



Merrick County Board Minutes



January 12, 2021

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Weller, Kucera, Dexter, Yrkoski, Placke, and Wiegert present. County Attorney Lynelle 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 9:00 a.m.

Yrkoski led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors and to reorganize at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Chairman: Weller nominated Wiegert as Chairman. Moved Yrkoski, second Kucera to cease nominations. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to nominate Roger Wiegert as Chairman for 2021. Roll Call: Ayes: Dexter, Kucera, Weller, Placke, Yrkoski, and Kreachbaum. Nays: None. Abstain: Wiegert

Vice Chairman: Dexter nominated Kucera for Vice Chairperson. Moved Weller, second Kreachbaum to cease nominations. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Dexter, second Yrkoski nominate Kucera as Vice Chairperson. Roll Call: Ayes: Yrkoski, Weller, Placke, Dexter, Kreachbaum, and Wiegert. Nays: None. Abstain: Kucera

Appointment of Board of Equalization: Moved Placke, second Kucera to appoint the Board of Supervisors as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call: All Ayes.

2021 meeting schedule: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the 2021 meeting schedule with the Board of Supervisor and Board of Equalization meetings being the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month except the second meeting in December, because of payroll. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Holidays: Moved Dexter, second Yrkoski to approve the holidays for 2021 with the courthouse closed on Friday, December 24, 2021 and Friday, December 31, 2021 because Christmas and New Year's fall on Saturdays. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Official means of publication: Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the Palmer Journal, Republican Nonpareil, and the County Website as the official means of publication for 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes.

County Depository Banks: Moved Dexter, second Yrkoski to designate the Bank of Clarks located in Clarks, NE, Farmers State Bank, a branch of the Bank of Clarks, located in Silver Creek, Citizens Bank, Cornerstone Bank, and Pinnacle Bank Central City, located in Central City, and Pinnacle Bank Palmer, located in Palmer as the county depository banks and NPAIT as a depository for Merrick County in RESOLUTION 2021-1 and have the Chairman sign it. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2021-1 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

County NIRMA Bond: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to adopt the blanket bond of Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) insured under Certificate of Insurance Master Policy #N-CR0607-46, Producer NIRMA, Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association, a Risk Management Pool, at Lincoln, NE. Said blanket bond continues as long as Merrick County is a member county of NIRMA and said Master Policy #N-CR0607-46 remains in effect. Roll Call: All Ayes.

NIRMA contact: Moved Kucera, second Placke to appoint the County Clerk as the 2020 NIRMA contact person. Roll Call: All Ayes.

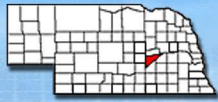
Highway Superintendent: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to appoint Mike Meyer as the Merrick County Highway Superintendent and to designate him to negotiate the Right of Way Agreements for Merrick County for 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes.

NRD Advisory Committee: Moved Dexter, second Placke to appoint Mike Meyer to the advisory committee for the NRD for 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Emergency Management & Homeland Security Program: Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to appoint Denise Ziemba to the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program of the East Central Region for Planning, Exercise, Training, and Interoperable Communications. Roll Call: All Ayes.

E-911 surcharges: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to set the E-911 surcharge rates at \$1.00. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Committees: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the committee appointments as made by the Chairman. Roll Call: All Ayes.



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Boards: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the appointments of Board members to boards as appointed by the Chairman. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve the minutes from December 22, 2020. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting Reports: Weller attended the Central District Health meeting on Monday, January 11, 2021; Dexter had a Merrick County Economic Development meeting on January 8, 2021; Placke thanked Beth Pullen for her years of service and Kucera attended the Extension Board meeting on January 8, 2021.

Official's reports: Treasurer Gilg presented her semi-annual report to the Board.

Public comment: Hospital Administrator, Patrick Avila gave an over view on the hospital and on how the construction was going along on the new hospital.

Executive session: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to go into an executive session at 9:42 a.m. for the protection of the public interest and for discussion of security personnel or devises. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to go out of executive session at 10:34 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Electrical agreement: Moved Kucera, second Yrkoski to approve and sign the electrical agreement between Merrick County and Polk County Rural Public Power District for an underground crossing for a distribution line on the north side of the intersection between Sections 18 and 19, Township 15N, Range 4W. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Electrical agreement: Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve and sign the electrical agreement between Merrick County and Polk County Rural Public Power District for an underground crossing for distribution line across the East and West roads between Section 18 and 19, Township 15N, Range 4W. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Pledge securities: Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the pledge securities presented by Treasurer Gilg. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Lawn care: Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve the bid for lawn care from AB Tree & Lawn for the Courthouse lawn for 2021 for \$1,846.80. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Dispatch interlocal: County Attorney Homolka said that Hamilton County had rejected Merrick County's counter offer and came back with the following: Merrick County would pay Hamilton County \$165,000.00 for the first year. The two Counties shall agree that subsequent payments are to be reviewed annually and adjusted for years two and three of the agreement. Both parties would meet to review the costs in November of each year of the agreement to set the fee for the coming calendar year. And in paragraph two change to: move the meeting from monthly to quarterly and in paragraph five remove Hamilton County has complied with this paragraph. Merrick County will counter with Merrick shall pay to Hamilton on an annual fiscal year basis beginning January 1, 2021 the sum of \$165,000.00 in return for Hamilton to provide the services herein, subject to review annually in March and adjustment upon approval by each respective County Board and in paragraph five to say Hamilton shall update and maintain the software for the records management system, known as Justice Data Solutions, and update and maintain the mapping program for so long as this agreement is in effect. . Moved Kucera, second Dexter to send to Hamilton County with the new amendments. Roll Call: All Ayes.

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

January 2021 claims: The January 2021 claims were presented to the Board for approval:

GENERAL

ZACH AMICK	CELL PHONE	\$	60.00
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICE	\$	100.00
AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$	901.45
JAKE BAUER	CELL PHONE	\$	60.00
AARON BENSON	CELL PHONE	\$	60.00
PAT BENSON	CELL PHONE	\$	60.00
BG&S TRANSMISSIONS OF GRAND ISLAND	CAR REPAIR	\$	112.60
BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	CAR REPAIR	\$	282.60
BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$	2,652.00
BRADLEY LAW OFFICE, PC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	2,436.75
DORIS BURBY, RMR	COURT EXPENSE	\$	82.50
BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	CONTRACT COSTS	\$	6,800.00
CHRIS CARLSEN	CELL PHONE	\$	60.00



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CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$	8.48
CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$	49.34
CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$	11.56
CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT	CONTRACT	\$	2,376.62
CENTRAL NE CREMATION & MORTUARY	CORONER	\$	450.00
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$	110.92
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$	41.26
CENTURY LINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	278.96
CENTURYLINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	226.30
CHARM-TEX	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$	349.80
CHEM-DRY OF STROMSBURG, LLC	CARPET SERVICE	\$	2,405.60
CITIZENS BANK & TRUST COMPANY	BOX RENTAL	\$	8.00
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$	3,020.82
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$	12.00
CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	COURT COSTS	\$	60.95
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$	375.14
CODY'S COMPUTER REPAIR SERVICE	SUPPLIES	\$	384.96
CORNER DRUG	PRISONER MEDS	\$	14.99
BRANDI COUFAL	CELL PHONE	\$	60.00
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$	416.50
DAS STATE ACCOUNT/CENTRAL FINANCE	NETWORK SRVC	\$	379.85
DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$	238.58
DEPOT CUSTOMS	CAR REPAIR	\$	250.00
REINY DICKHAUT	CELL PHONE	\$	60.00
TIM DIERKS	CELL PHONE	\$	60.00
DJ DRAMSE	CELL PHONE	\$	60.00
KAREN DUNHAM	RETIREMENT	\$	252.00
EAGLE BROADBAND	INTERNET/PHONE	\$	1,376.97
EAGLE BROADBAND INVESTMENTS, LLC	TELEPHONE	\$	31.44
EAGLE BROADBAND INVESTMENTS, LLC	PHONE/INTERNET	\$	350.99
EAGLE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	INTERNET	\$	123.49
EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	SUPPLIES	\$	263.19
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$	210.99
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIPMENT	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$	543.40
FRIESEN FORD	CAR REPAIR	\$	74.85
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	INVESTIGATIVE	\$	276.34
DORIS GARRETT	RETIREMENT	\$	72.00
SHARON GILG	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
GOVCONNECTION,INC	SUBSCRIPTION	\$	218.70
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	102.55
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT COSTS	\$	10.84
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$	202.00
LYNELLE HOMOLKA	MISC EXPENSES	\$	187.92



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MIKE HOPEN	CELL PHONE	\$	60.00
CINDIE HOSTLER	MISC EXPENSES	\$	28.03
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$	187.40
JENSEN PUBLISHING	SUPPLIES	\$	223.10
JENSEN PUBLISHING, INC	COURT EXPENSE	\$	57.62
JENSEN PUBLISHING	COURT COSTS	\$	75.15
JENSEN PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$	433.19
LTA TOWING LLC	INVEST COSTS	\$	525.00
LYNN PEAVY COMPANY	INVESTIGATIVE	\$	58.70
GARY MATHIS	RETIREMENT	\$	168.00
DOUG MAW	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
MAYHEW SIGNS	BLDG REPAIR	\$	25.22
MERRICK CO DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	\$	250.42
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT COSTS	\$	524.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$	99,330.75
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$	214.79
	DATA		
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$	35.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$	153.10
	MEMBERSHIP		
MIDSTATES ORGANIZED CRIME INFO	DUE	\$	100.00
DARLENE MILLER	RETIREMENT	\$	192.00
MIPS INC.	PROG SUPPORT	\$	3,483.37
MIPS INC.	PUBLICATION	\$	1,028.46
JENNIFER MYERS	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$	450.00
NE INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES	CORONER	\$	2,000.00
NEBRASKA GLASS COMPANY LLC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$	34.95
NNTC	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	280.28
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$	461.40
OFFICENET	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	54.21
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	67.73
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	498.86
OFFICENET	EQUIPMENT	\$	96.76
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	189.61
OFFICENET/P&Z	EQUIPMENT	\$	112.95
OFFICENET	EQUIP RENTAL	\$	279.15
OFFICENET,INC.	SUPPLIES	\$	816.58
PALSER SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$	18.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$	1,986.75
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$	8.05
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	1,586.50
T-SHIRT ENGINEERS	UNIFORMS	\$	236.50
GLORIA TAGGE	RETIREMENT	\$	156.00
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$	704.17
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$	368.79



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MELANIA J. THOMSON	RETIREMENT	\$	168.00
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$	16.06
STEPHEN R.W. TWISS	MEMBERSHIP	\$	98.00
U.S. BANK	SUPPLIES	\$	1,192.09
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE	\$	680.00
US FOODS DIVISION #2365	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$	1,999.72
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	\$	100.83
VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$	400.10
VIGILNET AMERICA, LLC	MONITOR EXP	\$	152.90
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$	204.02
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	EQUIPMENT	\$	775.68
WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERVICES	EQUIPMENT	\$	110.00
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE/DUES	\$	42.90
JOHN WESTMAN	PHONE/SUPPLIES	\$	124.49
WEX BANK	FUEL	\$	2,637.15
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	9,863.60
MARCIA WICHMANN	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
WOODS & AITKEN LLP	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	270.00
HERBERT W WURTZ	RETIREMENT	\$	96.00
4H SHOWWORKS BILLING	REGISTRATION	\$	225.00
TOTAL		\$	166,513.28

ROADS

AKRS EQUIPMENT	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	342.98
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$	3,060.16
BAUER BUILT	TIRES	\$	10,500.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$	126.89
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$	330.89
BOMGAARS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$	241.85
BOSSelman INC/ROADS	DIESEL	\$	6,321.00
CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$	619.98
EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC/ROADS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$	95.02
FILTER CARE	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	47.10
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$	1,445.44
GILBARCO INC	FUEL	\$	34.00
JIM L GRAVES	RETIREMENT	\$	168.00
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	76.80
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	\$	34.95
HERK'S WELDING SHOP	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	274.84
BUCKY HERMAN	LAND RENTAL	\$	120.00
H2 EQUIPMENT LLC	EQUIP/REPAIR	\$	15,122.10
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	323.02
JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	70.40
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D & A TESTING	\$	105.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$	3.90
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$	60.70



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MIPS INC.	PROG SUPPORT	\$	127.18
NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$	457.00
LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$	75.00
NT&T/SHOP	TELEPHONE	\$	185.25
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIR	\$	14.70
OFFICENET	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$	46.62
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$	175.90
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	\$	1,588.00
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRES	\$	40.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	RADIO REPAIR	\$	151.83
POLK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT	AGREEMENT	\$	375.00
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$	71.98
JOHN E PROSOSKI	RENTAL/RETIRE	\$	108.00
R-A-D SHOP	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	30.00
REED'S DO IT BEST INC	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	64.99
SACK LUMBER CO./ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	64.99
SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL/TIRES	\$	958.44
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$	624.35
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	\$	107.39
VILLAGE OF CHAPMAN	ELECTRICITY	\$	43.15
WELDON PARTS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	788.33
XEROX CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$	132.24
TOTAL		\$	45,755.36

JUVENILE DIVERSION

MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUVDIV-POSTAGE	\$	9.50
NATIONAL ONLINE TRAINING	EDUCATION	\$	11,072.25
OFFICENET	EQUIP/SUPPLIES	\$	162.41
WALSH ASSOCIATES, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$	1,620.00
TOTAL		\$	12,864.16

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COUNTRYSIDE VETERINARY CLINIC	K9 CARE	\$	36.24
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$	53.44
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$	42.70
TOTAL		\$	132.38

E911

MARLIN BUSINESS BANK	SUPPLIES	\$	24,718.38
TOTAL		\$	24,718.38

COMMISSARY

CENTRAL CITY MALL	COMMISSARY	\$	15.57
ENCARTELE	COMMISSARY	\$	300.00
KEEFE SUPPLY COMPANY	COMMISSARY	\$	475.80
US FOODS DIVISION #2365	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$	29.45
TOTAL		\$	820.82

4H BUILDING FUND

CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$	56.98
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CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$ 1,489.83
NEBRASKA FIRE SPRINKLER	INSPECTION	\$ 325.00
SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	SECURITY	\$ 32.00
TOTAL		\$ 1,903.81

Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve and sign the January 2021 claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk