



Merrick County Board Minutes



September 8, 2020

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, September 8, 2020 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kucera, Yrkoski, Dexter, Kreachbaum, Placke, and Wiegert present. Weller 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 9:05 a.m.

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

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

Minutes: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2020 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Wiegert attended the Midland Area on Aging meeting on September 3, 2020.

Official's reports: Kucera introduced Doug Maw as the new Building & Grounds person. Extension Educator Stuhr thanked the Board for their support during the fair. Stuhr said the pancake feed will be Saturday, November 7, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and awards will be handed out after.

Supplemental Grant Award: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve and have the Chairman sign the Supplemental Grant Award Packet and Special Conditions for Juvenile Diversion. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Special Designated Liquor License: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve and have the Chairman sign the Special Designated Liquor License for the Merrick County Ag Society for the World Series Roping event at the 4-H Building and Arena on September 26, and September 27, 2020. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2020-30: Planning & Zoning Lyons said she was going to be getting a phone through Administrative Services at the State of Nebraska and so we do not need to do RESOLUTION 2020-30 to pay her for the use of her personal phone.

Base limitation: Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to do an additional 1% base limitation percent increase for the 2020-2021 budget. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Budget hearing: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to open the public hearing to hear public comments on the County's 2020-2021 budget. Roll Call: All Ayes. Juvenile Diversion Officer McNeff said that Juvenile Diversion was allowed to roll over \$4,000.00 because of COVID. Weller present at 9:39 am. Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to close the hearing at 9:46 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2020-31: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter directing the Treasurer to transfer \$350,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the Road Fund to cover overlay project. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2020-31 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Updated security pledges: Moved Dexter, second Placke to approve the updated security pledges presented by the Treasurer. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Hearing to set final tax request: Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to open the hearing to set the final tax request for fiscal year 2020-2021 budget. Tax request is slightly less than last year as last year was \$4,410,000.00 and the 2020-2021 will be \$4,300,000.00, so the levy is slightly less than last year. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to set the final tax request for fiscal year 2020-2021 at \$4,300,000.00. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Fund 4025: Treasurer Gilg said that the 2015 taxes that were levied for the 4H P&I Fund went into the 4H Building Bond Fund. That amount was \$254,035.28. This needs to be put into the P&I Fund. Everything is reflected correctly on the operating statement and there is no money shortage. There was a checking account opened for the 4H Building Bond and there have been no disbursement recorded in that checkbook since October 2016. Also found that a bond payment for the 4H P&I Fund had been made out of the Courthouse Bond Fund. Gilg will keep looking to see if there is anything else she can find and will keep the Board updated.

Probation Inventory: Moved Placke, second Kucera to approve and sign the Probation inventory for 2020. Roll Call: All Ayes.



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Hospital bond: Mike Rogers with Gilmore & Bell is a bond attorney that does finance work. He discussed with the Board proposing possible financing for Merrick Medical Center. Rogers said that a government entity has to be involved for 501C to get a tax exempt bond and Bryan Health is a 501C. There is no liability risk for the County and no tax money involved and Bryan Health would get tax exempt interest from Pinnacle Bank is this financing does go thru the County acting as a conduit issuer. They have already went before the City of Central City and it is on their next agenda. They are asking for \$10 million from the City of Central and \$10 million from the County. The total hospital project is \$27 million. Board asked Roger's why they didn't just request \$20 million from the City of Central City and he said that \$10 million was the max for bank qualification. There is no benefit to the County for doing this, except to help the hospital. The County Board will need to hold a public hearing and if the Board decides to go ahead with this a resolution will need to be signed. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to set a public hearing for Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Rescind: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to rescind their motion and second on approving the agenda as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Kreachbaum, Yrkoski, Placke, Dexter, Kucera, and Wiegert. Nays: None. Abstain: Weller. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the agenda changing the August 2020 payroll to say September 2020 claims. Roll Call: All Ayes.

September 2020 claims: The September 2020 claims were presented for approval:

GENERAL

STEVE ADLER	CELL PHONE	\$ 15.00
ZACH AMICK	CELL PHONE	\$ 120.00
APFEL FUNERAL HOME	COUNTY BURIAL	\$ 1,217.00
BAMFORD INC.	INSPECTION	\$ 200.00
JAKE BAUER	CELL PHONE	\$ 120.00
AARON BENSON	CELL PHONE	\$ 120.00
PAT BENSON	CELL PHONE	\$ 120.00
BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$ 114.60
BRADLEY LAW OFFICE, PC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 4,645.50
DORIS BURBY, RMR	COURT EXPENSE	\$ 210.00
BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING COSTS	\$ 6,050.00
CHRIS CARLSEN	CELL PHONE	\$ 120.00
CENTRAL CITY MALL	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$ 37.48
CENTRAL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$ 7,000.00
CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT	CONTRACT	\$ 2,376.62
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$ 103.70
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$ 40.47
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$ 17.99
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	\$ 275.72
CENTURYLINK	CELL PHONE	\$ 224.34
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITES	\$ 4,121.74
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$ 2,278.89
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$ 12.00
PAUL CLARK	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 1,187.50
CLARKS PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$ 1,000.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$ 163.00
CODY'S COMPUTER REPAIR SERVICE	SUPPLIES	\$ 549.98
BRANDI COUFAL	CELL PHONE	\$ 120.00
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	OFFICE WATER	\$ 292.50



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DAS STATE ACCOUNT/CENTRAL FINANCE	TECHNOLOGY FEE	\$	203.92
DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE	COMMUNICATION	\$	580.00
DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$	116.77
REINY DICKHAUT	CELL PHONE	\$	120.00
TIM DIERKS	CELL PHONE	\$	120.00
DJ DRAMSE	CELL PHONE	\$	120.00
EAGLE BROADBAND	PHONE/INTERNET	\$	1,451.53
EAGLE BROADBAND INVESTMENTS, LLC	TELEPHONE SRV	\$	272.98
EAGLE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	INTERNET	\$	123.49
EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC/ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$	8.86
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$	36.97
EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	SUPPLIES	\$	164.28
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$	32.07
FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS LTD	PLAT BOOKS	\$	330.00
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	64.17
SHARON GILG	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
THERESA GOOD	MILEAGE	\$	102.35
GRAFTON LAW OFFICE	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	133.00
THE GRAND ISLAND INDEPENDENT	SUBSCRIPTION	\$	425.15
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE SRV	\$	92.55
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$	192.00
LYNELLE HOMOLKA	MISC EXPENSES	\$	301.11
MIKE HOPEN	CELL PHONE	\$	150.00
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$	150.27
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$	273.81
JENSEN PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$	77.63
JOHNSON CONTROLS SECURITY SOLUTIONS	SECURITY SRVC	\$	500.00
KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL FLEET SALES	VEHICLE	\$	23,250.00
JODI KRANCE	MILEAGE	\$	179.40
LEXIPOL	L.E. TRAINING	\$	1,577.00
MCILNAY & CO	AC REPAIR	\$	487.98
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT COSTS	\$	279.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$	110,341.07
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$	150.50
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$	5,577.00
MILLER TIRES & SERVICE	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$	2,264.71
MIPS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$	72.35
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$	3,526.37
MIPS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$	354.37
JENNIFER MYERS	MILEAGE/PHONE	\$	705.05
NACO C/O JANET SHAUL	2021 DUES	\$	50.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$	465.00
NEBRASKA AIR FILTER, INC	SUPPLIES	\$	154.92
NNTC	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	140.14
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	61.41



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OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$ 59.98
PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$ 1,000.00
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	METER RENT	\$ 405.99
SEILER INSTRUMENT MANUFACTURING,INC	EQUIPMENT	\$ 250.00
SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$ 1,000.00
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$ 10.81
SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORPORATION	SUBSCRIPTION	\$ 372.00
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 3,999.50
TAMMY STUHR	MILEAGE	\$ 89.70
TAX VALUATION INC	REAPPRAISAL	\$ 6,187.50
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$ 292.54
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$ 368.79
TOP QUALITY GLOVES	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$ 841.50
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$ 7.99
TRUELL,MURRAY & ASSOCIATES	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 579.50
U.S. BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$ 834.81
US FOODS DIVISION #2365	SUPPLIES	\$ 779.13
VERIZON	E911 PHONE SRV	\$ 400.10
VIGILNET AMERICA, LLC	MONITOR DEVICE	\$ 180.70
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$ 402.31
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	INVESTIGATIVE	\$ 328.18
WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERVICES	EQUIPMENT	\$ 110.00
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$ 57.62
JOHN WESTMAN	CELL PHONE	\$ 120.00
WEX BANK	FUEL	\$ 2,535.31
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 5,527.50
MARCIA WICHMANN	CELL PHONE	\$ 30.00
ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE CO.	MEDICAL SUPPLY	\$ 71.70
TOTAL		\$ 215,506.37

ROADS

AKRS EQUIPMENT	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 44.82
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	MAINTENANCE	\$ 39.88
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	HEATING	\$ 30.95
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$ 63.21
BLUE TARP	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$ 641.42
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$ 1,040.54
BOSSELMAN INC/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 3,714.04
BRYAN HEALTH	D & A TESTING	\$ 84.00
CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$ 565.13
EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC/ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$ 62.66
FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 63.00
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$ 1,139.45
GARRETT TIRES & SERVICE	TIRES	\$ 2,870.85
GARY SMITH CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.	SURFACING	\$ 565,501.35
GILBARCO INC	FUEL	\$ 17.00



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GRAND ISLAND ACE HARDWARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	26.98
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$	15.44
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	\$	34.95
BUCKY HERMAN	LAND RENTAL	\$	120.00
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	361.90
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	152.85
JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	70.40
K & S TOOL SERVICE	SMALL TOOLS	\$	299.99
KACO SUPPLIES	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	308.70
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$	5.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$	59.80
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$	127.18
NAPA AUTO & TRUCK PARTS GI	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	30.98
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/LABOR	\$	3,518.76
NEBR. PETERBILT - FORD	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	164.44
LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$	75.00
NT&T/SHOP	TELEPHONE	\$	60.76
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	176.29
OFFICENET	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$	99.26
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$	5,525.39
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	\$	807.95
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRES	\$	429.00
POGUE CONSTRUCTION INC	PAVEMENT MARK	\$	5,445.00
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$	36.56
RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	104.08
SACK LUMBER CO./ROADS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	148.50
SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$	2,216.07
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$	543.54
STRAIGHT LINE STRIPING INC	PAVEMENT MARK	\$	2,534.40
TOOLS PLUS INDUSTRIES	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	89.99
VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$	420.94
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/EQUIP	\$	107.41
VILLAGE OF CHAPMAN	ELECTRICITY	\$	86.10
VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	\$	30,625.50
WELDON PARTS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	181.58
XEROX CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$	132.24
ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE CO.	MEDICAL SUPPLY	\$	133.30
TOTAL			\$ 631,154.53

JUVENILE DIVERSION

KENDRA LUTZ	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
JORDANNE MCNEFF	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUVDIV-POSTAGE	\$	5.70
OFFICENET	EQUIPMENT	\$	68.00
3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	EDUCATION	\$	60.00
TOTAL			\$ 193.70



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COPYCAT PRINTING	SUPPLIES	\$	150.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	K-9	\$	131.88
TOTAL		\$	281.88

INHERITANCE

ROAD FUND	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$	350,000.00
TOTAL		\$	350,000.00

COMMISSARY

KEEFE SUPPLY COMPANY	COMMISSARY	\$	604.96
US FOODS DIVISION #2365	COMMISSARY	\$	157.72
TOTAL		\$	762.68

4H BUILDING

SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	SECURITY	\$	32.00
TOTAL		\$	32.00

Moved Weller, second Yrkoski to approve the September 2020 claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to adjourn at 12:06 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/ Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk