



Merrick County Board Minutes



December 23, 2019

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Monday, December 23, 2019 at 9:15 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kucera, Yrkoski, Placke, Dexter, Weller, and Wiegert present. Kreachbaum 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 9:15 a.m.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:15 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2019 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Weller attended the NACO Convention in Kearney on Thursday, December 12, 2019, wrapped gifts for Santa Cop on December 17, 2019, and helped deliver gifts for Santa Cop on December 20 and 22, 2019, Dexter attended the NACO Convention in Kearney on December 11, 12, and 13, 2019, attended a safety meeting on December 17, 2019 and helped wrapped gifts for Santa Cop on December 17, 2019 and helped deliver gifts on December 20, 2019; Placke attended the NACO Convention in Kearney December 11, 12, and 13, 2019, and had a phone call with Central Nebraska Joint Housing Authority on December 19, 2019 and attended the Courthouse Potluck on December 19, 2019; Yrkoski attended the NACO Convention in Kearney on December 12 and 13, 2019, and attended the Long Term Care Christmas Dinner on December 14, 2019; Kucera had an Executive Committee MNIS phone call on December 19, 2019, wrapped gifts for Santa Cop on December 17, 2019 and deliver gifts for Santa Cop on December 20 and 21, 2019 and Wiegert attended the NACO Convention in Kearney on December 11, 12, and 13, 2019, wrapped gifts for Santa Cop December 17, 2019 and helped deliver gifts for Santa Cop on December 20, 21, and 22, 2019.

Official's reports: Highway Superintendent Meyer said they had been working with FEMA the last couple of weeks and have pretty much everything sent in that they need. Meyer also said the County will be receiving an award at the Concrete Conference in Lincoln on January 21, 2020 for the popcorn project. County Attorney Homolka said the County Attorney Association hired a new lobbyist and the lobbyist is very active. Kucera said the county has received confirmation from NIRMA the Merrick County will receive \$1,500.00 for the NIRMA ASSIST GRANT for the defibrators purchased for the 4H Building. It was also brought up that a defibrator was needed at the county shop.

Drainage: Highway Superintendent Meyer said that Ray Hebda wanted the County Board to be aware of the water issue by his place. Meyer said there are 9 culverts in that area but they cannot handle the water because there is a bottle neck and Meyer had given the Board an aerial view of where the water runs and where the culverts are located. There are 5 culverts south of Hebda and one of them is 7 foot, two are 5 foot, and two are 4 foot and a little bit further south are 4 culverts that are three that are 4 foot and one that is 5 foot. Meyer said the water get held up at the bottle neck that is south of all of the culverts. Meyer said he needs to talk to the NRD and owner of the other property to see if they can do something about the drainage by maybe straightening the bottle neck.

Surveyor position: County Surveyor Meyer said currently the Surveyor position is an elected position. Legislation was enacted in 2014 that requires the election of county surveyors in all counties under 150,000 unless certain actions are taken. If the county already elects a surveyor and the county board would like to maintain the position as an elective office, the board must hold a hearing and pass a resolution by February 1, 2020. Meyer said that no matter what is decided he would retain his position as the elected County Surveyor until his term is up in 2022. Without the hearing and a resolution, the question of whether to elect or appoint a county surveyor would be on the ballot for the voters at the next general election. Moved Placke, second Weller to put on the agenda for January 28, 2020 to have a hearing at 10:00 a.m. as to whether to adopt a



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resolution to have the surveyor position as elected or appointed. Roll Call: All Ayes. County Surveyor Meyer said he would put the hearing notice in the papers for three weeks.

Long Term Care: Long Term Care asked if the County Board would designate signature authority to sign on behalf of the head of the governmental unit, which is the County, for the licensing of Long Term Care once a year. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to have the County Board of Supervisor's Representative be the designated signature of Long Term Care for the licensing of Long Term Care once a year. Roll Call: All Ayes.

December 2019 payroll: The December 2019 payroll was presented for approval: General: Gross: \$141,867.47, Net: \$99,106.56; Roads: Gross: \$54,310.89, Net: \$39,101.57; Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$5,652.28, Net: \$3,638.88. Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve the December 2019 payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to adjourn at 10:34 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk