 2019. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2019-12: Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve and sign RESOLUTION 2019-12 setting the cash in lieu amount at \$500.00 a month for elected officials and full time employees of Merrick County opting out of the county's health insurance. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2019-12 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Administrative Agreement Conditional Cash Out Option: Moved Dexter, second Placke to approve and sign the Administrative Agreement Conditional Cash out Option for Merrick County. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Surplus: Moved Placke, second Kucera to approve of the County Clerk disposing as she see fit a Dell Color Printer 2150CN that is broken and cannot be repaired or used and one black breathe chair with a broken arm. Roll Call: All Ayes.

May 2019 payroll: The May 2019 payroll was presented for approval: General: Gross: \$146,263.45 Net: \$104,593.57 Roads: Gross: \$58,305.03 Net: \$41,706.75 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$6,063.57 Net: \$3,476.27. Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the May 2019 payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 12:21 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk