



Merrick County Board Minutes



July 28, 2020

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, July 28, 2020 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 Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2020 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Weller attended the Bader Park Meeting on July 21, 2020 and the Central District Health meeting on July 27, 2020; Yrkoski attended the Long Term Care meeting on July 15, 2020; Kreachbaum and Wiegert attended the 4H Building meeting on July 20, 2020 and Kucera attended the Mid NE Individual Services meeting on July 15, 2020.

Official's report: Treasurer Gilg said the real estate and motor vehicle tax collection is down slightly but will have a better picture at the end of September.

Long Term Care: Emily Triplett said the census is at 27 and they have two Medicare part A people. The census dropped so low because they were very picky during COVID as to where people were coming from. No one at Long Term Care has had COVID.

Audit engagement letter: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve and sign the Audit Engagement Letter for the State Auditors for the 2019-2020 audit. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Semi Annual Report and Cash on Hand Summary: The Treasurer presented her Semi Annual Report and the Summary of Cash on Hand Report to the Board.

Pledge securities: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the updated pledge security report from the Treasurer. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2020-27: Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to approve RESOLUTION 2020-27 authorizing the foreclosure and sale of tax sale certification and request the County Attorney to proceed to such foreclosure and sale but strike Tax Sale Certificate 604. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2020-27 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Preliminary tax request: The Ag Society's preliminary tax request of \$63,670.81 for their General Fund was presented to the County Board.

Lancaster County Youth Services: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to sign the Agreement with the Lancaster County Youth Services Center and to assume getting a contract with Madison also. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2020-25: Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve and sign RESOLUTION 2020-25 to declare the property generally known as the E1/2 of 21-13-6 no longer serves a county purpose and to determine fair market value prior to the public sale on August 7, 2020. The fair market value is \$11,897.00. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2020-25 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Public Hearing: Moved Placke, second Dexter to open the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. to consider final approval or denial of amending the Merrick County Comprehensive Plan, 2016, Future Land Use Map. Roll Call: All Ayes. Planning & Zoning Administrator Kay Lyons said that Vontz Paving had submitted an application for rezoning on part of S1/2SW1/4 in 16-14-5. The request to amend the Future Land Use Map would allow Vontz Paving, Inc. to establish a portable asphalt batch plant at this site. The Planning Commission submitted a letter of recommendation of approval to the Merrick County Board of Supervisors. Lyons said there has to be an amendment before the land can be rezoned. Lyons said the land is not quality farm land. Brad Vontz was also present and said this is 10.02 acres and they have standing permits with the



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DEQ. Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to close the hearing at 10:25 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Yrokoski approve amending the Merrick County Future Land Use Map using the finding of facts from the Planning Commission at their July 23, 2020 meeting as follows: 1. DeBruce/Gavillon Grain is zoned Commercial and is surrounded by AG-1 District. It is located directly NW of this site across Hwy 30. 2. It would be the best use of the low land and would not cause a significant loss of quality ag land or be a detriment to the general health and welfare of citizens. 3. The 10.02 acres was used for dry land farming. 4. The batch plant would benefit Merrick County's roads, taxes, and cost of asphalt to repair county roads that were in great need of repair. 5. Employees would spend money in the communities and would support local businesses. 6. It was suitable to the zoning classification. Also approve the Chairman signing RESOLUTION 2020-24(A) adopting an amendment to the Merrick County Comprehensive Plan/Future Land Use Map. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Public Hearing: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to open the public hearing at 10:37 a.m. to approve or deny the rezoning of the SE corner of the S1/2SW1/4 in 16-14-5 from AG-1 to I-1. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Dexter, second Kucera to close the public hearing at 10:43 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the rezoning of the SE corner of the S1/2SW1/4 in 16-14-5 from AG-1 to I-1 using the finding of facts from the Planning Commission at their July 23, 2020 meeting as follows: 1. DeBruce/Gavillon Grain is zoned Commercial and is surrounded by AG-1 District. It is located directly NW of this site across Hwy 30. 2. It would be the best use of the low land and would not cause a significant loss of quality ag land or be a detriment to the general health and welfare of citizens. 3. The 10.02 acres was used for dry land farming. 4. The batch plant would benefit Merrick County's roads, taxes, and cost of asphalt to repair county roads that were in great need of repair. 5. Employees would spend money in the communities and would support local businesses. 6. It was suitable to the zoning classification. Also approve the Chairman signing RESOLUTION 2020-24(B) adopting the approval of a change to the Merrick County Comprehensive Plan to allow a zoning change from agricultural preservation district to light industrial district. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2020-24(B) is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

July 2020 payroll: The July 2020 payroll was presented for approval: General: Gross: \$162,091.88 Net: \$113,908.63, Roads: Gross: 62,458.58, Net: \$45,485.10, Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$6,184.07, Net: \$3,984.86. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the July 2020 payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Budget: Extension Educator Stuhr and Highway Superintendent Meyer went over their budgets with the Board. Board went through the budgets. There were five which were not done yet and they were the bonds, stop fund, adult drug fund, and emergency manager. There will be more budget discussion at their next meeting on August 11, 2020. All offices kept their budgets at a zero increase for expenses as the Board requested.

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to adjourn at 12:29 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/ Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk