

Merrick County Board Minutes



July 13, 2021

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

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Yrkoski to approve the minutes from June 22, 2021 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

Meeting Reports: Yrkoski, Kreachbaum and Kucera all attended the Extension Board Meeting on June 29th. Kucera went to the MNIS (Mid-Nebraska Individual Services) Executive Committee Meeting on July 7th. Dexter had the valuation hearing on June 29 and a meeting with the Union later that evening, July 8th he was at the Institute of Excellence meeting in Lincoln and July 9th he was at the Merrick County Economic Board Meeting. Placke had a Senior Citizens Meeting on July 8th. Placke also attended the funeral and visitation of former Merrick County Employees, Annette Schultz and Edith Garrett, respectively.

Officials Reports: Sheriff Westman was present to inform the board of the turnout for the "Play 9 for K9 Golf Tournament" that was held on Saturday, July 10th. He stated that there a few of them in the Sheriff's Department that are registered for the NIRMA meeting which will be held August 13th.

Juvenile Services Grant: Moved Placke, second Kucera to have the chairman sign the awards packet for the Juvenile Services grant. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

Long Term Care Update: Moved Dexter, second Placke to approve the appointment of Donna Jorgenson to the Long Term Care Board. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

Special Designated Liquor Licenses: Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for Prairie Creek Vineyard,s LLC for the Farmer's Market to be held Saturday, July 24, 2021 at Wild Roots Greenhouse & Market. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

County T-Shirts: Kucera wanted the courthouse employees to know if they would be interested in purchasing Merrick County Logo shirts, Jen Myers would have some examples in her office. Myers purchased the shirts at T-Shirt Engineers in Grand Island. This would not be an expense the county would not incur, this would be at the employees own expense.

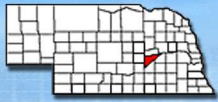
State Auditor: Moved Kucera, second Yrkoski to approve the board to sign an engagement letter with the State Auditors for the 2020-2021 Audit. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

Noxious Weed Inspection Report: The County Board reviewed the Noxious Weed Inspection Report received from Paul Moyer with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

Weed Superintendent: There is an applicant who is interested in the position, the board will discuss again at the next board meeting on July 27th. The board brought up the probability of adding fuel to the budget or purchase a vehicle for the usage by the Weed Superintendent.

2021-2022 Budget Requests: The board reviewed the new and/or revised budget requests they received. County Clerk Strobel explained the revision to the County Clerk's payroll budget increase was due to the variance in length of employment. Juvenile Diversion Officer McNeff stated her budget will be adjusted due to a full time employee leaving and possibly replacing that position with a part time employee. County Attorney Shotkoski went over the Adult Drug Fund, Stop Fund, Drug Law Enforcement and Education Fund proposed budgets. Shotkoski stated that he would like to see the Child Support Enforcer's salary be more comparable to the rest of the staff in the courthouse. He also mentioned that Child Support Enforcer's salary gets reimbursed by the state by 66.6 % of time worked.

10:00 Public Hearing: Moved Kucera, second Placke to open gravel bids for gravel requirements for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried. Hooker Bros. \$9.50/ton-Area 1 & Area 2-Gravel F.O.B., \$9.00/ton-Area 1 & Area 2 for Mud Rock F.O.B., \$3.00/ton-Area 1 & Area 2 Fill Sand F.O.B.; Vontz Paving \$12.00/ton Area 1 & Area 2 Gravel F.O.B., \$15.00/ton-Area 1 & Area 2 Mud Rock F.O.B, \$3.00/ton Fill Sand F.O.B.; Tri-County Sand & Gravel-\$8.17/ton Gravel F.O.B., \$4.72 Fill Sand F.O.B.; Overland Sand & Gravel-\$12.25/ton Area 1 & Area 2 Gravel F.O.B., \$12.00/ton Mud Rock F.O.B., \$21.00/ton Screen Mud Rock F.O.B., \$3.00/ton Fill Sand F.O.B. Moved Kucera, second Placke second to close the hearing at 10:15 a.m., Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.



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Moved Dexter, second Weller to accept all gravel bids. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

June 2021 Fees: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the June 2021 fees from the Sheriff, Clerk of District Court and the County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

July 2021 Claims: July 2021 claims were presented for the board's approval.

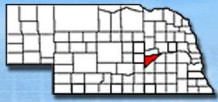
GENERAL	NAME	INVDESC	TOTCLAIMS
	AB TREE & LAWN	LAWN CARE	\$513.00
	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$168.13
	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	PHONE/INTERNET	\$107.10
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$915.64
	JULIE L BELLIS	COURT COSTS	\$75.00
	BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$114.45
	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	SUPPLIES	\$205.50
	BRYAN HEALTH	PRISONER CARE	\$6,309.96
	BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING COSTS	\$9,300.00
	CANDLEWOOD SUITES	EDUCATION	\$149.95
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$103.62
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$47.52
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$22.37
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$74.37
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	EQUIP REPAIR	\$29.99
	CENTURY LINK	E911 PHONE	\$281.88
	CENTURYLINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$227.76
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$3,441.24
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.00
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$369.51
	CODY'S COMPUTER REPAIR SERVICE	SUPPORT	\$135.99
	CORNER DRUG	PRISONER MEDS	\$41.59
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$301.00
	DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$788.44
	ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$79.07
	BELINDA DIERKS	POSTAGE	\$9.05
	EAGLE BROADBAND	PHONE/INTERNET	\$1,409.19
	EAGLE BROADBAND INVESTMENTS, LLC	TELEPHONE	\$32.91
	EAGLE BROADBAND INVESTMENTS, LLC	PHONE/INTERNET	\$333.10
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC/ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$105.99
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$5.34
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	EQUIP REPAIR	\$1,057.73
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$319.54
	FIREGUARD, INC	INSPECTION	\$299.22
	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
	GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$3,147.07
	GALUSHA ELECTRIC	BLDG REPAIR	\$85.09
	SHARON GILG	PHONE/TRAVEL	\$215.92



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GRAND ISLAND EAR, NOSE & THROAT	PRISONER CARE	\$392.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$102.55
GWORKS	MAINTENANCE	\$23,530.00
HAMILTON COUNTY	COMMUNICATIONS	\$41,250.00
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$202.00
HEARTLAND RADIOLOGY	HEALTH CARE	\$116.00
HEINS LAWN & LANDSCAPE INC	LAWN CARE	\$186.13
HOST COFFEE SERVICE	PRISONER FOOD	\$99.84
CINDIE HOSTLER	POSTAGE/TRAVEL	\$13.23
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$167.82
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$182.50
JOHNSON HARDWARE CO	EQUIP REPAIR	\$600.00
JODI KRANCE	MILEAGE	\$43.12
LA QUINTA INNS & SUITES	LODGING	\$1,140.00
DOUG MAW	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
MCILNAY & CO	A/C REPAIR	\$1,906.98
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$57.34
MERRICK CO. COURT	ATTORNEY FEES	\$278.72
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	FUNDS TRANSFER	\$99,330.75
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$232.07
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$35.00
MID NEBR. INDIVIDUAL SERVICES	CONTRACT	\$7,845.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$153.10
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	FUEL/TRANSPORT	\$79.50
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$3,501.03
JENNIFER MYERS	MILEAGE/PHONE	\$97.20
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$300.00
NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL E-COMMERCE	SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$114.05
NE ASSOC OF CO	MEMBERSHIP DUE	\$160.00
ENGINEERS/HWY/SURVEY	INSTITUTIONS	\$381.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSPECTIONS	\$120.00
NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL AGENCY	A/C	\$534.14
NEBRASKA AIR FILTER, INC	AUDIT FEE	\$14,749.12
NEBRASKA AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$280.28
NNTC	CAR REPAIR	\$91.66
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$2,668.98
OFFICENET	EQUIPMENT	\$58.20
OFFICENET	EQUIPMENT	\$183.22
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$74.89
OFFICENET	EQUIP REPAIR	\$366.31
OFFICENET	EQUIPMENT	\$440.91
OFFICENET,INC.	COPIER LEASE	\$193.20



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PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$513.72
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PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$90.00
PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS ASSOC OF NE	EDUCATION	\$200.00
RHD PUBLISHING LLC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$186.58
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$92.05
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$323.77
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$101.65
MARIA RODRIGUEZ	INTERNET	\$46.35
SEILER INSTRUMENT MANUFACTURING,INC	EQUIPMENT	\$1,500.00
SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR,LLC	CAR REPAIR	\$388.65
DALE M SHOTKOSKI	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$23.07
SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORPORATION	SUBSCRIPTION	\$1,728.00
STATE OF NE NETWORK SERVICES	TELETYPE	\$580.00
STATE OF NEBRASKA	TECHNOLOGY FEE	\$247.92
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$6,569.25
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$300.33
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$368.79
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$557.51
U.S. BANK	SUPPLIES	\$1,084.79
UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES	SUPPLIES	\$160.37
US FOODS DIVISION #2365	SUPPLY/FOOD	\$2,096.40
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	\$50.30
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$23.98
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	K9 CARE	\$1,048.98
WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERVICES	EQUIPMENT	\$110.00
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$172.37
JOHN WESTMAN	UNIFORMS	\$81.49
WEX BANK	FUEL	\$2,913.88
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$4,524.00
MARCIA WICHMANN	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
ROGER WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$62.27
WOODS & AITKEN LLP	ATTORNEY FEES	\$7,236.80
TOTALS		\$266,657.51

ROADS

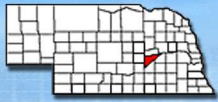
ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$4,099.92
AKRS EQUIPMENT	EQUIP REPAIR	\$6.31
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$2,029.50
BAUM HYDRAULICS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$193.69
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$13.87
BOMGAARS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$177.57
BOSELNMAN INC/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$8,585.16



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BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	DISPOSAL	\$30.00
CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$53.47
CLARKS LUMBER CO./ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$13.37
DIAMOND VOGEL PAINTS	PAVEMENT MARK	\$6,763.35
EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC/ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$28.78
FASTENAL CO	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$47.10
FILTER CARE	EQUIP REPAIR	\$36.55
FIREGUARD, INC	INSPECTION	\$290.47
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$1,648.13
GARY SMITH CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.	ASPHALT MARK	\$4,588.70
GRAND ISLAND CLINIC	D & A TESTING	\$35.00
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$48.02
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$34.95
HERK'S WELDING SHOP	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$689.71
BUCKY HERMAN	LAND RENTAL	\$120.00
HOOKER BROS SAND & GRAVEL INC	GRAVEL	\$25,341.93
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$554.03
JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$72.68
K & S TOOL SERVICE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$143.97
ELTON KING	MATERIAL/LABOR	\$2,524.20
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D & A TESTING	\$41.25
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$4.59
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$60.70
MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$1.00
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$132.26
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	PEST CONTROL	\$90.00
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	EQUIPMENT	\$4,302.40
NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$1,275.00
NEBR. PETERBILT - FORD	EQUIP REPAIR	\$18.29
LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
NIOBRARA LODGE	LODGING	\$288.00
NT&T/SHOP	TELEPHONE	\$127.90
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$15.53
OFFICENET	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$65.02
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$17,241.71
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL/GREASE	\$22,239.00
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRES	\$114.00
PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
POGUE CONSTRUCTION INC	PAVEMENT MARK	\$4,290.00
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$36.03
SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$1,295.64
SEILER INSTRUMENT MANUFACTURING,INC	EQUIPMENT	\$14,465.00



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SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$516.57
TOTALSIR	FUEL	\$17.00
VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC	TELEPHONE	\$210.47
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$107.46
VILLAGE OF CHAPMAN	ELECTRICITY	\$60.00
VONTZ PAVING INC	SURFACING	\$414,796.76
WELDON PARTS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$12.02
XEROX CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$132.24
TOTALS		\$542,551.98

JUVENILE DIVISION

DIVERSION

MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUVDIV-POSTAGE	\$0.51
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$117.79
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$125.83
TOTALS		\$244.13

K-9

COUNTRYSIDE VETERINARY CLINIC	K-9 CARE	\$89.68
GARRETT TIRES & SERVICE	K9 DOG CARE	\$1,954.82
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	K9 CARE	\$235.43
TOTALS		\$2,279.93

INHERITANCE

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD	ENGINEERING	\$260.72
TOTALS		\$260.72

COMMISSARY FUND

ENCARTELE	COMMISSARY	\$300.00
KEEFE SUPPLY COMPANY	COMMISSARY	\$106.08
TOTALS		\$406.08

4-H BUILDING FUND

CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,929.22
ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS,INC	REPAIR/LABOR	\$1,220.00
SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	SECURITY EQUIP	\$32.00
TOTALS		\$3,181.22

Moved Yrkoski, second Dexter to approve the July 2021 claims as submitted. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

County Shop/Yard Inspection: Eric Erickson gave a tour of the grounds and shop. He explained the equipment status as to whether the machinery needs updated or removed. Eric informed the board of the improvements made to the shop in the winter, such as insulating part of the shop where the flooring is flat and easier to work. The board noticed surplus items in the shop such as desks, filing cabinets, chairs and office supplies that came from various offices in the courthouse that need to be removed. The yard needs shredded and sprayed for weeds. Sheriff's office would like to use one portion of the shop area after some cleanup to store vehicles.

Adjourn: Moved Kucera to adjourn at 11:09 a.m. from the board room to go to the county shop/yard and adjourn following the inspection. Second Placke. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, Deputy County Clerk