

Merrick County Board Minutes



April 13, 2021

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kucera, Yrkoski, Dexter, Weller, Kreachbaum, Placke, and Wiegert present. Deputy County Attorney Kunz 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 Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Clerk Wichmann pointed out to the Board that she had missed spelled a word on the County Attorney portion of the minutes that it should have been no and she had typed not and that she had added and extra to in the drainage part. Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2021 with the corrections. Roll Call: All Ayes.

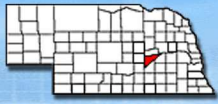
Meeting reports: On March 25th, Dexter had a couple of conference calls with South Central Housing team, on April 2, 2021 he attended the Merrick County Economic Board meeting, on April 1, 2021, Dexter, Kreachbaum, and Yrkoski; Placke attended the NACO Central District meeting on March 18, 2021, Placke also said that two offices have already done the carry in lunches and there was a county official that thought the officials should be included in what to do with the recovery money and would like the quarterly meetings with the officials to start again. Kucera attended the Region 3 meeting on March 26, 2021 and was part of the Sargent interviews, and Wiegert attended the Midland Area on Aging meeting on April 1, 2021. Wiegert said they did vote to open the Senior Centers and are working towards the first part of May 2021. Wiegert did talk to Planning & Zoning Administrator Kay Lyons and her doctor had advised her to wait a little longer before going back to work.

Official's reports: Highway Superintendent Meyer that at the next Board meeting they will have bids on overlays and they are working on the bridges on the Ormsby. Sheriff Westman said they have 3 interviews for Sargent position and Jake Bauer received the Sargent position. He will be over the patrol positions. Sheriff Westman and former County Attorney Homolka attended officer involved shooting training. Sheriff Westman saved the County \$1,610.00 on the GEO Com bill and GEO Com thought that maybe Hamilton County should pay for some of the bill. Deputy Coufal had three cases of sexual assault and all of those people are now in jail. They have not filled the transport position due to COVID and would like to use that money to increase the pay to the current deputies to stay in line with other agencies and counties. They passed their jail standards inspection. Yesterday there was a suspicious person wandering around the inside and outside of the courthouse and this person was arrested for assault of an officer and resisting arrest. The courthouse was on lockdown as well as the school until the person was arrested. Sheriff Westman said the staff in the courthouse did a great job of locking down. There Sheriff said they have a mock accident in Palmer today and they did a safety assessment at the Palmer School.

Public comment: Alex Larkins, as a private citizen and Jeffery Hilderbrand both spoke up in support of the second amendment to bear arms and asked that the County Board consider and pass the resolution supporting the second amendment to bear arms. Selena Govlik said the 30 X 30 program will affect Merrick County a lot. We need to protect our farmers.

RESOLUTION 2021-7: Alex Larkins said that the rights of the citizens should be upheld and the people should be able to protect themselves. Selena Govlik also said she supports the second amendment. Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2021-7 to uphold the Second Amendment to bear arms. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2021-7 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Executive Session: Moved Kucera, second Placke to go into executive session at 10:13 a.m. for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to go out of Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.



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Executive Session: Moved Yrkoski, second Weller to go into executive session at 10:30 a.m. for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to go out of executive session at 10:40 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Chapman shop: Highway Superintendent Meyer gave pictures of the road shop in Chapman to the Board and told them it was in bad shape. They do not park any machines in there anymore. After looking at the pictures and discussion the Board said they feel the building is unsafe. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to have the Road Department vacate the building and get estimates and bids if necessary to take down the county shop in Chapman and to get estimates and bids if necessary to replace the County Shop in Chapman. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Deeded ROW: Highway Superintendent Meyer said the 1.4 acres that is deeded Merrick County R.O.W. between Hord Lake Road and Flatwater Acres Subdivision in Section 12, Township 13, Range 6 is not being used and in order to sell it, he would have to have a hearing. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to have Highway Superintendent Meyer pursue a hearing to sell the deeded R.O.W. between Hord Lake Road and Flatwater Acres Subdivision in 12-13-6. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Midland Area on Aging: Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to approve the \$5,000.00 increase for Midland Area on Aging funding for the 2021-2022 fiscal year for public transportation. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2021-6: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2021-6 authorizing the Treasurer to transfer \$138,243.75 from the 4-H Building P & I Fund to the Courthouse Bond Fund to pay back the Courthouse Bond Fund for a disbursement made in December 2016 in which the 4-H Bond payment was disbursed from the Courthouse Bond Fund in error. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2021-6 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

RESOLUTION 2021-8: Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2021-8 directing the Treasurer to pay off the limited Tax Building Bonds, Series 2016 on May 6, 2021 in the amount of \$624,708.12. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2021-8 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Distress warrants: The list of distress warrants and were collected and those not collected was presented to the Board.

30X30 program: Moved Kucera, second Placke to table the discussion and any action on the 30 X 30 program until the next Board meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Special Liquor License: Moved Weller, second Yrkoski to approve and have the Chairman sign the Special Designated Liquor License for Nitecrawlers Bar and Grill for May 1, 2021 at the Merrick County 4-H Building for a wedding reception, for May 29, 2021 at Riverside Park Pavilion for a wedding reception and July 31, 2021 at Riverside Park Pavilion for a wedding reception. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Special Designated Liquor License: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve and have the Chairman sign the Special Designated Liquor License for Prairie Creek Vineyards for the farmers market at Wild Roots Greenhouse on May 6, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Special Designated Liquor License: Moved Yrkoski, second Kreachbaum to approve and have the Chairman sign the Special Designated Liquor License for Ann's Getta Way Bar for a wedding at Riverside Park Pavilion on September 4, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes.

County Shop: Sheriff Westman said he and Mike Meyer talked this a.m. and Meyer will put down

March 2021 fees: The March 2021 fees from the Sheriff, Clerk of District Court, and County Clerk's were presented. Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve and sign the March 2021 fees as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

April 2021 claims: The April 2021 claims were presented for approval:

GENERAL

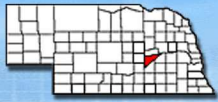
AB TREE & LAWN	LAWN CARE	\$	972.00
ANIMAL HEALTH INTERNATIONAL NEBR	SUPPLIES	\$	790.11
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	INTERNET	\$	8,462.10
AURORA NEWS REGISTER	PUBLICATION	\$	45.30



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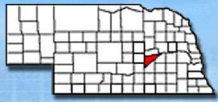
BANKS WRAPS & SIGNS	EQUIPMENT	\$	605.00
BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	816.00
BLUE TO GOLD, LLC	L.E. TRAINING	\$	318.00
BOMGAARS	LAWN CARE	\$	8.22
BRADLEY LAW OFFICE, PC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	774.25
BUFFALO CO. SHERIFF	MH BOARD	\$	25.26
DORIS BURBY, RMR	COURT EXPENSE	\$	85.50
CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$	57.05
CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT	CONTRACT	\$	2,376.62
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION LLC	RURAL REVAL	\$	10,225.00
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$	17.16
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$	11.99
CENTURY LINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	281.12
CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$	227.38
CHARM-TEX	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$	54.33
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$	2,338.11
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITY BILL	\$	12.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$	190.77
CODY'S COMPUTER REPAIR SERVICE	SUPPLIES	\$	169.97
CORNER DRUG	PRISONER MEDS	\$	81.49
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$	245.50
DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$	981.18
DES MOINES STAMP	SUPPLIES	\$	107.95
ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$	85.46
DNA DIAGNOSTIC CENTER, INC	SUPPLIES	\$	1,980.00
EAGLE BROADBAND	INTERNET/PHONE	\$	1,404.56
EAGLE BROADBAND INVESTMENTS, LLC	TELEPHONE	\$	34.86
EAGLE BROADBAND INVESTMENTS, LLC	PHONE SERVICE	\$	331.07
EAGLE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	INTERNET/PHONE	\$	246.98
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$	46.30
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$	219.95
EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$	279.18
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$	230.86
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	\$	214.56
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$	64.17
GALUSHA ELECTRIC	LABOR SERVICE	\$	300.00
GARRETT TIRES & SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$	776.11
SHARON GILG	MISC EXPENSES	\$	259.16
THERESA GOOD	MILEAGE	\$	19.21
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES	SUPPLIES	\$	802.13
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$	102.55
MRS. MARY GREGOSKI	CLERK	\$	110.00
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	COURT COSTS	\$	38.36
PATRICIA HARRAHILL, PARA-EDUCATOR	PRONOUNCER	\$	67.68
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$	202.00



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JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$	167.82
JACKSON SERVICES	SRVC SUPPORT	\$	273.75
JODI KRANCE	MILEAGE	\$	56.00
LEADER-TIMES	PUBLICATION	\$	58.00
LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR	PUBLICATION	\$	402.97
MARTIN'S FLAG CO.	FLAGS/POLE	\$	42.22
DOUG MAW	TELEPHONE	\$	30.00
MCILNAY & CO	SUPPLIES	\$	75.00
STEVE MELVIN	TRAVEL/SUPPLY	\$	360.97
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$	99,330.75
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$	214.99
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$	35.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$	153.10
MIDWEST CONNECT	SUPPLY/EQUIP	\$	290.00
MILLER TROPHY & AWARDS	SUPPLIES	\$	88.00
MIPS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$	198.64
MIPS	SUPPORT	\$	3,471.37
JENNIFER MYERS	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
NACO-CENTRAL DISTRICT	REGISTRATION	\$	40.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$	460.00
NE ASSOCIATION OF CO TREASURERS	REGISTRATION	\$	100.00
	EMERGENCY		
NANCE COUNTY TREASURER	MGMT	\$	3,759.70
NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL	SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$	118.25
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$	420.00
NEBR. SUPREME COURT PUBLICATIONS	PUBLICATION	\$	366.10
NEBRASKA EPOXY WORKS, INC	BOARDING COSTS	\$	1,563.52
KAREN NELSON	POSTAGE	\$	21.60
NNTC	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	280.28
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$	200.57
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	26.97
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	195.53
OFFICENET	EQUIPMENT	\$	207.10
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	161.93
OFFICENET	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	761.76
OFFICENET/P&Z	EQUIPMENT	\$	49.75
OFFICENET	EQUIPMENT	\$	471.58
OFFICENET,INC.	COPIER PAPER	\$	936.34
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$	474.47
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$	180.00
PHONOGRAPH-HERALD	PUBLICATION	\$	156.60
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$	110.30
POLK COUNTY NEWS, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$	86.20
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$	64.80
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$	424.75
MARIA RODRIGUEZ	TELEPHONE	\$	97.65



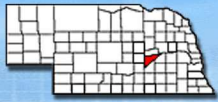
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SEILER INSTRUMENT			
MANUFACTURING,INC	RENTAL/SUPPLY	\$	1,025.00
SEW & SEW	UNIFORMS	\$	10.00
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$	119.39
STATE OF NEBRASKA	TECHNOLOGY FEE	\$	1,743.83
STREET COP TRAINING	L.E. TRAINING	\$	299.00
THE GRAND ISLAND INDEPENDENT	PUBLICATION	\$	123.25
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$	693.65
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$	737.58
TOP QUALITY GLOVES	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$	489.00
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$	9.60
TROUBA LAW OFFICE	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	741.00
U.S. BANK	SUPPLIES	\$	185.12
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$	206.89
UNIVERSITY NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	REGISTRATION	\$	750.00
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	INTERNET	\$	1,200.00
UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES	SUPPLIES	\$	166.00
US FOODS DIVISION #2365	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$	1,457.25
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	\$	112.26
VILLAGE MARKET	SUPPLIES	\$	5.99
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$	85.17
WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERVICES	EQUIPMENT	\$	110.00
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$	269.02
WEX BANK	FUEL/EQUIPMENT	\$	3,742.13
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	5,536.20
MARCIA WICHMANN	MILEAGE/PHONE	\$	49.94
WINNERS' CIRCLE	SUPPLIES	\$	108.75
WOODS & AITKEN LLP	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	335.50
ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE CO.	MEDICAL SUPPLY	\$	138.75
TOTAL		\$	175,559.11

ROADS

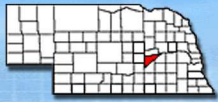
AKRS EQUIPMENT	EQUIPMENT	\$	1,329.60
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$	1,799.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$	117.82
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$	231.16
BOMGAARS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$	535.38
BOSSELMAN INC/ROADS	FUEL/OIL	\$	5,453.52
BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	MAINTENANCE	\$	20.00
CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$	1,252.45
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	129.33
FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	31.50
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	16.95
GRAND ISLAND CLINIC	D & A TESTING	\$	35.00
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	93.68
GWORCS	TECH SUPPORT	\$	420.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	\$	34.95



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HANSEN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK INC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	90.13
HERK'S WELDING SHOP	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	124.85
BUCKY HERMAN	LAND RENTAL	\$	120.00
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	243.70
JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	107.94
JELINEK ACE HARDWARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	2.99
KACO SUPPLIES	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	729.00
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D & A TESTING	\$	105.00
MENARDS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	1,053.76
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$	5.61
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$	60.70
MIPS	SUPPORT	\$	127.18
	RODENT		
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	CONTROL	\$	90.00
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	2,170.22
NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$	436.00
LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$	75.00
NITRO CONSTRUCTION INC	GRAVEL	\$	3,709.44
NT&T/SHOP	TELEPHONE	\$	63.68
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$	57.90
OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	ENGINEER FEES	\$	3,582.50
OFFICENET	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$	149.62
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$	3,544.51
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	\$	3,446.00
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRES	\$	46.00
PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$	2,350.71
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER			
DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$	90.27
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$	1,002.91
SACK LUMBER CO./ROADS	BLDG REPAIR	\$	1,184.33
SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$	1,128.40
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$	680.10
VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$	210.47
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	\$	107.49
VILLAGE OF CHAPMAN	ELECTRICITY	\$	43.35
WELDON PARTS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	169.48
XEROX CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$	132.24
ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE CO.	MEDICAL SUPPLY	\$	175.15
TOTAL		\$	38,916.97
JUVENILE DIVERSION			
KENDRA LUTZ	MILEAGE	\$	93.97
JORDANNE MCNEFF	MILEAGE	\$	29.57
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUVDIV-POSTAGE	\$	10.20
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES/EQUIP	\$	163.82
REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY			
LABORATORY, INC	SUPPLIES	\$	141.75



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US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$	125.73
3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	EDUCATION	\$	180.00
TOTAL		\$	745.04

STOP FUND

APPLIED CONCEPTS INC.	RADAR SUPPLY	\$	1,303.00
TOTAL		\$	1,303.00

K-9

COUNTRYSIDE VETERINARY CLINIC	K-9 CARE	\$	134.80
TOTAL		\$	134.80

INHERITANCE

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD	FLOOD PROJECT	\$	150.84
TOTAL		\$	150.84

COMMISSARY FUND

KEEFE SUPPLY COMPANY	COMMISSARY	\$	284.36
TOTAL		\$	284.36

4-H BUILDING FUND

CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$	1,549.53
ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING COMPANY	REPAIR/EQUIP	\$	485.31
MCILNAY & CO	SUPPLIES	\$	64.49
NEBRASKA HEATING & AIR, INC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	261.99
PIONEER DOOR, INC.	SUPPLIES	\$	95.00
QUALITY EXHAUST CLEANING	REPAIR	\$	400.00
SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	SECURITY	\$	32.00
US FOODS DIVISION #2365	SUPPLIES	\$	450.94
TOTAL		\$	3,339.26

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

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter at 11:58 a.m. voted to adjourn after the jail inspection. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Jail Inspection completed at 12:15 p.m.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk