



Merrick County Board Minutes



March 10, 2020

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kucera, Yrkoski, Placke, Dexter, Kreachbaum, 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 9:05 a.m.

Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Agenda: Moved Dexter, second Yrkoski to approve the agenda for March 10, 2020. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2020 meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Weller attended the Central District Health meeting Monday, March 9, 2020; Weller, Dexter, Yrkoski, Kucera, and Wiegert attended the Sexual Harassment training, February 27, 2020; Kreachbaum attended the Central City, City Council meeting Monday, March 9, 2020; Kreachbaum and Wiegert attended the Drug Court Graduation at Hamilton County on March 2, 2020 and Wiegert attended the Midland Area on Aging meeting on March 5, 2020.

Official's reports: Sheriff Westman hired a new deputy, Brandi Coufal and promoted Sargent Aaron Benson to Jail Supervisor. Deputy Chris Carlsen will be the new Canine Officer. Westman said that he made the sexual harassment training mandatory for all of his employees and that all attended. The Sheriff's Office has five people registered for the NACO Institute of Excellence. There will be some of the Sheriff's Office attending mental health training. Westman said they have replaced a window in the jail and will be replacing the flooring in the laundry room this weekend. They are going to have an inmate paint the garage. The County also passed the Nebraska Jail Standards. They have a new Gov Pay System that should help in the length of time a person stays before being bonded out, gun permits, etc. They also have video visitation also available now. The distress warrants have all been collected but one and that person is deceased and property is in bad shape so it will be uncollectable. There will be a trial tryout of video court by District Court. Attorney Homolka thanked the Supervisors that attended the Drug Court Graduation in Hamilton County. Highway Superintendent Meyer told the Board that he will be putting three stop sign studies in the packets for the next Board meeting. He also updated his work cell phone.

Water issues: Ray Hebda wanted to be on record that his water issues have been going on for a long time. Hebda said the County is guilty for what has happened because the former engineer put the creek down the road ditch so the water never went to the farm creek where it had been running to. Jim Graves tried to tell Hebda that the culverts would carry as much water as bridges. Hebda thought if the road ditch was cleaned out and new culverts were put in on the south ditch or a bridge that hopefully the water would go to the Silver Creek. The culverts there now are no way handling the water. There is too much water coming down the ditch. Highway Superintendent Meyer has been out to look at this.

Veteran Service surplus: Moved Placke, second Kucera to approve of the Veteran Service Officer surplus a Dell T1500 computer and a HP Copier Pro 400 printer scanner fax. Roll Call: All Ayes.

County land: Brad Wells presented pictures of the shooting range located on part of the NE ¼ of 21-13-6 that is owned by the County. The shooting range has been operating at least 10 years without a lease. The range is closed now. Part of the shooting range is on gun club ground and part on county ground. The range was put in 1971. Wells said that maybe they could get the leased renewed with new wording. Attorney Homolka said there would have to be an open and public hearing in order to even get a new lease. Wells said the gun club is looking at surveillance cameras, limit hours of operation, having users sign in and other things. Sheriff Westman said he would like to see the shooting range open with his only concern being the berms. Some of the Supervisors thought it may be a good idea to sell the property because of the liability. Moved Kucera, second Weller to hold a public hearing to hear comment for or against the sale of part of the NE ¼ of 21-13-6 and raise any issue regarding the fair market value of the property. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Yrkoski to set a date of Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. for a public hearing to hear comment for or against the sale of part of the NE ¼ of 21-13-6. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Public Hearing: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to open the public hearing at 10:31 a.m. on the closing of roads/street in Burkefield Place, Central City. Roll Call: All Ayes. The street the County is wanting to close, has already had the south end closed by the City of Central City. The street is not being used as a street now. Ann Bohan asked why they would want to close that street because there is new homes being built there. Tom Reimers said that they have more options for the developers if they closed it now because if they do want to reopen it they could make it a cul de sac if they wanted to.



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Moved Placke, second Kucera to close the hearing at 10:43 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Placke, second to close the roads/streets in Burkefield Place, Central City. Placke rescinded her motion. Moved Placke, second Dexter to direct Highway Superintendent Meyer to draw up a resolution to close streets/roads in Burkefield Place, Central City. Roll Call: All Ayes.

KBL Construction: Dave Lewis, with KBL Construction said that he had been asked to look into putting a rail up along the wall of the stairway. Lewis said there is marble on the wall and behind that is chalk. There is nothing to anchor to. He then thought about putting one on the stairway, but the stairs are marble and he is afraid that drilling into the marble will crack it. He is having Dwight Strobel with Strobel Manufacturing come and look and see if he can come up with any ideas.

February 2020 fees: Moved Placke, second Yrkoski to approve the February 2020 fees from the Sheriff, Clerk of District Court, and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes.

March 2020 claims: March 2020 claims were submitted for approval:

GENERAL

STEVE ADLER	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$	35.00
BANKS WRAPS & SIGNS	SIGNAGE	\$	112.50
JULIE L BELLIS	COURT COSTS	\$	40.25
BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	CAR REPAIR	\$	773.30
BLUE360 MEDIA	SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$	52.84
BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$	271.84
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$	6.99
BRADLEY LAW OFFICE, PC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	4,707.25
BUTLER COUNTY CLINIC PC	PRISONER CARE	\$	147.00
BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING FEES	\$	10,950.00
CAMELOT TRANSPORTATION INC	TRANSPORTATION	\$	675.50
CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$	13.67
CENTRAL CITY MEDICAL CLINIC	MEDICAL SRVC	\$	134.00
CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT	SUPPORT	\$	2,378.40
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$	30.46
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$	3,209.55
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$	1,097.37
CODY'S COMPUTER REPAIR SERVICE	SUPPLIES	\$	1,292.96
CORNER DRUG	PRISONER MEDS	\$	4.12
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$	279.05
DAS STATE ACCOUNT/CENTRAL FINANCE	TECHNOLOGY FEE	\$	203.92
DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$	856.56
DOWDING, DOWDING, DOWDING & URBOM	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	1,842.05
KAREN DUNHAM	RETIREMENT	\$	252.00
EAGLE BROADBAND INVESTMENTS, LLC	TELEPHONE	\$	1,393.35
EAGLE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	INTERNET	\$	123.49
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	\$	26.07
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$	141.82
EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	SUPPLIES	\$	278.98
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$	207.19
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	SUPPLIES	\$	34.70
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	EQUIP/UNIFORMS	\$	439.30



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GI ABSTRACT,ESCROW & TITLE CO	TITLE SEARCH	\$	200.00
SHARON GILG	TRAVEL/PHONE	\$	58.75
GRAFTON LAW OFFICE	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	2,365.50
GREEN'S FLOOR CARE	CARPET CLEAN	\$	579.79
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$	192.00
LYNELLE HOMOLKA	PHONE/TRAVEL	\$	233.56
HOST COFFEE SERVICE	SUPPLIES	\$	45.99
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE/TRAVEL	\$	199.39
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$	150.27
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$	182.53
JENSEN PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$	315.83
JENSEN PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$	478.98
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	403.59
LINE X OF GRAND ISLAND	EQUIPMENT	\$	2,058.00
MARY LIVINGSTON	MH HEARING	\$	477.36
KAY LYONS	MILEAGE/PHONE	\$	123.38
MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT COSTS	\$	6.00
MAILFINANCE	METER RENT	\$	405.99
MARTIN'S FLAG CO.	FLAGS	\$	525.98
MCILNAY & CO	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$	173.06
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$	155.37
MERRICK CO. CLERK	RECORDING FEES	\$	10.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT COSTS	\$	474.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$	110,341.07
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT COSTS	\$	8.14
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$	626.60
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$	1,414.24
MERRICK MEDICAL HEALTH CENTER I.M.	COURT EXPENSES	\$	32.50
MICHAEL MEYER	SUPPLIES	\$	11.34
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	DATA EQUIPMENT	\$	70.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$	151.00
MILLER TIRES & SERVICE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$	1,194.51
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$	3,372.81
JENNIFER MYERS	MILEAGE/PHONE	\$	61.05
NACEB	DUES	\$	100.00
ROBERT GIESE	DUES	\$	50.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$	477.00
MARIAH NEWMYER	MILEAGE	\$	159.28
OFFICE SYSTEMS CO.	EQUIPMENT	\$	1,045.19
OFFICENET	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	44.96
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	134.30
OFFICENET	SUPPLY/EQUIP	\$	196.70
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	32.99
OFFICENET	EQUIPMENT	\$	40.43
OFFICENET,INC.	COPIER LEASE	\$	176.76



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PLATTE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY	TUITION	\$ 175.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	CAR REPAIR	\$ 705.25
ROWLEY LAW LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 959.50
SACK LUMBER	JAIL REPAIR	\$ 89.87
TAYLOR SAMEK	COURT COSTS	\$ 21.15
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$ 10.56
STATE OF NE NETWORK SERVICES	TELETYPE	\$ 448.00
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 11,340.90
STROBES N MORE	EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,086.62
TAMMY STUHR	MILEAGE	\$ 125.47
TAX VALUATION INC	CONTRACT	\$ 8,500.00
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$ 264.98
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$ 358.05
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$ 51.86
TROUBA LAW OFFICE	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 332.00
U.S. BANK	SUPPLIES	\$ 1,183.56
UNL EXTENSION-FILLMORE COUNTY	REGISTRATION	\$ 40.00
UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES	PUBLICATION	\$ 321.00
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	SUBSCRIPTION	\$ 30.00
US FOODS DIVISION #2365	PRISONER FOOD	\$ 1,085.18
VERIZON WIRELESS	INTERNET	\$ 50.08
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$ 1,097.11
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$ 932.37
WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERVICES	EQUIPMENT	\$ 110.00
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$ 147.55
WEX BANK	FUEL	\$ 2,459.23
MARCIA WICHMANN	CELL PHONE	\$ 30.00
WOODS & AITKEN LLP	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 660.80
ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE CO.	MEDICAL SUPPLY	\$ 63.55
TOTAL		\$ 194,277.31

ROADS

ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	STRUCTURES	\$ 5,539.04
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$ 1,676.25
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	SIGNS & POSTS	\$ 3,680.60
BAUM HYDRAULICS	SUPPLIES	\$ 22.06
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	HEATING	\$ 125.23
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BOMGAARS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$ 346.92
BOSSELMAN INC/ROADS	OIL & GREASE	\$ 1,429.51
CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 91.67
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$ 5.98
CLARKS LUMBER CO./ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$ 14.88
DEPOT CUSTOMS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 250.00
FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 94.50
GARRETT TIRES & TREADS/GI	TIRES	\$ 630.40



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JIM L GRAVES	RETIREMENT	\$	168.00
GREEN LINE EQUIPMENT OF CC/ROADS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	286.16
GWORKS	SIGNS & POSTS	\$	420.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	\$	34.95
HERK'S WELDING SHOP	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	170.72
BUCKY HERMAN	LAND RENTAL	\$	120.00
CHRIS HUSTON	MILEAGE	\$	79.35
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	185.67
JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	68.48
JENSEN PUBLISHING/ROADS	PUBLICATION	\$	189.70
MENARDS	ASPHALTIC	\$	550.62
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$	21.40
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$	124.68
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	EQUIP/REPAIR	\$	934.88
LEE NEEL	UTILITY/EDUCAT	\$	212.50
NEWMAN SIGNS, INC.	SIGNS & POST	\$	553.91
NT&T/SHOP	TELEPHONE	\$	58.99
OFFICENET	SUPPLY/SERVICE	\$	88.15
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	\$	956.00
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRE REPAIR	\$	26.00
SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	DIESEL	\$	1,763.75
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$	921.82
VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$	246.35
VERIZON WIRELESS	EQUIP/PHONE	\$	982.35
VILLAGE OF CHAPMAN	ELECTRICITY	\$	42.75
WELDON PARTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	82.12
XEROX CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$	120.23
ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE CO.	MEDICAL SUPPLY	\$	135.50
TOTAL		\$	23,785.33

JUVENILE DIVERSION

KENDRA LUTZ	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$	68.18
JORDANNE MCNEFF	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$	50.13
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUVDIV-POSTAGE	\$	9.00
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	53.61
THE CHANGE COMPANIES	EDUCATION	\$	365.50
TOTAL		\$	546.42

ADULT DRUG COURT

DISTRICT 5 PROBATION	SUPPLIES	\$	130.66
TOTAL		\$	130.66

DARE FUND

COUNTRYSIDE VETERINARY CLINIC	K-9 CARE	\$	161.42
STROBES N MORE	EQUIPMENT	\$	1,086.62
TOTAL		\$	1,248.04

E911 EMERGENCY MGMT

CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	\$	272.40
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CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE	\$	223.02
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$	12.00
DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE	EQUIPMENT	\$	132.00
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	128.34
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	122.55
VERIZON WIRELESS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	400.10
TOTAL		\$	1,290.41

COMMISSARY FUND

ENCARTELE	COMMISSARY	\$	160.00
US FOODS DIVISION #2365	COMMISSARY	\$	389.33
TOTAL		\$	549.33

4H BUILDING BOND FUND

CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	ELECTRICITY	\$	1,778.62
SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	EQUIPMENT	\$	32.00
TOTAL		\$	1,810.62

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the March 2020 claims as submitted. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 12:04 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk