



Merrick County Board Minutes



January 26, 2021

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, January 26, 2021 p.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, 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 1:06 p.m.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors at 1:06 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Yrkoski to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 as printed. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Weller had a zoom meeting for Bader Park on January 19, 2021, Dexter met with Emergency Manager Ziemba on January 20, 2021 and also attended the SCEDD n Wood River and on January 21, 2021 listened in on Pam Bourne's webinar; Yrkoski has Central Action Partners meeting in Loup City on January 15, 2021 and on January 16th he attended the Long Term Care meeting; Kucera had a Mid Nebraska Individual meeting on January 22, 2021, Region 3 meeting on January 24, 2021 and received a phone call from the Emergency Manager that Central District Health would like to do a drive through vaccination at the arena from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on January 30, 2021 and Wiegert had a zoom meeting with Midland Area on Aging meeting on January 21, 2021.

Official's reports: Attorney Homolka said they had their first County Attorney Legislature meeting and said the bill for everyone to keep their eye on is LB307 because if passed it would cost the County's a lot of money. Chief Deputy Pat Benson said that they have someone at the jail redoing the floors and shower walls.

Long Term Care: Emily Triplett was not in attendance but had emailed the minutes from the last meeting to the Board.

Grievance Board: Moved Kucera, second Weller to reappoint all of the County Board members, all of the elected officials and all of the appointed officials to the grievance Board. Roll Call: All Ayes.

2021 meeting dates: At the reorganization meeting the motion was made to approve the meetings for 2021 for the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month except December and it should have been September for the second meeting and move the September second meeting to Monday, September 27, 2021 because of payroll. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to correct and approve the 2021 County Board meeting dates as the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month except September and move the second meeting in September to Monday, September 27, 2021 because of payroll. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meal per diem: Moved Placke, second Kucera to set the meal per diem for meetings at \$30.00 a day. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Employee appreciation: The County Board would like to do something for the employees because they are unable to have the employee appreciation dinner that is held every year because of COVID. They were thinking about a gift card for \$15.00 for every employee. County Attorney Homolka said she needed to check to see if they could do that by statute. Moved Placke, second Yrkoski to table this until the next meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes.

January 2021 payroll: The January 2021 payroll was presented for approval: General: Gross: \$170,317.93 Net: \$119,906.77, Roads: Gross: \$60,407.31 Net: \$43,148.27, Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$6,662.43, Net: \$4,285.72. Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the January 2021 payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to adjourn at 2:03 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk