

Merrick County Board Minutes



April 26, 2021

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Monday, April 26, 2021 at 9:07 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kucera, Yrkoski, Dexter, Kreachbaum, Placke, and Wiegert present. Weller was absent. County Attorney Shokoski 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 9:07 a.m.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:07 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

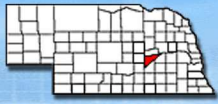
Meeting reports: Yrkoski attended the Long Term Care meeting on April 14, 2021.

Official reports: Sheriff Westman said they were done with the GEO Com mapping. Westman wanted to clarify from the last meeting that he was not eliminating any positions, but he wanted to use the money that was not used because they had not hired anyone to give raises. He had contacted Deann Haeffner at the State Auditor's Office and she said that he was allowed to do that. Assessor Myers has about \$25,000.00 extra in her Reappraisal budget and would like to use that plus some from her office budget have gWorks to update the aerial obliques and imageries. Gworks said it would be over \$54,000.00 and she would have close to \$30,000.00 in this budget, which would leave about \$25,000.00 for the next fiscal year budget. The Board thought this would be a good idea. Highway Superintendent Meyer said he has three people looking at the demolition of the Chapman shop. County Clerk Wichmann has hired a new person in her office, Kim Schultze to fill a vacancy in her office. County Board Chairman, Roger Wiegert introduced Dale Shotkoski as the new County Attorney.

Long Term Care: Emily Triplett said in the facility is performing very well. The current census is 31. There is a handicap van for purchase in Hastings for \$11,000.00 but their board tabled that discussion until May. Triplett said it would \$35,000 to move the climate control from the hospital side to the Long Term Care side because currently the temperature is regulated on the hospital side. A new HVAC would be about \$75,000.00. Triplett said that currently they have 50 employees and 76% are from Merrick County. Triplett said the revenue for 2020 was \$67,000.00. Tyson Benner told the Board that the Long Term Care Board cannot do anything about the building or business until the County Board decides what to do with Long Term Care and the whole building. Benner said the county's options are to donate, sell, or fix to some degree. The land and building committee will look into this and bring it back to the Board.

30 X 30 program: Sally Schuett was unable to attend and has requested to be put on the next agenda to speak to the Board about the 30 X 30 program. County Attorney Shotkoski had prepared a proclamation that oppose the executive order for the 30 X 30 program and to monitor it. Shotkoski said there was very little known as of now about the 30 X 30 Executive Order. Shotkoski said the Board could approve the proclamation to oppose the executive order and to monitor it and if they need to take further action later on the Board could. Selena Govlik said that the Board needs to oppose the program and be very cautious. Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve and have the Chairman sign the proclamation opposing the executive order 14008 entitled tackling climate crisis at home and abroad regarding the 30 X 30 program. Roll Call: All Ayes.

10:00 hearing: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to open the public hearing to open sealed bids for furnishing necessary equipment, labor, materials, and incidentals to complete 2021 asphalt resurfacing for project #OCE#46-C-5 at 10:01 a.m. . Roll Call: All Ayes. Lance Harder with Oak Creek Engineering opened the sealed bids as follows: J.I.L. Asphalt Paving Co. with a 5% bid bond, #1. Mobilization –LS Unit Price \$10,100.00 for Bid Price \$10,100.00, #2. Traffic Control – LS Unit Price, \$3,910.00 Bid Price \$3,910.00, #3. Cold Milling, Class 1 (153 Sta. Estimated Quality) Unit Price, \$240.50, Bid Price \$3,679.50, #4. Tack Coat – 5,830 gal. Unit Price \$1.00 Bid Price \$5,830.00, #5. Asphaltic Concrete for Patching, Type SLC – 50- Ton (If



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needed) Unit Price \$80.00, Bid Price \$4,000.00, #6 Asphaltic Concrete, Type SLX – 4,970 Unit Price \$70.00, Bid Price \$347,900.00 for a total bid price of \$408,536.50 #7 Temporary Pavement Marking (154 St. Estimated Quality) None listed and no start of construction date ; Gary Smith Construction Co., Inc. #1. Mobilization –LS Unit Price \$12,000.00 for Bid Price \$12,000.00, #2. Traffic Control – LS Unit Price, \$2,500.00 Bid Price \$2,500.00, #3. Cold Milling, Class 1 (153 Sta. Estimated Quality) Unit Price, \$350.00, Bid Price \$53,550.00, #4. Tack Coat – 5,830 gal. Unit Price \$2.00 Bid Price \$11,660.00, #5. Asphaltic Concrete for Patching, Type SLC – 50- Ton (If needed) Unit Price \$200.00, Bid Price \$10,000.00, #6 Asphaltic Concrete, Type SLX – 4,970 Unit Price \$74.57, Bid Price \$370,612.90 for a total bid price of \$460,322.90, #7 Temporary Pavement Marking (154 St. Estimated Quality) None listed and no construction start date; Vontz Paving, Inc.: #1. Mobilization –LS Unit Price \$35,000.00 for Bid Price \$35,000.00, #2. Traffic Control – LS Unit Price, \$4,250.00 Bid Price \$4,250.00, #3. Cold Milling, Class 1 (153 Sta. Estimated Quality) Unit Price, \$140.00, Bid Price \$21,420.00, #4. Tack Coat – 5,830 gal. Unit Price \$2.00 Bid Price \$11,660.00, #5. Asphaltic Concrete for Patching, Type SLC – 50- Ton (If needed) Unit Price \$110.00, Bid Price \$5,500.00, #6 Asphaltic Concrete, Type SLX – 4,970 Unit Price \$64.80, Bid Price \$322,056.00, #7 Temporary Pavement Marking (154 St. Estimated Quality) Unit Price \$10.00 and Bid Price of \$1,540.00 for a total bid price of \$408,536.50 No start of construction date listed. Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to close the hearing at 10:13 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to go with the bid from Vontz and have Chairman sign the contract. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2021-9: Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2021-9 directing the Treasurer to transfer funds from the 4H Building P & I Fund to the Inheritance Fund and from the Courthouse Bond Fund back to the Inheritance Fund to pay back money borrowed to make bond payments dating back to 2016. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2021-9 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Electrical agreement: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve and have the Chairman sign an electrical agreement between Merrick County and Mike Rice for electrical service between Sections 2 & 11, Township 13, Range 8. Roll Call: All Ayes.

L Road: Dick Johnson wanted to know what the plans for L Road being paved were and was told it was on the one and six plan. Johnson said there is a lot of traffic and blowing dirt is a big problem. There are 10 home currently at Grigsby Estates and more being built. All of the lots have been purchased. Johnson feels it is a safety hazard. Highway Superintendent Meyer said the road is being bladed twice a week now and they are going to try putting down some calcium chloride to help with the blowing dirt. It would cost over a million dollars to pave the 2 ½ miles and it is not in the budget.

Health insurance: Clerk Wichmann presented the new BC/BS health rates for fiscal year 2021-2022. The rates had not gone up for the last two year and this year they increased by 3.28%. Moved Placke, second Kucera to accept the new contract for the new BC/BS rates and to keep the level of payment by the employee to zero for single, 85 percent for employee/child/ren and employee/spouse and 80% for employee/family. Roll Call: All Ayes.

April 2021 payroll: The April 2021 payroll was presented for payment: General: Gross: \$151,744.40 Net: \$105,734.08, Roads: Gross: \$59,514.44 Net: \$42,607.86, Juvenile Diversion: Gross: 6,699.92, Net: \$4,313.94. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the April 2021 payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to adjourn at 11:23 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk