



Merrick County Board Minutes



March 24, 2020

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 9: a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kucera, Yrkoski, Dexter, Kreachbaum, Weller, and Wiegert present. Placke 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: a.m.

Moved Weller, second Yrkoski to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:17 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Agenda: Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve the agenda for March 24, 2020. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Yrkoski to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2020 meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Dexter, Kucera, and Wiegert attended the personnel meeting on March 17, 2020 and Yrkoski had a phone conference with Nebraska Action Partners.

Official's reports: Sheriff Westman said he is taking precautionary steps, putting out memos and having trainings for the Coronavirus. Attorney Homolka said she is working with the law enforcement and there are new executive orders from the Governor all of the time. Treasurer Gilg reported she had a tax sale on Monday, March 2, 2020 for years 2018 and prior. They collected almost \$133,000.00 prior to the sale and feels that it was due to sending out post cards. Assessor Myers said that March 19 is when all values have to be sent into the Department of Revenue. Ag land will go down and residential has to be increased and commercial was also increased. TVI be talking to the owners about their land values. Silver, Creek, Clarks, and Chapman are now all on square foot values. Clerk Wichmann said the drop boxes had come in for the courthouse and jail.

RESOLUTION 2020-7: Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve RESOLUTION 2020-7 closing streets/roads in Burkefield Place, Central City, NE. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2020-7 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Electric Agreement: Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to approve the electric agreement between the County and Andrew McHargue to bore an electrical line under G Road between Section 7 and 8. Township 18, Range 7. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Electric Agreement: Moved Weller, second Kreachbaum to approve the electric agreement between the County and Terry Blauhorn for an irrigation well between Section 1, Township 14, Range 8, and Section 1, Township 14, Range 7 for 1300 feet south of the NE corner of said Section 1. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Electric Agreement: Moved Yrkoski, second Dexter to approve the electric agreement between the County and Dwaine VanPelt for an underground electric wire for a center pivot between Section 16 and 21, Township 14, Range 7 approximately 2840 feet east of the 9th and R corner. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2020-8: Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve RESOLUTION 2020-8 to install stop signs at the intersection of 5th Road and H Road, Merrick County, NE to control north bound and south bound traffic. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2020-8 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

RESOLUTION 2020-9: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve RESOLUTION 2020-9 to install a stop sign at the intersection of 7th and J Road, Merrick County, NE to control west bound traffic. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2020-9 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

RESOLUTION 2020-10: Moved Dexter, second Yrkoski to approve RESOLUTION 2020-10 to install a stop sign to control south bound traffic at the intersection of 4th Road and H Road, Merrick County, NE. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2020-10 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Duct cleaning estimate: Moved Kreachbaum, to approve the bid for the duct cleaning in the Assessor's Office from D&M Air Duct Cleaning for \$1,424.00. Motion died for lack of second. Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to table the bid from D&M Duct Cleaning until the next Board meeting in order to find out what the cost of cleaning all of the duct work on second floor and to see how all the duct work is connected so that all connected areas are cleaned. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2020-11: Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve RESOLUTION 2020-11 directing the Treasurer to transfer funds from the Road Fund to the Inheritance Fund from 2019. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2020-11 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Pledge securities: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the pledge securities submitted by the County Treasurer. Roll Call: All Ayes.



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Treasurer's Annual report: Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve the Treasurer's Annual Report as submitted.

Roll Call: All Ayes.

VSP NACO Vision Plan: Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to renew the VSP NACO Vision Plan for 2020 through 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes.

KBL Construction bid: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the bid from KBL Construction to frame in and drywall the new window they installed in the Surveyor/Highway Superintendent Office for \$651.14 because of issues they could not foresee. Roll Call: All Ayes.

MetLife Dental Insurance: Moved Kucera, second Yrkoski to approve and have the Chairman sign the dental insurance MetLife Acknowledgment and Disclosure that is done annually to update records from Gallagher. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Coronavirus and Families First Coronavirus Response Act: The County Board teleconference in all of the appointed and elected officials and asked for their feelings and direction they thought the Board should take. After hearing the concerns from the officials and office heads the Board took the following action. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to close all county buildings (Courthouse, Extension Building, all County Road Shops to the public effective immediately subject to arrangements being made for essential court business and notices being posted accordingly and all County offices will remain available for appointments as needed and scheduled in advance. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2020-12: Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve RESOLUTION 2020-12 and adding the ready to work language and make it effective immediately. Kucera retracted her motion and Weller his second. Moved Kucera, second Weller to amend RESOLUTION 2020-12 and amend to add authorized telework, working during none business hours and ready to work pay and also does not exclude emergency responders from the emergency pay sick leave portion of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2020-12 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Teleconferencing: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to teleconference board meetings until further notice and to let the public know the information to call in. Roll Call: All Ayes.

March 2020 payroll: The March 2020 payroll was submitted for approval: General: Gross: \$147,840.15 Net: \$102,650.76, Roads: Gross: \$55,037.62 Net: \$39,757.36, Juvenile Diversion: \$5,733.84, Net: \$3,693.42 Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the March 2020 payroll as submitted. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 2:13 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk