



Merrick County Board Minutes



August 24, 2021

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, August 24, 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 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 from August 9, 2021, as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting Reports: Weller-Bader Park meeting on August 17; Dexter, Yrkoski and Wiegert-NRD meeting August 12; Dexter, Placke and Wiegert NIRMA meeting August 13th in Kearney; Placke-Senior Citizen meeting August 17; Yrkoski Community Action Partners in Loup City on August 17th and Long Term Care on August 18th; Kreachbaum attended the Emergency Management Committee on August 19th.

Officials Reports: New Weed Superintendent, Dean Hartwig came before the board and stated he would be attending a regional meeting in Grand Island on August 25th.

Long Term Care Update: Emily Triplett gave an update on the Long Term Care Facility. Good Samaritan made it mandatory for all long term care workers to receive the vaccine. The facility is currently housing 31 residents. Tyson Benner appeared before the board and said they had met with the building company a few months ago. In order to get the facility up & running and transfer it into two separate facilities, he would like to know what the overall budget is. He gave a proposal for \$25,000, plus another \$1,000 additional, which would be the full engineer underwriting and would need the County Board's approval for the request in order to sign the document. The board will table the request until the next meeting board meeting on September 14, 2021.

9:45 a.m. 2021-2022 Budget Discussion: County Clerk Wichmann was present. Mitch Inman with Dana F. Cole & Company presented the board with the county budget, he stated there was very little change made from all the department's proposals. All the Inheritance Tax Fund was budgeted, the General Fund then would have the necessary cash reserve of \$1.9 million. Inman added \$285,000 for the Courthouse Bond payment and \$150,000 for the 4H Bond payment. Inman will have the budget worksheet available (as required) for all of the board members and people in attendance at the next budget hearing on September 14, 2021 at 9:15 a.m.

Gas Line Agreement: Moved Placke, second Yrkoski for the board to approve a Gas Line Agreement between Merrick County and Travis Powell in order to provide natural gas service for a new house on the west side of 12th Road. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Electric Line Agreement: Moved Kucera, second Dexter for board to approve an Electric Line Agreement between Merrick County and Millie Creutzberg between Section 4 & Section 5, Township 14, Range 6, to provide power to a grain bin. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Special Liquor License: Moved Kucera, second Yrkoski to approve the Special Liquor License for Nightcrawler's Bar & Grill for the Wolfe wedding reception on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at Riverside Pavilion. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Special Liquor License: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for The Wandering Well for a wedding reception on Saturday, September 25, 2021, at Riverside Pavilion. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Ham Radio Station Repeater: Tom Weller told the board Bader Park wanted Ham Radio Station to install a repeater. Moved Kucera, second Placke to approve Ham Radio Station installing a repeater at Bader Park subject to Planning & Zoning and proper permits if needed. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Truck Liner: Wiegert stated in order to do the bed of the pickup it would cost \$495 and another \$98 to do over the rail through Line-X. Moved Placke, second Dexter to have the Weed Superintendent pickup sprayed for a liner in the back of the pickup. Roll Call: All Ayes.

ARPA Funds: Kucera informed the board NACO is providing a company, Lutz & Co, for any questions or any help needed with the ARPA Fund reporting.

August 2021 Payroll: The August 2021 payroll was presented for approval: General Gross: \$160,354.30, Net: \$111,292.10; Roads Gross: \$50,171.44, Net: \$36,013.79; Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$3075.45, Net: \$1717.07. Moved Placke, second Kucera to approve the August 2021 payroll. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to adjourn at 11:01 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman



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