



Merrick County Board Minutes



October 13, 2020

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, October 13, 2020 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kucera, Yrkoski, Dexter, Kreachbaum, Placke, 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 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 Yrkoski, second Dexter to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2020 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Dexter attended the SCEDD on October 5, 2020; Placke attended the TERC hearing for Scuiga's on September 24, 2020, hospital ground breaking on September 28, 2020, and the Senior Center meeting on October 8, 2020; Kucera attended the Extension Board meeting on September 30, 2020 and Wiegert attended the Midland Area on Aging meeting on October 1, 2020.

Official's reports: Assessor Myers said they had completed their first round of pickup work. Myers said that due to the passage of LB 1107 effective as of August 18, 2020 it took away \$10,000.00 tax exemption. Myers will be putting out a press release so that tax payers will be aware of what is going on. Treasurer Gilg reported that collections were doing better. County Clerk Wichmann thanked the Assessor's Office staff and Deb Robinson in District Court for helping to stuff ballots for mailing because Wichmann was short on office staff. The County Attorney Homolka said that the maintenance man had said that some offices has asked out getting the carpets cleaned. Board will instruct Mr. Maw to get bids.

Electrical agreement: Moved Weller, second Kucera to approve and have the Chairman sign Electrical Agreement between the County and Doug Retzlaff for placing underground wiring for grain bins in Section 3, Township 14, Range 8. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2020-30: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve and sign RESOLUTION 2020-30 for the continued adoption of the Cash-in-lieu as an option to the group medical insurance. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2020-30 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for publish viewing.

RESOLUTION 2020-37: Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve and sign RESOLUTION 2020-37 setting the tax levies for 2020. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2020-30 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

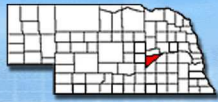
Bids: The Board received 2 bids for repairing the bottom back step of the courthouse. The bid's were from Rathman-Manning Construction for \$800.00 and KBL Construction for \$800.00. Dave Lewis with KBL had repaired the hand rail so that is was stable but the step needed to be repaired. Lewis can do the step in a couple of weeks. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to accept the bid from KBL Construction for \$800.00 to repair the bottom back step of the courthouse. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2020-36: Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve and sign RESOLUTION 2020-36 directing the County Treasurer to issue County Tax Sale Certificates. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2020-36 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Maximus: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve and have the Chairman sign the Certification Statement from Maximus for the Cost Allocation Plan for fiscal year ending December 31, 2019. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2020-38: Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2020-38 directing the County Treasurer to transfer \$37,080.36 from the Inheritance Fund to the 4-H Building Fund which is the amount remaining to payback the 4-H Building Fund for the 4-H building project. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2020-38 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

NACO: Judd Allen with NACO came before the Board to see if they had any concerns with the NACO Blue Cross Blue Shield and NACO Vision plans. Allen also told the Board that there was an employee assistance



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plan included with the Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance for depression, anxiety, gambling, alcoholism, and etc. The Board had no concerns and Allen will send pamphlet to County Clerk to pass onto all official's to give their employees.

Closed session: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to go into closed session at 10:02 for a strategy meeting regarding collective bargaining negotiations with IBEW. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to go out of closed session at 11:18 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

September 2020 fees: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the September 2020 fees from the Sheriff, Clerk of District Court, and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes.

October claims: The October 2020 claims were submitted to the Board for approval:

GENERAL

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| AB TREE & LAWN | LAWN CARE | \$ | 459.00 |
| ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF | COURT COSTS | \$ | 18.50 |
| APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES | DATA TECH | \$ | 845.00 |
| JULIE L BELLIS | COURT COSTS | \$ | 172.25 |
| BILL'S HOBBY SHOP | VEHICLE REPAIR | \$ | 207.85 |
| BOMGAARS | SUPPLIES | \$ | 25.99 |
| BRADLEY LAW OFFICE, PC | ATTORNEY FEES | \$ | 3,144.50 |
| DORIS BURBY, RMR | COURT EXPENSES | \$ | 106.50 |
| BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER | BOARD CONTRACT | \$ | 6,350.00 |
| CHRIS CARLSEN | MEALS | \$ | 95.86 |
| LORI CAVE | BOARD MILEAGE | \$ | 28.52 |
| CENTEC CAST METAL PRODUCTS | GRAVE MARKERS | \$ | 450.09 |
| CENTRAL CITY MALL | FUEL | \$ | 24.81 |
| CENTRAL CITY MALL | JAIL SUPPLIES | \$ | 61.19 |
| CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT | CONTRACT | \$ | 2,376.62 |
| CENTRAL TRUE VALUE | SUPPLIES | \$ | 37.89 |
| CENTRAL TRUE VALUE | SUPPLIES | \$ | 14.94 |
| CENTRAL TRUE VALUE | JAIL SUPPLIES | \$ | 202.75 |
| CENTURY LINK | E911 PHONE SRV | \$ | 275.72 |
| CENTURYLINK | E911 PHONE SRV | \$ | 224.68 |
| CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES | UTILITIES | \$ | 2,800.11 |
| CITY OF CENTRAL CITY | UTILITIES | \$ | 1,353.44 |
| CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT | UTILITIES | \$ | 12.00 |
| CITY OF HASTINGS | 2020 DUES | \$ | 1,000.00 |
| CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC | COURT COSTS | \$ | 357.67 |
| CODY'S COMPUTER REPAIR SERVICE | SUPPLIES | \$ | 409.97 |
| CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND | WATER SERVICE | \$ | 234.00 |
| DANA F COLE & COMPANY | BUDGET PREP | \$ | 4,275.00 |
| DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE | TECHNOLOGY FEE | \$ | 783.92 |
| DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY | PRISONER MEDS | \$ | 298.95 |
| DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY | CORONER | \$ | 97.00 |
| DISTRICT 5 PROBATION | PROBATION | \$ | 17,012.38 |
| DUGAN PRINTING & PROMOTIONS, LLC | BALLOT PRODUCT | \$ | 2,334.50 |
| EAGLE BROADBAND | INTERNET | \$ | 1,367.08 |
| EAGLE BROADBAND INVESTMENTS, LLC | TELEPHONE | \$ | 15.23 |
| EAGLE BROADBAND INVESTMENTS, LLC | PHONE SERVICE | \$ | 274.27 |



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| EAGLE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS | INTERNET | \$ | 246.98 |
| EAKES OFFICE PLUS | SUPPLIES | \$ | 50.93 |
| EAKES OFFICE PLUS | SUPPLIES | \$ | 420.91 |
| EAKES OFFICE PLUS | SUPPLIES | \$ | 25.45 |
| ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE | SUPPLIES | \$ | 15.87 |
| FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS | E911 PHONE SRV | \$ | 128.34 |
| GALUSHA ELECTRIC | BLDG REPAIR | \$ | 120.00 |
| GI ABSTRACT,ESCROW & TITLE CO | TITLE REPORT | \$ | 125.00 |
| SHARON GILG | PHONE/MILEAGE | \$ | 55.76 |
| LINDA GILSON | BOARD MILEAGE | \$ | 2.53 |
| GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS | TELEPHONE | \$ | 102.55 |
| NICOLE GREVING | BOARD MILEAGE | \$ | 9.78 |
| HAMILTON COUNTY TREASURER | COURT COSTS | \$ | 1,281.33 |
| HEARTLAND DISPOSAL | TRASH DISPOSAL | \$ | 192.00 |
| HILDER IMPLEMENT INC | LAWN CARE | \$ | 149.10 |
| HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY | LODGING | \$ | 179.90 |
| LYNELLE HOMOLKA | PHONE/MILEAGE | \$ | 56.11 |
| HOST COFFEE SERVICE | SERVICE SUPPLY | \$ | 43.00 |
| JACKSON SERVICES | SUPPLY SERVICE | \$ | 397.51 |
| JENSEN PUBLISHING INC | PUBLICATION | \$ | 384.14 |
| JENSEN PUBLISHING | PUBLICATION | \$ | 567.00 |
| JENSEN PUBLISHING | PUBLICATION | \$ | 1,189.62 |
| JENSEN PUBLISHING/P&Z | PUBLICATION | \$ | 8.98 |
| JUVENILE DIVERSION FUND | TRANSFER FUNDS | \$ | 5,654.00 |
| KARA KOHEL | MILEAGE | \$ | 110.17 |
| STACI LEMBURG | BOARD MILEAGE | \$ | 28.18 |
| KAY LYONS | MISC EXPENSES | \$ | 82.33 |
| DOUG MAW | CELL PHONE | \$ | 30.00 |
| MAXIMUS CONSULTING SERVICES, INC | CONTRACT | \$ | 2,100.00 |
| MAYHEW SIGNS | BLDG REPAIR | \$ | 206.00 |
| STEVE MELVIN | MILEAGE | \$ | 121.33 |
| MERRICK CO. CLERK | RECORDING FEES | \$ | 20.00 |
| MERRICK CO. COURT | COURT COSTS | \$ | 547.00 |
| MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT. | TRANSFER FUNDS | \$ | 99,330.75 |
| MERRICK CO. TREASURER | MISC EXPENSES | \$ | 271.05 |
| MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER | PRISONER CARE | \$ | 844.70 |
| MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC | IMAGING | \$ | 70.00 |
| MID NEBR. INDIVIDUAL SERVICES | 20-21 BUDGET | \$ | 7,845.00 |
| MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC | TRASH DISPOSAL | \$ | 153.10 |
| MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING | MEMBER/SUPPORT | \$ | 6,002.00 |
| MIDWEST CONNECT | SUPPLIES | \$ | 290.00 |
| MILLER TIRES & SERVICE | VEHICLE REPAIR | \$ | 1,973.04 |
| MIPS INC. | PROG SUPPORT | \$ | 3,520.37 |
| JENNIFER MYERS | MISC EXPENSES | \$ | 671.13 |
| NACO | REGISTRATION | \$ | 500.00 |



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| NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES | INSTITUTIONS | \$ | 465.00 |
| NE SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION | L.E. TRAINING | \$ | 30.00 |
| NEBRASKA AIR FILTER, INC | SUPPLIES | \$ | 504.04 |
| NNTC | E911 PHONE SRV | \$ | 280.28 |
| NPZA | REGISTRATION | \$ | 100.00 |
| NSA/POSAN | L.E. TRAINING | \$ | 725.00 |
| O'REILLY AUTO PARTS | VEHICLE REPAIR | \$ | 206.98 |
| OFFICENET | EQUIP REPAIR | \$ | 72.18 |
| OFFICENET | SUPPLIES | \$ | 243.90 |
| OFFICENET | EQUIPMENT | \$ | 181.27 |
| OFFICENET | SUPPLIES | \$ | 268.88 |
| OFFICENET/P&Z | SUPPLIES | \$ | 220.63 |
| OFFICENET | EQUIP RENTAL | \$ | 483.33 |
| OFFICENET,INC. | LEASE COPIER | \$ | 1,009.33 |
| PALMER JOURNAL | PUBLICATION | \$ | 1,896.90 |
| PALMER JOURNAL | PUBLICATION | \$ | 42.00 |
| PAPER TIGER SHREDDING | SHREDDING | \$ | 90.00 |
| PERSONNEL EVALUATION INC | INVESTAGATIVE | \$ | 40.00 |
| PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS | EQUIPMENT | \$ | 9,411.46 |
| PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS ASSOC OF NE | MEMBER FEES | \$ | 175.00 |
| BETH PULLEN | INTERNET | \$ | 50.75 |
| TOM REIMERS | MEALS/MILEAGE | \$ | 112.65 |
| ROWLEY LAW LLC | ATTORNEY FEES | \$ | 1,187.50 |
| SEILER INSTRUMENT MANUFACTURING,INC | EQUIP RENTAL | \$ | 250.00 |
| SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR,LLC | CAR REPAIR | \$ | 207.41 |
| SHERRY SIWINSKI | MILEAGE | \$ | 10.12 |
| STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO | ATTORNEY FEES | \$ | 4,622.10 |
| STEVE STETTNER | BOARD MILEAGE | \$ | 16.45 |
| TAMMY STUHR | MILEAGE | \$ | 26.45 |
| THE HOME DEPOT PRO | SUPPLIES | \$ | 642.04 |
| TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY | OFFICE SUPPLY | \$ | 63.64 |
| U.S. BANK | MISC EXPENSES | \$ | 500.41 |
| U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (NEOPOST) | POSTAGE METER | \$ | 21,000.00 |
| US FOODS DIVISION #2365 | FOOD SUPPLY | \$ | 1,093.15 |
| VERIZON WIRELESS | INTERNET | \$ | 50.08 |
| VERIZON | TELEPHONE | \$ | 400.10 |
| VIGILNET AMERICA, LLC | MONITOR COSTS | \$ | 528.20 |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA | SUPPLIES | \$ | 251.50 |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA | SUPPLIES | \$ | 1,328.19 |
| JAMES A WAGONER | ATTORNEY FEES | \$ | 3,002.00 |
| WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERVICES | EQUIPMENT | \$ | 110.00 |
| KARA WELLS | MILEAGE | \$ | 50.60 |
| J. BRIAN WESSLING, DDS, PC | PRISONER CARE | \$ | 531.00 |
| WEX BANK | FUEL | \$ | 2,516.09 |
| WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH, | ATTORNEY FEES | \$ | 3,495.80 |



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| MARCIA WICHMANN | CELL PHONE | \$ 30.00 |
| TOTAL | | \$ 242,393.53 |

ROADS

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| ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO. | CULVERTS | \$ 1,861.60 |
| AKRS EQUIPMENT | EQUIP REPAIR | \$ 1.29 |
| AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO. | FUEL | \$ 2,553.20 |
| BLACK HILLS ENERGY | GAS SERVICE | \$ 36.42 |
| BLACK HILLS ENERGY | GAS SERVICE | \$ 66.20 |
| BOMGAARS | SUPPLIES | \$ 293.85 |
| BOSSelman INC/ROADS | OIL/FUEL | \$ 286.92 |
| BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL | TIRES | \$ 14,245.44 |
| CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS | SUPPLY/REPAIR | \$ 639.51 |
| CENTRAL TRUE VALUE/ROADS | SHOP SUPPLIES | \$ 100.75 |
| CLARKS LUMBER CO./ROADS | SHOP SUPPLIES | \$ 63.00 |
| COPY CAT PRINTING | OFFICE SUPPLY | \$ 77.70 |
| DEL-RAY ALTERNATORS & STARTERS | EQUIP REPAIR | \$ 84.45 |
| DEPOT CUSTOMS | REPAIR/LABOR | \$ 116.00 |
| TED DEXTER | CDL RENEWAL | \$ 31.00 |
| DVORACEK TITLE & BUSINESS SERVICES | TITLE REPORT | \$ 80.00 |
| EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC/ROADS | OFFICE SUPPLY | \$ 202.18 |
| FASTENAL CO | SHOP SUPPLIES | \$ 130.10 |
| FILTER CARE | EQUIP REPAIR | \$ 91.75 |
| FRONTIER COOPERATIVE | FUEL | \$ 813.31 |
| GARRETT TIRES & TREADS/GI | TIRES | \$ 653.26 |
| GARY SMITH CONSTRUCTION CO. INC. | SURFACING | \$ 64,546.50 |
| GI ABSTRACT,ESCROW & TITLE CO | TITLE REPORT | \$ 125.00 |
| GRAND ISLAND CLINIC | D & A TESTING | \$ 35.00 |
| HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS | TELEPHONE | \$ 34.95 |
| HERK'S WELDING SHOP | SHOP SUPPLIES | \$ 47.65 |
| BUCKY HERMAN | LAND RENTAL | \$ 120.00 |
| HOOKEr BROS SAND & GRAVEL INC | GRAVEL | \$ 2,582.10 |
| ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. | SHOP SUPPLIES | \$ 585.10 |
| JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS | SHOP SUPPLIES | \$ 105.60 |
| JENSEN PUBLISHING/ROADS | PUBLICATION | \$ 121.50 |
| K & S TOOL SERVICE | SMALL TOOLS | \$ 279.99 |
| MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC | D & A TESTING | \$ 35.00 |
| MENARDS | SHOP SUPPLIES | \$ 24.99 |
| MERRICK CO. TREASURER | ROADS-POSTAGE | \$ 13.00 |
| MICHAEL MEYER | MISC EXPENSES | \$ 80.99 |
| MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC | TRASH DISPOSAL | \$ 59.80 |
| MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO. | LUMBER | \$ 6,144.00 |
| MIPS INC. | PROG SUPPORT | \$ 127.18 |
| NACO | REGISTRATION | \$ 50.00 |
| NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL & SAFETY SUPPLY | SHOP SUPPLIES | \$ 59.88 |
| NEBR. MACHINERY CO. | REPAIR/EQUIP | \$ 1,643.81 |



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| NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION | FUEL TAX | \$ 1,552.00 |
| NEBR. PETERBILT - FORD | REPAIR/LABOR | \$ 5,184.67 |
| LEE NEEL | UTILITIES | \$ 75.00 |
| NT&T/SHOP | TELEPHONE | \$ 59.48 |
| OFFICENET | OFFICE SUPPLY | \$ 125.75 |
| OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL | GRAVEL | \$ 29,292.59 |
| PALMER JOURNAL | PUBLICATION | \$ 96.00 |
| PALMER SERVICE CENTER | FUEL | \$ 1,732.75 |
| PALSER SERVICE/ROADS | TIRES | \$ 147.95 |
| POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST | ELECTRICITY | \$ 37.09 |
| RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY | REPAIR/SUPPLY | \$ 441.27 |
| SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM | FUEL | \$ 2,061.30 |
| SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT | ELECTRICITY | \$ 516.37 |
| STRAIGHT LINE STRIPING INC | STRIPING | \$ 2,356.20 |
| VERIZON WIRELESS | PHONE/RENTAL | \$ 107.39 |
| VILLAGE OF CHAPMAN | ELECTRICITY | \$ 43.15 |
| VONTZ PAVING INC | GRAVEL | \$ 22,895.31 |
| WELDON PARTS | EQUIP REPAIR | \$ 228.81 |
| XEROX CORPORATION | OFFICE SUPPLY | \$ 132.24 |
| TOTAL | | \$ 166,335.29 |

P&M FUND

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| OFFICENET | SUPPLIES | \$ 1,597.48 |
| TOTAL | | \$ 1,597.48 |

JUVENILE DIVERSION

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| CODY'S COMPUTER REPAIR SERVICE | EQUIPMENT | \$ 574.98 |
| JENSEN PUBLISHING | PUBLICATION | \$ 46.20 |
| KENDRA LUTZ | PHONE/MILEAGE | \$ 194.57 |
| JORDANNE MCNEFF | CELL PHONE | \$ 30.00 |
| MERRICK CO. TREASURER | JUV DIV-POST | \$ 4.00 |
| OFFICENET | EQUIPMENT | \$ 94.06 |
| PALMER JOURNAL | PUBLICATION | \$ 27.00 |
| TOTAL | | \$ 970.81 |

K-9

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| COUNTRYSIDE VETERINARY CLINIC | K-9 CARE | \$ 107.61 |
| MERRICK CO. TREASURER | K9 FUNDRAISER | \$ 1,522.50 |
| TOTAL | | \$ 1,630.11 |

INHERITANCE

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| CENTRAL PLATTE NRD | MOORES CREEK | \$ 830.21 |
| 4-H BUILDING FUND (4025) | TRANSFER FUNDS | \$ 37,080.36 |
| TOTAL | | \$ 37,910.57 |

COMMISSARY FUND

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| ENCARTELE | COMMISSARY | \$ 300.00 |
| KEEFE SUPPLY COMPANY | COMMISSARY | \$ 205.44 |
| TOTAL | | \$ 505.44 |

4-H BUILDING



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| BOMGAARS | SUPPLIES | \$ | 27.97 |
| CENTRAL TRUE VALUE | SUPPLIES | \$ | 58.60 |
| SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC | MONITORING SRV | \$ | 32.00 |
| 4-H BUILDING P & I FUND (3400) | TRANSFER FUNDS | \$ | 254,035.28 |
| TOTAL | | \$ | 254,153.85 |

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

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to adjourn at 11:26 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk