



Merrick County Board Minutes



September 10, 2019

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kucera, Kreachbaum, Dexter, Yrkoski, Placke, 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 9:19 a.m.

Moved Placke, second Kucera to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:19 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Katie Benner announced that she was going to be facebook streaming live during the meeting.

Agenda: Clerk Wichmann announced the agenda needed to be amended because she had accidentally delete the budget hearing for the Vieregg Township. Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to amend and add the Vieregg Township budget hearing at 10:45 a.m. to the agenda due to the emergency nature of the issue given the deadline of the submission of the Vieregg Budget to the state by September 20, and which is prior to the next regular scheduled board meeting and further the issue was previously published for hearing today at 10:45 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Placke said there were two errors in the minutes of August 27, 2019. The first on was in the Sheriff's report it should say theft not left and below that it has the word direct two times. Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve the minutes of August 27, 2019 with the corrections. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Weller, Dexter, Placke, Yrkoski, Kreachbaum, and Wiegert attended the Drug Court Graduation on Monday, September 9, 2019; Dexter attended the Merrick County Economic Development meeting on Friday, September 6, 2019 and had a phone meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 6, 2019 with SCEDD; Placke and Dexter met to go over security; Kucera said her Region III was cancelled. Kucera said that Sheriff Westman presented awards at the Equestrian Special Olympics at the 4H Arena and presented the first ever Wounded Warrior award. Kucera said the law enforcement participation is appreciated and Wiegert attended the Midland Area on Aging meeting on September 5, 2019.

Official's reports: Hwy Superintendent Meyer said there were a lot of drainage issues last week and he is going to contact the NRD about cleaning drains. Meyer said he has ordered culverts for the road by Roger Wiegert and that 5th Road is closed because three culverts washed out. They will be replacing them. Juvenile Diversion Officer McNeff said Aurora Schools are now part of their truancy program. Clerk Wichmann said Central District Health will be giving flu shots to the employees on October 21, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and she will be putting out an email to all officials, so they can let their employees know. County Attorney Homolka said there are two foreclosure sales that are possibly going to be redeemed. Homolka said there was a Comprehensive Plan meeting with Juvenile Diversion and Truancy. Homolka also handed out to the Board a list of case file numbers and feels it is due to the good work the law enforcement is doing. Chief Deputy Benson said that Officer Dickhaut had been injured while on military duty and will have to have surgery, so he will be out for about six months.

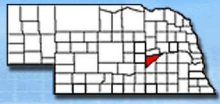
Public comment: During public comments questions were asked about the publishing of the minutes before they are approved by the Board, emailing Board packets, and where the numbers that the County Attorney presented came from and what they represented.

Clerk surplus: Moved Placke, second Kucera to have the County Clerk surplus a Dell Opti Plex 3020 Computer and a 20 inch monitor purchased in 2014 that does not work properly. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Clerk Magistrate surplus: Moved Placke, second Kucera to have the Clerk Magistrate surplus an old shredder to the Road Department. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Juvenile Diversion: Moved Placke, second Dexter to have the Juvenile Diversion Officer surplus a HP Officejet pro 8600 printer. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Budget hearing: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to open the budget hearing to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget at 10:00 a.m. Lori Sautter went over what Hall County did for budget cuts, Keith Brown read his concerns to the County Board regarding the budget meeting/workshop, Jan Placke said that officials were given some guidelines, the print of the preliminary budget was too small, Sheriff's budget was over 3% and thinks it needs to be looked at, and thinks the budget process could be done better. Leah Brown told the Board that as they are making decisions consider that it is not just how they affect the levy and budget for this year but for years to come.



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Katie Benner thanked the Board for their time and was glad there were people in attendance. Chief Deputy Benson came forward and said in the previous year there were two jailers that were paid from a different budget and this fiscal year they will be paid out of the communication budget and should have been paid out of the jail budget because we no longer have dispatch and these two are jailers and will be paid out of the jail budget this budget year. Kucera asked Benson about eliminating a deputy. Benson said they have 9 sworn officers now and often during day shift on a court day they have no one taking calls or the calls have to wait. They need at least two officers in the courtroom when inmates are there waiting for their case to be called and cannot use correction officers because the judge does not like that. Also have had three doing transports at a time to different locations. Inmates are housed outside of Merrick County because we have an eight bed jail and by current jail standards it would be six. Benson feels spot is needed and justified. At night sometimes there is only one deputy on duty. There are currently twelve inmates in Buffalo County, one in Butler County and seven in the Merrick County jail. County Court video conferencing is only done with bond reviews. Placke asked if Hall County could take the inmates and Benson said their prices are very expensive and the medical bills were bad, but Buffalo County has doctors and medical. Katie Benner said liability is a big issue. Moved Placke, second Kreachbaum to close the hearing at 10:43 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Budget authority: Moved Kucera, second Yrkoski to approve the 1% budget authority increase for restricted funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Tax request hearing and Budget adoption: Moved Placke, second Kucera to open the hearing to set the tax request for fiscal year 2019-2020 and sign RESOLUTION 2019-18 Adoption and Appropriations at 10:52 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to go out of the hearing at 11:01 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to set the tax request at .245969. Roll Call: Ayes: Dexter, Yrkoski, Weller, Kucera, Kreachbaum, and Wiegert. Nays: Placke.

Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve and sign RESOLUTION 2019-18 Adoption and Appropriations adopting the 2019-2020 budget. Roll Call: Ayes: Yrkoski, Dexter, Weller, Kreachbaum, Kucera, and Wiegert. Nays: Placke.

Subdivision Regulations hearing: Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to open the hearing to consider an amendment to the Merrick County Subdivision Regulations to eliminate the requirement of a public hearing for both Preliminary and Final Plats at 11:26 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Placke suggested a public hearing for the Planning Commission for the preliminary plats and a public hearing for the County Board on the final plats. Moved Kucera, second Weller to go out of the hearing at 11:56 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to table and go back to the Planning Commission with a public hearing for preliminary and agenda item for final and an agenda item for the County Board. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Cedar Estates Subdivision: Moved Kucera, second Yrkoski to approve the final plate for Cedar Estates located on the south side of Capital Avenue and east of Evergreen Street. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Administrative Plat Exemption: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the exempt administrative plat of property owned by Ted Dexter in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, Township 14, Range 5. Roll Call: Ayes: Weller, Kucera, Yrkoski, Kreachbaum, Placke, and Wiegert. Nays: None. Abstain: Dexter.

Security: Dexter and Placke met and discuss the camera, panic buttons, and back door. Dexter talked to Johnson Controls about the panic buttons and the back door for \$500.00 and Applied Connections for the cameras and everything else. Moved Placke, second Yrkoski to go with Johnson Controls for maintenance of the panic buttons, and Applied Connective for the security cameras. Clerk Magistrate Pullen said the back door is handled by Johnson Hardware and they do not do security. Placke and Yrkoski rescinded their motion. Moved Kucera, second Yrkoski to give the security committee time to review the information given to them at the next meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2019-19: Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2019-19 to reduce the petty cash amount for the Register of Deeds/Clerk account from \$1,000.00 to \$100.00 and have excess money returned to Treasurer. Roll Call: All Ayes.



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Vieregg Township budget: Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve the 1% increase for budget authority for restricted funds and to approve the 2019-2020 budget for Vieregg Township with at tax asking of \$7,140.00.

Roll Call: All Ayes.

Recess: Moved Kucera, second Placke to recess at 1:29 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Reconvene: Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to reconvene as Board of Supervisors at 1:37 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

September 2019 claims: The September 2019 claims were presented to the Board for approval:

GENERAL

BAMFORD INC.	BLDG REPAIR	\$	200.00
JAKE BAUER	CELL PHONE	\$	120.00
JULIE L BELLIS	COURT COSTS	\$	412.00
PAT BENSON	CELL PHONE	\$	120.00
BLUE TO GOLD, LLC	L.E. TRAINING	\$	127.00
BUFFALO CO. SHERIFF	BOARDING/CARE	\$	17,183.64
BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING COSTS	\$	2,250.00
CHRIS CARLSEN	CELL PHONE	\$	120.00
CENTRAL CITY MALL	JURY SUPPLIES	\$	48.10
CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$	26.91
CENTRAL CITY MEDICAL CLINIC	HEALTH CARE	\$	135.00
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$	25.42
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	BLDG REPAIR	\$	43.76
CENTURY LINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	275.16
CENTURYLINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	224.52
CHI HEALTH ST FRANCIS	HEALTH CARE	\$	1,701.00
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$	3,299.22
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$	431.82
CODY'S COMPUTER REPAIR SERVICE	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$	397.96
CORNER DRUG	MEDICATION	\$	62.42
CULLIGAN	OFFICE WATER	\$	242.00
CUSTER COUNTY COURT	COURT EXPENSES	\$	3.00
DANA F COLE & COMPANY	BUDGET ASSIST	\$	4,150.00
REINY DICKHAUT	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
TIM DIERKS	CELL PHONE	\$	120.00
DOUGLAS COUNTY COURT	COURT EXPENSES	\$	4.00
DJ DRAMSE	CELL PHONE	\$	120.00
DYLAN DREHER	CELL PHONE	\$	120.00
MARK DREHER	CELL PHONE	\$	120.00
EAGLE BROADBAND	PHONE/INTERNET	\$	1,664.21
EAGLE COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	\$	29.24
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$	89.35
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$	119.88
EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	SUPPLIES	\$	242.24
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$	1,037.99
GARRETT TIRES & SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$	920.43
GRAND ISLAND EAR, NOSE & THROAT	HEALTH CARE	\$	184.00
SHARON GILG	TRAVEL	\$	41.06



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THERESA GOOD	MH BOARD	\$ 95.00
GRAFTON LAW OFFICE	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 7,973.25
GRAND ISLAND INDEPENDENT	SUBSCRIPTION	\$ 319.80
GRAND ISLAND RADIOLOGY ASSOCIATES	HEALTH CARE	\$ 193.00
GREAT PLAINS RADIOLOGY	HEALTH CARE	\$ 137.00
HAMILTON COUNTY TREASURER	COURT COSTS	\$ 1,148.04
HAMPTON INN	LODGING	\$ 1,032.00
HEINS LAWN & LANDSCAPE INC	LAWN CARE	\$ 350.43
HIGBY-MCQUISTON MORTUARY, INC	COUNTY BURIAL	\$ 1,901.00
LYNELLE HOMOLKA	CELL PHONE	\$ 30.00
HOST COFFEE SERVICE	SUPPLIES	\$ 24.49
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$ 34.10
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$ 155.47
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$ 164.84
JENSEN PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$ 669.17
JENSEN PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$ 53.60
JENSEN PUBLISHING/P&Z	PUBLICATION	\$ 18.65
BRIAN KLUCK	MH BOARD	\$ 246.61
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 457.00
LANCASTER CO YOUTH SERVICES CENTER	JUVENILE SRVC	\$ 207.00
LINCOLN COUNTY COURT	COURT EXPENSES	\$ 3.25
MARY LIVINGSTON	MH BOARD	\$ 168.83
KAY LYONS	CELL PHONE	\$ 15.00
MAILFINANCE	POSTAL	\$ 405.99
MCILNAY & CO	A/C REPAIRS	\$ 182.20
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$ 106.72
MERRICK CO. CLERK	RECORDING FEES	\$ 36.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT COSTS	\$ 424.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$ 87,726.78
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	MH BOARD	\$ 188.07
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$ 255.49
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	HEALTH CARE	\$ 5,126.50
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$ 3,382.51
JENNIFER MYERS	TRAVEL/PHONE EMERGENCY	\$ 977.72
NANCE COUNTY TREASURER	MGNT	\$ 4,625.07
NCSEA TREASURER	EDUCATION	\$ 60.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	BEATRICE STATE	\$ 93.00
NE INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES	CORONER	\$ 2,000.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIR	\$ 12.28
OFFICENET	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 44.38
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$ 383.84
OFFICENET	EQUIPMENT	\$ 33.34



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OFFICENET	EQUIPMENT	\$	85.09
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	966.43
OFFICENET/P&Z	COPIER RENTAL	\$	35.00
OFFICENET	EQUIPMENT	\$	33.34
OFFICENET,INC.	COPIER LEASE	\$	243.03
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$	737.54
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$	393.75
PALSER SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$	45.55
ROE-BUICK-CHRYSLER	CAR REPAIR	\$	546.66
ROWLEY LAW LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	3,201.50
TAYLOR SAMEK	CELL PHONE	\$	120.00
BRAD SCHICK	MILEAGE	\$	22.85
SHARON SCHULZE	TRAVEL	\$	185.25
CHELSEY SCHWARZ	TRAVEL	\$	238.37
SHRED MONSTER INC	SHREDDING	\$	165.00
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$	53.36
SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORPORATION	SUBSCRIPTION	\$	372.00
SOUTH CENTRAL EMS	TRANSPORTATION	\$	3,197.00
STATE OF NE NETWORK SERVICES	TELETYPE	\$	448.00
DISTRICT 5 PROBATION	SUPPORT	\$	16,927.92
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	2,451.00
STROMSBURG SOFT WATER	MAINTENANCE	\$	48.00
TAMMY STUHR	MILEAGE	\$	118.32
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$	517.00
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$	358.05
JAMES H TRUPELL	MH BOARD	\$	169.64
U.S. BANK	SUPPLIES	\$	699.83
US FOODS DIVISION #2365	SUPPLIES	\$	887.12
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	BLDG REPAIR	\$	12.99
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$	657.98
JAMES A WAGONER	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	389.50
WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERVICES	EQUIPMENT	\$	110.00
JOHN WESTMAN	CELL PHONE	\$	120.00
WEX BANK	FUEL	\$	2,728.81
MARCIA WICHMANN	MILEAGE	\$	75.63
WOODS & AITKEN LLP	SUPPORT	\$	590.00
ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE CO.	MEDICATION	\$	46.45
911 CUSTOM	EQUIPMENT	\$	2,057.00
TOTAL		\$	197,957.71

ROADS

AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$	1,909.00
BAUER BUILT	TIRES	\$	2,648.40
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$	33.67
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$	64.48
BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	605.80



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BOSELMAN INC/ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$ 8,433.54
CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$ 230.30
CENTRAL SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$ 7,074.68
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE/ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$ 23.32
JAMES CEPLECHA	MILEAGE	\$ 11.02
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$ 1,024.49
GALUSHA ELECTRIC	BLDG REPAIR	\$ 175.17
GARRETT TIRES & TREADS/GI	TIRES	\$ 5,441.73
GILBARCO INC	FUEL	\$ 17.00
GREEN LINE EQUIPMENT OF CC/ROADS	REPAIR	\$ 239.64
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	REPAIR	\$ 86.84
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	INTERNET/PHONE	\$ 34.95
BUCKY HERMAN	LAND RENTAL	\$ 120.00
CHRIS HUSTON	MILEAGE	\$ 178.64
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP TOOLS	\$ 159.32
JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$ 68.48
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE-ROADS	\$ 12.80
MICHAEL MEYER	MILEAGE	\$ 577.27
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH SERVICE	\$ 58.10
MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$ 1,408.40
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$ 124.68
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/LABOR	\$ 2,040.31
LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$ 75.00
NT&T/SHOP	TELEPHONE	\$ 58.82
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 83.48
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$ 78.21
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$ 16,527.27
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	\$ 1,033.20
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	GAS SERVICE	\$ 36.43
RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	REPAIR	\$ 175.93
SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$ 4,650.44
SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR,LLC	REPAIR & LABOR	\$ 119.95
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	\$ 485.57
STRAIGHT LINE STRIPING INC	STRIPING	\$ 16,922.60
TOOLS PLUS INDUSTRIES	SUPPLIES	\$ 103.11
TRAUSCH DYNAMICS	REPAIR	\$ 285.98
VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC	TELEPHONE	\$ 568.50
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	\$ 129.31
VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	\$ 41,394.10
WELDON PARTS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 669.52
WISE HEAVY EQUIPMENT, LLC	REPAIRS	\$ 474.39
XEROX CORPORATION	MAINTENANCE	\$ 120.23
ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE CO.	MEDICATION	\$ 188.85
TOTAL		\$ 116,982.92

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KENDRA LUTZ	MILEAGE/PHONE	\$	106.05
JORDANNE MCNEFF	MILEAGE	\$	70.60
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE-JUVDIV	\$	2.50
3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	EDUCATION	\$	180.00
TOTAL		\$	359.15
ADULT DRUG COURT			
CARRIE RODRIGUEZ-CPO	EXPENSES	\$	195.78
TOTAL		\$	195.78
INHERITANCE			
CENTRAL PLATTE NRD	FLOOD CONTROL	\$	1,720.66
TOTAL		\$	1,720.66
E911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$	12.00
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	64.17
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	116.55
VERIZON WIRELESS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	400.10
TOTAL		\$	592.82
4H BUILDING BOND FUND			
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$	3,224.16
ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING COMPANY	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	470.00
SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	SECURITY EQUIP	\$	32.00
TOTAL		\$	3,726.16

Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to approve the September 2019 claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

August 2019 fees: Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve and sign the August 2019 fees from Clerk of District Court, Sheriff, and County Clerk

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 1:38 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes pending approval by the County Board

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk