

Merrick County Board Minutes



May 11, 2021

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kucera, Yrkoski, Dexter, Kreachbaum, Placke, Weller, and Wiegert present. 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 9:05 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: Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2021 as published. Roll Call: Ayes: Kreachbaum, Placke, Yrkoski, Kucera, Dexter, and Wiegert. Nays: None. Abstain: Weller

Meeting reports: Dexter, Yrkoski, Placke attended the Long Term Care meeting and investiture ceremony for Maria Rodrigues on May 5, 2021, on May 6, 2021 Dexter, Kreachbaum, and Yrkoski attended the union meeting. Dexter and Yrkoski, did a tour of the hospital and long term care on May 10, 2021; Dexter attended the Merrick County Economic Board meeting on May 7, 2021; Placke attended the CRA meeting on April 28, 2021, and visitation for John Prosocki on May 8, 2021; Yrkoski attended John Prosocki's funeral; Kucera attended the Extension Board meeting on May 5, 2021 and Wiegert attended the Merrick Medical Center Focus Group meeting on May 5, 2021.

Official's report: Assessor Myers is sending out 6006 valuation notices in the mail on June 1, 2021.

Extension Educator Stuhr went over all of the programs that Steve Melvin is involved in and said the 4-H programs workshops for the summer will start in two weeks. They will be combining with Hamilton County. The fair books are out. They have taken in enough money from the use of the 4-H Building that they can start looking at a sound system for the reception hall. They have not used all of their budgeted money for travel this fiscal year and would like to get diaper changing tables that would have been purchased out of the building budget. Sheriff Westman said the their first annual golf tournament for the canine will be July 10, 2021 at Valley View and will be for 18 holes instead of 9 holes. Jake Bauer was promoted to Sergeant and will be sworn in on May 17, 2021 at 2:45. They are still working on the Emergency Action Plan and Terry Baxter with NIRMA will be at the courthouse on May 18, 2021 to do an assessment. Attorney Shotkoski said that he had been approached about the spending of the COVID money. County Clerk Wichmann said the Board needed to let the officials know how much they can increase budget expenses and raises because it is that time of the year. Patrick Avila said it was the last day of nurse's week and day two of hospital day. They are putting up the exterior framing on the new hospital. They are still on track for a completion date of March 2022 and a move in date of April 2022.

gWorks contracts: Assessor Myers presented the contracts from gWorks to do the Oblique's for \$39,000.00 and Annotations for \$12,026.00 for Merrick County. Myers said gWorks would like to be paid for half of the cost now and the other half in the next fiscal year. Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the contracts from gWorks for Oblique's for \$39,000.00 and Annotations for \$12,026.00 and have the Chairman sign them. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Public Hearing: Moved Placke, second Yrkoski to open the public hearing at 10:02 a.m. for a preliminary plat subdivision for "Krug Home Place Subdivision" located in the SW1/4SW1/4 in Section 3, Township 12N, Range 7W, Merrick County, Nebraska. Kreachbaum absent at 10:01 a.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Kucera, Weller, Dexter, Yrkoski, Placke, and Wiegert. Kreachbaum present at 10:03 a.m. The planning commission recommended to approve the preliminary plat subdivision for Sam Krug. Moved Kucera, second Placke to go out of the public hearing at 10:04 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the preliminary plat subdivision request for Krug Home Place Subdivision. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Public hearing: Moved Placke, second Dexter to open the public hearing at 10:05 a.m. for a final plat subdivision request for Krug Home Place Subdivision located in the SW1/4SW1/, Section 3, Township 12,



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Range 7, Merrick County, Nebraska. Roll Call: All Ayes. The planning commission recommended approval for the final plat subdivision for Sam Krug. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to go out of the public hearing at 10:06 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2021-10: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve and sign RESOLUTION 2021-10 approving the final plat subdivision of Krug Homeplace Subdivision located in the SW1;/4SW1/4, Section 3, Township 12N, Range 7W, Merrick County, Nebraska. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2021-10 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

SCEDD: Sharon Hueftle with SCEDD said they had received EDA CARES act money and said the money would be used to provide technical assistance and capacity building to manufacturers and business, work with communities to identify steps, projects, and long-term initiatives to build communities back for the future and broadband mapping. Hueftle said they have also services for code enforcement and nuisance abatements.

Executive session: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to go into executive session at 10:44 a.m. for strategy sessions for the protection of public interest and 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 11:16 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Monthly meetings: Kucera wanted to know when the Board thought it would be a good idea to hold a session with all of the County Officials for a learning session. It was decided to see if NACO could send someone to come on June 18, 2021 and go over the benefits that NACO offers. It would be a potluck at 12:00 noon. Myers will contact NACO and see if that would work.

Pledge securities: Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the pledge securities as of April 21, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2021-11: Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve and sign RESOLUTION 2021-22 directing the Treasurer to pay the 4-H Building Bond interest payment of \$6,138.75 from the 4-H Building P & I Fund due on June 1, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2021-11 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Final plat Norman Acres: This is in Hall County's jurisdiction but located in Merrick County and is just a formality. Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve and have the Chairman sign the final plat of Norman Acres Subdivision located south of F Road and east of Gunbarrel Road in the zoning jurisdiction of the City of Grand Island, in Merrick County, Nebraska. Roll Call: All Ayes.

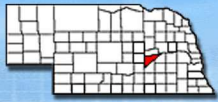
Library budgets: Clerk Wichmann said the libraries turned in their budget requests for a total of \$10,000.00 which is the same as last year. Of that \$10,000.00, \$7,000.00 will go to the Central City Library, \$1,000.00 to Palmer Library, \$1,000.00 to Silver Creek Library, and \$1,000.00 to the Clark's Library. Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve the 2021-2022 fiscal year tax request of \$10,000.00 for the four Merrick County Libraries. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Special Liquor License: Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve the special designated liquor license application for Eagles Fraternal Order #3795 for a fundraiser at Riverside Pavilion on June 27, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2021-12: Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve and have the Board sign RESOLUTION 2021-12 for approval of preliminary plans, specifications, and estimates for the Palmer Northwest project for the box on the strip. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2021-12 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Identification printer: The Board was provided information on a digital employee identification printer. The Emergency Manager usually handles this but she does not have the printer and takes them to Platte County to have the badges made. Sheriff Westman said that every employee should have one of the badges so that everyone know who is who. There are a lot of different probation employees that no one knows and the road department employees should have them also. Westman was waiting to hear from a company on the cost of the printer and cards. This is something that should be done when a new hire starts and can get done right away.

April 2021 fees: Moved Kucera, second Placke to approve and sign the April 2021 fees from the Sheriff, Clerk of District Court, and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes.



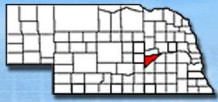
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May 2021 claims: The May 2021 claims were presented for approval:

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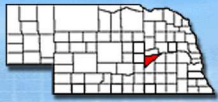
ZACH AMICK	UNIFORMS	\$	150.00
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	AGREEMENTS	\$	307.05
BANKS WRAPS & SIGNS	EQUIPMENT	\$	1,150.00
JULIE L BELLIS	COURT COSTS	\$	165.00
AARON BENSON	UNIFORM	\$	106.29
PAT BENSON	UNIFORMS	\$	112.35
BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$	74.95
BOMGAARS	LAWN CARE	\$	8.22
BRADLEY LAW OFFICE, PC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	7,907.25
BUFFALO CO. SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$	225.00
BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING COSTS	\$	6,500.00
CHRIS CARLSEN	UNIFORMS	\$	144.98
NATHAN CARLSON	BOARD MILEAGE	\$	4.70
LORI CAVE	BOARD MILEAGE	\$	27.78
CENTEC CAST METAL PRODUCTS	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$	467.60
CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$	26.52
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$	36.72
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CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$	281.88
CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$	227.76
CIOX HEALTH	COURT EXPENSE	\$	20.00
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$	2,526.39
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$	12.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$	458.00
CODY'S COMPUTER REPAIR SERVICE	EQUIPMENT	\$	474.96
CORNER DRUG	PRISONER MEDS	\$	66.71
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$	241.00
DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE	TELEPHONE	\$	492.00
DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$	455.47
DES MOINES STAMP	SUPPLIES	\$	38.40
ED DEXTER	MEALS	\$	79.23
REINY DICKHAUT	EQUIPMENT	\$	221.49
TIM DIERKS	UNIFORMS	\$	111.75
DJ DRAMSE	UNIFORMS	\$	150.00
EAGLE BROADBAND	INTERNET/PHONE	\$	1,407.74
EAGLE BROADBAND INVESTMENTS, LLC	PHONE SERVICE	\$	33.37
EAGLE BROADBAND INVESTMENTS, LLC	PHONE/INTERNET	\$	347.12
EAGLE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	INTERNET	\$	123.49
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$	57.58
EVIDENT	INVESTIGATIVE	\$	600.50
FAIRVIEW CEMETERY	MAINTENANCE	\$	500.00
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$	128.34
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$	1,521.51



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GEO COMM CORP	AGREEMENT	\$	335.00
SHARON GILG	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$	56.77
THERESA GOOD	SUPPLIES	\$	14.98
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$	102.55
NICOLE GREVING	BOARD MILEAGE	\$	9.52
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$	202.00
HOST COFFEE SERVICE	SUPPLIES	\$	45.99
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$	167.82
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$	182.50
KBL CONSTRUCTION INC	BLDG REPAIR	\$	2,000.00
LIVESTOCKJUDGING.COM	SUBSCRIPTION	\$	200.00
MAXIMUS CONSULTING SERVICES, INC	CONSULTANT FEE	\$	2,100.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT COSTS	\$	858.55
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	FUNDS TRANSFER	\$	99,330.75
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	1,187.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$	173.17
MERRICK MEDICAL HEALTH CENTER I.M.	COURT EXPENSE	\$	35.50
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	IMAGING	\$	35.00
MIDWEST CONNECT	POSTAGE	\$	60.00
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$	3,471.37
MATT MOTT	BOARD MILEAGE	\$	21.62
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$	60.24
NACEB	2021 DUES	\$	100.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$	660.00
	EMERGENCY		
NANCE COUNTY TREASURER	MGMT	\$	4,615.63
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$	465.00
NEBRASKA STATE PATROL	MACH LICENSE	\$	288.00
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$	140.14
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$	127.78
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	139.99
OFFICENET	EQUIPMENT	\$	93.26
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	8.99
OFFICENET	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$	296.02
OFFICENET	EQUIPMENT	\$	35.61
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$	418.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$	90.00
JAN PLACKE	MILEAGE/EMP AP	\$	90.26
KIMBERLY J QUANDT, AAL	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	2,099.50
REGION 3 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES	SUPPORT	\$	5,114.26
TOM REIMERS	MEALS/MILEAGE	\$	170.57
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$	38.69
ROWLEY LAW LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	3,904.50
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$	10.30
ST LOUIS UNIVERSITY	CORONER	\$	260.50



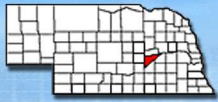
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STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 3,202.45
TAMMY STUHR	MISC EXPENSES	\$ 292.64
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,088.40
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$ 371.79
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$ 368.79
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$ 480.71
U.S. BANK	SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$ 406.16
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE	\$ 299.95
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	SUBSCRIPTION	\$ 9.95
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	EQUIPMENT	\$ 3,463.47
US FOODS DIVISION #2365	PRISONER FOOD	\$ 1,590.91
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$ 962.22
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$ 2,388.07
JAMES A WAGONER	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 1,301.50
WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERVICES	EQUIPMENT	\$ 110.00
KARA WELLS	MISC EXPENSES	\$ 155.48
WEX BANK	FUEL	\$ 3,330.56
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 6,809.40
WOODS & AITKEN LLP	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 2,579.50
TOTAL	\$ 187,023.37	

ROADS

ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$ 5,992.12
AKRS EQUIPMENT	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$ 412.40
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$ 1,809.60
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$ 111.89
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$ 183.07
BOSSELMAN INC/ROADS	OIL & GREASE	\$ 1,008.68
CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$ 32.65
DEERE CREDIT INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$ 20,388.20
EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC/ROADS	SUPPLY/EQUIP	\$ 557.49
FILTER CARE	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$ 151.25
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$ 1,248.79
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 7.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$ 34.95
HERK'S WELDING SHOP	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 165.74
BUCKY HERMAN	LAND RENTAL	\$ 120.00
HOOKER BROS SAND & GRAVEL INC	GRAVEL	\$ 26,425.62
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 61.95
JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 72.68
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 234.89
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$ 5.61
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	D & A TESTING	\$ 112.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$ 60.70
MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 34.10
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$ 127.18



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NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/LABOR	\$ 13,694.29
LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$ 75.00
HSBC BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 257.42
NT&T/SHOP	PHONE SERVICE	\$ 63.25
OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	ENGINEER FEES	\$ 3,582.50
OFFICENET	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$ 82.77
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$ 14,757.48
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$ 52.28
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	\$ 20,246.90
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRE REPAIR	\$ 17.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	RADIO REPAIR	\$ 556.60
PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$ 2,350.71
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$ 44.75
POTTERS INDUSTRIES, LLC	PAVEMENT MARK	\$ 1,840.00
RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 512.54
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$ 53.22
SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$ 1,274.40
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$ 550.96
STATE GLASS, INC.	REPAIR/LABOR	\$ 59.50
VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC	PHONE SERVICE	\$ 210.47
VERIZON WIRELESS	EQUIPMENT	\$ 107.48
VILLAGE OF CHAPMAN	ELECTRICITY	\$ 42.75
WELDON PARTS	EQUIP REPAIRS	\$ 60.14
XEROX CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$ 132.24
TOTAL		\$ 119,983.21

P & M FUNDS

OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$ 500.00
TOTAL		\$ 500.00

JUVENILE DIVERSION

KENDRA LUTZ	SUPPLIES/MISC	\$ 53.65
JORDANNE MCNEFF	MILEAGE	\$ 23.07
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUVDIV-POSTAGE	\$ 5.06
NE JUVENILE JUSTICE ASSOCIATION	EDUCATION	\$ 280.00
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$ 70.36
US CELLULAR	SUPPLIES	\$ 125.83
3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	EDUCATION	\$ 240.00
TOTAL		\$ 797.97

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PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$ 92.97
TOTAL		\$ 92.97

COMMISSARY FUND

ENCARTELE	COMMISSARY	\$ 300.00
KEEFE SUPPLY COMPANY	COMMISSARY	\$ 119.76
TOTAL		\$ 419.76

4-H BUILDING FUND



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CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$	1,404.14
ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS,INC	INSPECTION	\$	75.00
PIONEER DOOR,INC.	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$	811.00
SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	SECURITY SRVC	\$	32.00
TOTAL		\$	2,322.14

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

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to adjourn at 12:07 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk