



Merrick County Board Minutes



March 9, 2021

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 9:06 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kucera, Yrkoski, Placke, Dexter, Weller, Kreachbaum 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 9:06 a.m.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:06 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2021 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Weller attended the Central District Health meeting on Monday, March 8, 2021; Dexter attended the Merrick County Economic Board meeting on March 5, 2021; Kreachbaum had a Mid Plains Behavior meeting on February 17, 2021 and attended the quarterly meeting with Boone, Nance, and Merrick Counties and the Emergency Manager on February 22, 2021; Kucera had an Extension Board meeting on March 3, 2021 but was unable to attend, and Wiegert had a NRD meeting on February 25, 2021.

Official's reports: Treasurer Gilg had a tax sale on March 1, 2021 and they did send out post cards and had time to make follow up calls. Gilg reported that \$212,000.00 of delinquent taxes have been paid for January 1 to the date of the sale. There were 52 parcels on the sale and 15 bidders that showed up. Emergency Manager Ziembra had a PET region meeting yesterday and there was a cyberattack on the Platte County Courthouse. PET is working on a grant for IT personnel and cyber security for all the counties in the PET. The LEOPS will be in electronic form from now on. Patrick Avila, Merrick Medical Center CEO gave a construction update on the new hospital and said that 95 plus percent of the steel work is complete. They are working on finalizing the landscaping for the Dinsdale Wellness campus. County Attorney Homolka said this would be her last meeting with the County Board.

Gas line agreement: Moved Kucera, second Yrkoski to approve and have the Chairman sign the Gas Line Agreement between Merrick County and Terry Blauhorn to replace shallow section of existing gas line going under County road & R.O.W. that feeds Blauhorn's home and several wells in Section 1, Township 14, Range 8 and Section 6, Township 14, Range 7. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Gas line agreement: Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve and have the Chairman sign the Gas Line Agreement between Merrick County and Terry Blauhorn to install 1 ¼ " gas line and tracer wire for 2 irrigation wells. Road crossing will be directionally bored in between Section 2 & 11, Township 14, Range 8. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Electrical agreement: Moved Dexter, second Yrkoski to approve and have the Chairman sign the electrical agreement between Need Board approval of an Electrical Agreement between Merrick County and Dale Morris to bury and electric line between Sections 6 & 7, Township 14, Range 4.

Electrical agreement: Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve and have the Chairman sign the electrical agreement between Merrick County and Les Denning to eliminate overhead lines and bury electrical in the ground between Sections 25 Township 15, Range 6 and Section 30, Township 15, Range 5.

Resolution 2021-4: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2021-4 directing the transfer of funds from the Road Fund to the Inheritance Funds in the amount of \$350,000.00 that was borrowed. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2021-4 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Pledge securities: Treasurer Gilg presented the pledge securities and said that Cornerstone Bank was offering better interest. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Pledge Securities presented by the County Treasurer. Roll Call: All Ayes.



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Timberlake Road: Doug and Carolyn Pence, 1835 Timberlake Road, came and asked the County Board for help in getting their road fixed. Mr. Pence said that the road to the east was Hamilton County and the road to the west was Merrick County's. The road is impassible and there is no crown. Trains have blocked the road for three days at times so they couldn't go west. Mr. Pence said his concern is if something were to happen to him and or his wife or they had a fire, emergency crews would not be able to reach them because of the road conditions. They have complained to Hamilton and cannot get a response. Mr. Pence was not getting any response from Merrick County until he called Carolyn Kucera and she helped get some rock on the road. Mr. Pence said kids tear up the road and if barricades are put up they tear them down and steal the sand bags. County Attorney Homolka told the Board, the Board could write a letter to the railroad and the Pence's should keep a record of when this happens and report to law enforcement. Homolka also advised that if the Board and the Pence's' do not get any results from the railroad about the blocking of the road with the train they should contact the Department of Transportation. The Pence's are meeting with the Hamilton County Commissioners next week and Homolka thought it was a good idea if a board member or members and Highway Superintendent Meyer would attend.

February 2021 fees: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve and sign the February 2021 fees from the Sheriff, Clerk of District Court, and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes.

March 2021 claims: The March 2021 claims were submitted for approval:

GENERAL

ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$	135.00
ANDERSON CDJR OF GRAND ISLAND	CAR REPAIR	\$	363.71
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	COMPUTER SRVC	\$	3,702.10
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	CAR REPAIR	\$	244.04
AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$	165.42
EMELISE BAUGHMAN, LIMHP	PRISONER CARE	\$	250.00
JULIE L BELLIS	COURT COSTS	\$	147.40
BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$	216.60
BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	SUPPLIES	\$	373.65
BRADLEY LAW OFFICE, PC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	1,467.75
BUFFALO CO. SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$	315.00
BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING COSTS	\$	11,150.00
CALIBRE PRESS	L.E. TRAINING	\$	378.00
NATHAN CARLSON	MILEAGE	\$	4.70
LORI CAVE	BOARD MILEAGE	\$	27.78
CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT	CONTRACT	\$	2,376.62
CENTRAL NE CREMATION & MORTUARY	CORONER	\$	750.00
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$	21.56
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	BLDG REPAIR	\$	268.42
CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$	281.12
CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$	227.38
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$	3,942.34
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$	12.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$	289.63
CODY'S COMPUTER REPAIR SERVICE	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	854.94
COPYCAT PRINTING	SUPPLIES	\$	423.39
CORNER DRUG	PRISONER MEDS	\$	256.07
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$	213.00



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CVSOAN	REGISTRATION	\$	60.00
DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE	TECHNOLOGY FEE	\$	871.90
DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$	61.44
DODGE COUNTY COURT	COURT EXPENSE	\$	4.00
EAGLE BROADBAND INVESTMENTS, LLC	TELEPHONE	\$	31.44
EAGLE BROADBAND INVESTMENTS, LLC	PHONE/INTERNET	\$	330.99
EAGLE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	INTERNET	\$	123.49
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$	44.87
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$	228.82
EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	209.06
EVIDENT	SUPPLIES	\$	142.48
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$	64.17
GALUSHA ELECTRIC	SUPPLIES	\$	8.10
GEO COMM CORP	MAP DATA	\$	4,590.00
SHARON GILG	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
LINDA GILSON	MILEAGE/TRAVEL	\$	260.71
THERESA GOOD	SUPPLIES/COURT	\$	114.99
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$	110.55
NICOLE GREVING	BOARD MILEAGE	\$	9.52
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	COURT COSTS	\$	30.54
HAMILTON COUNTY	AGREEMENT	\$	161,008.00
HAMPTON INN	LODGING	\$	192.00
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH SERVICE	\$	202.00
LYNELLE HOMOLKA	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
HOST COFFEE SERVICE	PRISONER FOOD	\$	45.99
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$	161.25
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$	189.00
BRIAN KLUCK	MH BOARD	\$	252.61
LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR	PUBLICATION	\$	214.53
MARY LIVINGSTON	MH BOARD	\$	215.76
DOUG MAW	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
MAYHEW SIGNS	BLDG REPAIR	\$	845.00
MCILNAY & CO	FURNACE REPAIR	\$	60.00
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$	44.24
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$	99,330.75
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT COSTS	\$	34.26
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPNESES	\$	243.86
	DATA		
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$	35.00
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$	3,475.37
MATT MOTTL	BOARD MILEAGE	\$	21.62
JENNIFER MYERS	MILEAGE/PHONE	\$	62.48
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$	100.00
	MEMBERSHIP		
NACO/NAT'L ASSOC. OF COUNTIES	DUE	\$	450.00
NE ASSOCIATION OF CO TREASURERS	2021 NACT DUES	\$	50.00



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NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL E-COMMERCE	SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$	125.65
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$	465.00
NE INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES	CORONER	\$	2,000.00
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER	L.E. TRAINING	\$	720.00
NEBRASKA AIR FILTER, INC	SUPPLIES	\$	220.90
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$	140.14
OFFICENET	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	75.10
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	73.97
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	459.85
OFFICENET/P&Z	EQUIPMENT	\$	99.50
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	232.30
OFFICENET,INC.	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$	166.22
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$	466.09
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$	383.95
PINNACLE BANK CC	SUPPLIES	\$	149.17
POWELL & SENFF	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	598.50
PRISON LEGAL NEWS	SUBSCRIPTION	\$	180.00
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	POSTAL	\$	405.99
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$	8.29
RHD PUBLISIHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$	42.75
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$	345.14
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$	493.64
BRAD SCHICK	MILEAGE	\$	22.18
TIM SCHULZE	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$	60.00
SEILER INSTRUMENT MANUFACTURING,INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$	750.00
SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR,LLC	CARE REPAIR	\$	87.45
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$	8.30
ST LOUIS UNIVERSITY	CORONER	\$	200.00
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	7,647.50
STROMSBURG SOFT WATER	SUPPLIES	\$	62.50
KERRY STUHMER	BOARD MILEAGE	\$	190.51
TAMMY STUHR	MILEAGE	\$	72.64
THE GRAND ISLAND INDEPENDENT	PUBLICATION	\$	89.75
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$	778.25
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$	368.79
TOOLS PLUS INDUSTRIES	SUPPLIES	\$	155.88
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$	481.97
JAMES H TRUELL	MH BOARD	\$	216.54
U.S. BANK	SUPPLIES	\$	1,081.88
US FOODS DIVISION #2365	SUPPLIES	\$	1,737.93
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$	1,126.12
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$	497.31
WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERVICES	EQUIPMENT	\$	165.87
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$	44.24



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WEX BANK	FUEL	\$ 2,887.65
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH, MARCIA WICHMANN	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 5,663.00
WOODS & AITKEN LLP	CELL PHONE	\$ 30.00
	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 610.00
TOTAL		\$ 336,366.82

ROADS

ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$ 1,423.36
AKRS EQUIPMENT	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 1,142.77
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$ 1,803.60
BAUM HYDRAULICS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 170.17
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$ 125.32
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BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES/FUEL	\$ 178.67
BOSSelman INC/ROADS	FUEL/SUPPLIES	\$ 3,080.08
CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$ 285.37
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 8.18
EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC/ROADS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$ 4.34
FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 97.55
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$ 1,080.35
RANDY FUEHRER	FUEL	\$ 37.77
GALUSHA ELECTRIC	BLDG REPAIR	\$ 2,143.94
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	\$ 34.95
BUCKY HERMAN	LAND RENTAL	\$ 120.00
JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 70.40
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$ 19.89
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH SERVICE	\$ 60.70
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$ 127.18
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$ 1,510.18
LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$ 75.00
NT&T/SHOP	TELEPHONE	\$ 63.43
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$ 37.95
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$ 236.26
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	\$ 2,221.91
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRES	\$ 308.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	RADIO EQUIP	\$ 33.15
PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIPMENT	\$ 4,701.42
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$ 103.03
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$ 270.00
SACK LUMBER CO./ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 338.78
SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$ 1,040.73
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$ 966.91
VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$ 210.47
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/EQUIP	\$ 107.47
VILLAGE OF CHAPMAN	ELECTRICITY	\$ 43.55
XEROX CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$ 132.24



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ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	201.50
TOTAL		\$	25,209.02
JUVENILE DIVERSION			
JORDANNE MCNEFF	MILEAGE	\$	52.64
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUVDIV-POSTAGE	\$	6.63
OFFICENET	EQUIPMENT	\$	42.47
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$	125.73
TOTAL		\$	227.47
K-9			
COUNTRYSIDE VETERINARY CLINIC	K-9 CARE	\$	26.90
TOTAL		\$	26.90
COMMISSARY FUND			
BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	COMMISSARY	\$	46.32
ENCARTELE	COMMISSARY	\$	300.00
KEEFE SUPPLY COMPANY	COMMISSARY	\$	54.00
TOTAL		\$	400.32
4H BUILDING FUND			
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$	49.99
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$	2,703.30
NEBRASKA HEATING & AIR, INC	BLDG REPAIR	\$	138.66
SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	SECURITY SRVC	\$	32.00
TOTAL		\$	2,923.95

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum, to approve the March 2021 claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk