



Merrick County Board Minutes



May 26, 2020

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 9:20 a.m. by teleconference due to the COVID 19 virus, with Kucera, Yrkoski, Dexter, Kreachbaum, Weller, Placke, 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 9:20 a.m.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:20 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Agenda: Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the agenda for May 26, 2020. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Yrkoski to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2020 meeting as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Dexter had a SCEDD meeting on May 14, 2020 and was on the BC/BS webinar on May 21, 2020; Yrkoski had a teleconference meeting on May 19, 2020 with Central Action and a zoom meeting for Long Term Care on May 20, 2020 with Emily Triplett; Kreachbaum had a meeting with the Nance and Boone representatives and the Emergency Manager on May 13, 2020 and went over the Emergency Manager's budget; Kucera had a Region III meeting on May 22, 2020 and Wiegert and Kreachbaum had a meeting with Extension Agent Tammy Stuhr about opening the arena on May 14, 2020 and had a regular 4H Building meeting on May 18, 2020.

Official reports: Assessor Myers said the valuation change cards would be mailed out on Friday, May 29, 2020. Extension Education Stuhr said they have opened up 4H workshops for June and July by zoom. Sheriff Westman was not happy with the audit report because some of the things listed were from a couple of years ago and have been taken care of, fees are turned in monthly to the treasurer and a report is turned into the Clerk and the report said this was not done quarterly, and one of the items they have not been able to get any guidance on. Emergency Manager Ziemba as the Board if they wanted her to file a Disaster Declaration or not. She said it would depend on how much road work needs to be done whether the county would qualify. Ziemba said the water problem is drainage and she is going to reach out to CPNRD and the Army Corp of Engineers. She will be going up in a plane with Brian Brown to get pictures.

Emergency Management Interlocal: Moved Kucera, second Placke to approve and sign the new Emergency Management Interlocal between Nance, Boone, and Merrick Counties. Roll Call: All Ayes.

COVID 19 transition: Moved Kucera, second Placke to extend keeping the courthouse closed until the next meeting in June, 2020. Roll call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to allow rentals of the arena, conference rooms, and educational room at the 4H Building following the guidelines from CDC directed health measures. Roll Call: Ayes: Yrkoski, Dexter, Weller, Kreachbaum, Kucera, and Wiegert. Nays: Placke.

RESOLUTION 2020-18: Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve and sign RESOLUTION 2020-18 directing the County Treasurer to transfer \$560,000.00 from the Road Fund to the Inheritance Fund to pay back money borrowed from the Inheritance Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2020-18 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Tractor trailer for Roads:

Asphalt bid hearing: Moved Placke, second Dexter to open the hearing for the asphalt bidding for Road 9 to P Road and G Road from Gunbarrel Road to 4th Street at 10:04 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Highway Superintendent Meyer open one bid from Gary Smith Construction. The total bid was for \$645,485.00. Moved Kucera, second Weller to close the asphalt bid hearing at 10:13 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to go with the bid from Gary Smith Construction for \$645,485.00. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Tractor/Trailer: Highway Superintendent Meyer had given the Board specs on a 2012 Mack for \$33,900.00 and had a 2005 Freightliner for \$25,000.00. There were some concerns that the Freightliner may not be able to handle a side dump. The Mack is also a newer truck. Moved Weller, second Yrkoski to purchase the 2012 Mack for \$33,900.00. Roll Call: All Ayes.



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Stop Sign: Highway Superintendent Meyer said that there was a stop sign on 7th and J Road Intersection but people are running through the intersection going the other direction because they know there is a stop sign the other way. Meyer needs direction from the Board to contact who did the study to put up the first stop sign and see if he can add another stop sign. Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to have Highway Superintendent Meyer contact the person who did the study to put up a stop sign on 7th and J Road intersection and see about getting another stop sign added. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Public hearing to amend Merrick County Future Land Use Map: Moved Placke, second Kreachbaum to open the public hearing at 10:31 a.m. to hear request from Matt & Dawn Shaw, NC Eagle Lake Representatives to amend the Merrick County Future Land Use Map. Roll Call: All Ayes. The Planning & Zoning Commission approved to amend the Merrick County Future Land Use Map to allow Section 7, Township 14, Range 4, tract of parts lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 in the S1/2 Merrick County, NE to be changed from Platte River Corridor (PRC-1) Zoning District to Transitional Agriculture (TA-1) Zoning District. This allows for there to be 4 building sites in the quarter section. The Shaw's have no intentions of subdividing. Moved Weller, second Dexter to close the hearing to amend the Future Land Use Map at 10:51 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Weller, second Kucera to amend the Merrick County Future Land Use Map to allow Section 7, Township 14, Range 4, Tract of part lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 in the S1/2 Merrick County to change from Platte River corridor (PRC-1) Zoning District to Transitional Agriculture (TA-1) Zoning District. Roll Call: Ayes: Yrkoski, Kreachbaum, Dexter, Kucera, Weller, and Wiegert. Nays: Placke.

Public hearing to hear a rezoning request: Moved Kucera, second Placke to open the public hearing at 10:54 a.m. to hear request from Matt & Dawn Shaw, NC Eagle Lake Representatives, to rezone Section 7, Township 14, Range 4, tract of part lots 1,2,3,4, and 5 in the S1/2 Merrick County from Platte River Corridor (PRC-1) Zoning District to Transitional Agriculture (TA-1) Zoning District. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Dexter, second Weller to close the public hearing to hear a rezoning request at 10:57 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Weller, second Kucera to rezone Section 7, Township 14, Range 4, tract of part lots 1,2,3,4, and 5 in the S1/2 Merrick County from Platte River Corridor (PRC-1) Zoning District to Transitional Agriculture (TA-1) Zoning District. Roll Call: Ayes: Kreachbaum, Yrkoski, Dexter, Kucera, Weller, and Wiegert. Nays: Placke. Weller rescinded his motion, second Kreachbaum. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve the rezoning of Section 7, Township 14, Range 4, tract of part lots 1,2,3,4, and 5 in the S1/2 Merrick County from Platte River Corridor (PRC-1) Zoning District to Transitional Agriculture (TA-1) Zoning District due to facts of finding. The facts of finding are the existing use of land and zoning classification of the property is allowed in the Merrick County Comprehensive Plan, Transitional Agriculture (TA-1) District if the property is rezoned, the property is suitable to the new zoning classification, the proposed rezoning is an appropriate use of land, the rezoned property is accessible to County services; streets and roads; sewage and water facilities and refuse and disposal services, rezoning the property will not be detrimental to or endanger public health, safety, comfort or general welfare of the community, rezoning the property will not impede the normal and orderly development of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district, rezoning shall not include noise, which is objectionable due to volume, frequency, beat unless muffled or otherwise or otherwise controlled according to the Merrick County Comprehensive Plan, rezoning shall not involve any direct or reflected glare, which is visible from any adjoining property or from any public street, road or highway according to the Merrick County Comprehensive Plan and rezoning the property shall not involve any activity substantially increasing the burden on any public utilities or facilities unless provisions are made for necessary adjustments according to the Merrick County Comprehensive Plan. Roll Call: Ayes: Yrkoski, Dexter, Kucera, Weller, Kreachbaum and Wiegert. Nays: Placke.

2020-2021 fiscal year requests: The 2020-2021 fiscal year budget requests from District 5 Probation for \$17,012.38 which is an increase of .50% from last fiscal year, Merrick County Libraries for \$10,000.00 which is the same as last fiscal year, Central Platte NRD for 26, Which is a decrease of 2.84% from last fiscal year and Grand Island Area Clean Community System for \$1,000.00 which is the same as last fiscal year were presented to the Board for their consideration for the 2020-2021 fiscal budget year.



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May 2020 payroll: The May 2020 payroll was presented for approval: General: Gross: \$161,022.78 Net: \$113,429.54, Roads: Gross: \$60,515.38 Net: \$43,502.12 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$6,453.99 Net: \$4,224.15. Moved Yrkoski, second Dexter to approve the May 2020 payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to adjourn at 11:13 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk