



# Merrick County Board Minutes



**September 24, 2019**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 9:23 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 9:23 a.m.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:23 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

**Minutes:** Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting with two corrections. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Meeting reports:** Weller did a ride along Monday, September 23, 2019 for transports with the Sheriff's Office; Dexter attended the Safety Meeting at the courthouse on September 16 and the Bader Park meeting on September 17, 2019 ; Dexter, Kucera, Placke, and Wiegert attended the NACO Central District Meeting in Aurora on September 19, 2019; Placke attended the Central NE Joint Housing Authority Meeting in Loup City on September 17, 2019, an outing at Bader Park on September 17, 2019, Merrick Senior Center meeting on September 18, 2019, and ride along with Sheriff's Department for transports on September 23, 2019; Yrkoski attended the Long Term Care meeting on September 17, 2019; Kreachbaum and Wiegert attended the 4H Building Committee meeting on September 16, 2019, Kreachbaum and Wiegert attended the Bader Park outing on September 17, 2019.

**Official's reports:** Assessor Myers told the Board that Jodi Krance had been promoted to Deputy Assessor. Highway Superintendent Meyer told the Board that they were going to start the overlay next week on Fair Grounds Road and by Archer next week. Sheriff Westman asked the Board if they would be interested in having sexual harassment training for the county or as a Board that Terry Baxter with NIRMA could present it. Board felt it should be for the whole county and done at the conference room at the 4H Building. Sheriff Westman and a deputy participated in the Chapman Fall Festival. Attorney Homolka said that she and Chief Deputy Benson attended a three day mandatory drug court training in Lincoln that was all paid by the state except for the travel. Attorney Homolka also gave a list of meetings and trainings that she will be attending in the month of October. Clerk Wichmann said that she will be having a special election November 12, 2019 for the Village of Clarks. She also said that she had someone come to listen to the September 10, 2019 meeting but the disk will not play and she does not know why it will not work.

**Long Term Care:** Emily Triplett said the census today was 30 and staffing was good. They lost a little bit in August due to an extra therapy bill that was due in August. Triplett said there was a 3% private room increase budgeted and said that it would not impact the residents as much and potentially in 2020 they would not have an increase. They currently have a flat rate. Long Term is currently in the black.

**Township hearing:** Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to open the public hearing on the termination of township boards for Vieregg, Lone Tree, and Midland Township since they have been inactive for the last six months at 10:02 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Trent VanPelt was present and said that he would serve on the Midland Township and Darrin Borwn said he would for Lone Tree Township. Midland Township will have to find one more person to serve on the Board and Brown will talk to Brian Jefferson about the Lone Tree Township. They both have to have written notices handed into the County Clerk. Then the County Board will appoint them at the November 12, 2019 meeting. Moved Placke, second Kucera to close the public hearing at 10:30 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Attorney Homolka said they will have to wait thirty days to see if anyone comes forward to serve on the Vieregg Township Board and if no one does then she will prepare a resolution to terminate the Vieregg Township Board.

**County Annual Certification:** Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve and sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to NE Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards and signing



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RESOLUTION 2019-23. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2019-23 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

**Wellness Partners:** Moved Kucera, second Yrkoski to have Wellness Partners hold a preventive care clinic on Friday, November 15, 2019 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Delinquent taxes certification:** Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve the certification of delinquent taxes on properties not sold at public tax sale for 2017. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**RESOLUTION 2019-20:** Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve and sign the County Treasurer's RESOLUTION 2019-20 on properties to be turned over to the County Attorney for foreclosure. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2019-20 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

**RESOLUTION 2019-21:** Moved Dexter, second Placke to approve and sign RESOLUTION 2019-21 approving the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Road Fund in 12 payment for fiscal year 2019-2020. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2019-21 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

**RESOLUTION 2019-22:** Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve and sign RESOLUTION 2019-22 approving the transfer of \$16,000.00 from the General Fund to the Juvenile Diversion Fund for the budgeted 2019-2020 fiscal year. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2019-22 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

**Central Platte Community Wildfire Protection Plan:** Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to approve and have the Chairman sign the Signature page for Central Platte Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Roll Call: All Ayes. Kreachbaum said that Emergency Manager Denise Ziembra did a fabulous job in working on this program with all of the fire departments.

**Donate sick time:** Moved Kucera, second Weller to allow Trish Fate-Strobel to donate 40 hours of sick time and Pat Benson to donate 80 hours of sick time to Tosha Benson. Roll Call: All Ayes. They can donate up to a maximum of 30 days (240 hours) according to the handbook.

**Cameras and panic buttons:** Dexter said that Johnson Controls had sent him a contract but it had old figures in it and not the \$500.00 a year so he is waiting for a corrected contract from Johnson Controls for the panic buttons. He had not heard back from Applied Connective yet. This will be tabled until the next meeting when they have new contracts.

**Audit Waiver:** Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to use the Vieregg Budget Document as the audit waiver for Vieregg Township. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**September 2019 payroll:** The September 2019 payroll was presented for approval: General: Gross: \$151,000.00, Net: \$105,425.78, Roads: Gross: \$56,976.43, Net: \$41,325.34, Juvenile Diversion: Gross: 5,798.83, Net: \$3,379.73.

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

**Adjourn:** Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to adjourn at 11:32 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk