



# Merrick County Board Minutes



**September 14, 2021**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 9:52 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 9:52 a.m.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:52 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

**Minutes:** Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2021 as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Meeting reports:** Dexter talked to Tracy with Manning Rathman on the courthouse door order and was told it got lost so they reordered them. Dexter had a zoom round table meeting on September 2, 2021 with Pam Bourne and Ashley Connell given by NIRMA, on September 9, 2021 had a zoom meeting for the Institute of Excellence, and on September 10 had Merrick County Economic Development meeting; Placke attended the CRA meeting on September 9; Kreachbaum met with the Nance and Boone Counties to interview four more people for the Emergency Manager position. They had eight people apply. They hired Jenna Clark and she will start September 15, 2021. She has been working for NEMA and holds a bachelor's degree in Emergency Management; Wiegert had a Midland Area on Aging meeting on September 2, 2021.

**Official reports:** Assessor Myers asked the Board to be aware of LB644 in budgeting for the next fiscal year. Highway Superintendent Meyer told the Board that there would be a large Nebraska Machinery bill because of a motor grader. Sheriff Westman said his office has been very busy with a lot of community activities and they has a pursuit involving the State Patrol and pepper balls were used by the State Patrol. Pepper balls are less lethal. The Sheriff's Office is now a member of the Palmer Community Club. Westman said that every officer will now have AED's in their vehicles. County Attorney Shotkoski said the Drug Fund Board provide the funds for the pepper balls that were used in the pursuit mentioned by Sheriff Westman.

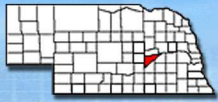
**Public Hearing: 10:12 a.m.** Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to open the public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit to locate a Wireless Communication Tower in part of the NE1/4NE1/4, Section 19, Township 13 North, Range 8 West, Merrick County, NE. at 10:12 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Planning & Zoning Stuhr said this is for Viareo and is located at L Road and Worms Road. This ground is zoned as Ag1. There was no opposition at the Planning & Zoning hearing. Moved Placke, second Kucera to go out of the hearing at 10:15 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**RESOLUTION 2021-15:** Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2021-15 for a Conditional Use Permit to locate a Wireless Communication Tower in part of the NE1/4NE1/4, Section 19, Township 13 North, Range 8 West, Merrick County, NE. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Long Term Medical request: Tyson Benner told the Board that they had received a bid from Prochaska & Associates for \$19,500. Prochaska did the remodel of the hospital. Tyson would like to have this tabled until the next meeting so he can get the bid paperwork to the County Board. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to table until the September 27, 2021 meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Bridge repair:** Highway Superintendent Meyer said the cost to repair the bridge on DD Road West of Monroe Road will be higher than normal because of the steel prices. He can lock in the price for the steel. Norfolk Contract will do the bridge work and Husker Steel for the steel for a cost of \$78,748.00.

**Road Closing:** Highway Superintendent Meyer told the Board that Archer Grain requested closing the alley and the part of Crawford Street that has a strip of trees in it. Archer Grain would like to put another building up. Meyer is asking for the Board to approve a direct study for closing the North 150 feet of the alley in Block 18 and the north end of Crawford Street between Block 13, and Block 14 in Archer, NE. Moved Placke, second



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Kucera to approve a direct study for closing the North 150 feet of the alley in Block 18 and the north end of Crawford Street between Block 13, and Block 14 in Archer, NE. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Extension Inventory:** Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve the 2021 Extension Inventory. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**DOT.gov:** Clerk Wichmann said the Secretary of State had contacted her and requested that her office use the DOT.gov domain for security purposes for emails. When the courthouse offices had to change email addresses, DOT.gov was charging a fee for their domain. Now DOT.gov is no longer charging a fee. Board feels that for security purposes all offices should go to DOT.gov. Moved Weller, second Dexter for all offices to change email addresses to DOT.gov for security purposes. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Union Agreement:** Ed Thompson with IBEW Local No. 1597, Vice President was present and it was noted that is the Union Agreement it said commissioners not supervisors. Thompson told the Board that a MOU could be done to get that changed without delaying the agreement passage. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Agreement between Merrick County and Local Union No. 1597 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO. Roll Call: All Ayes

**Special Designated Liquor License:** Moved Kucera, second Yrkoski to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for Prairie Creek Vineyard for the Farmer's Market at Wild Roots Greenhouse & Market on October 9, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**August 2021 fees:** Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the August 2021 fees from the Sheriff, Clerk of District Court, and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**September 2021 claims:** The September 2021 claims were presented for approval:

## GENERAL

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES INC	WEED SPRAY	\$	352.50
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	COMPUTER SRVC	\$	441.45
AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$	915.31
BAMFORD INC.	BLDG REPAIR	\$	200.00
EMELISE BAUGHMAN, LIMHP	HEALTH CARE	\$	300.00
JULIE L BELLIS	TRANSCRIPT	\$	48.00
BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	CAR REPAIR	\$	493.30
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$	175.07
BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING COSTS	\$	3,750.00
CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$	18.09
CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$	3.98
CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT	CONTRACT	\$	7,131.64
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$	61.72
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$	5.38
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	BLDG REPAIR	\$	220.38
CENTURY LINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	281.68
CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$	227.66
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$	4,201.57
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$	12.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$	163.14
CODY'S COMPUTER REPAIR SERVICE	SUPPLIES	\$	364.95
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$	252.00
CUSTOM WOODWORKING	SUPPLIES	\$	215.88
CVSOAN	REGISTRATION	\$	60.00
DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$	483.63



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ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$ 155.57
DISTRICT 5 PROBATION	CONTRACT	\$ 17,363.66
EAGLE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$ 246.98
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$ 237.56
EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 347.20
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$ 7.10
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$ 149.83
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	MILEAGE	\$ 72.58
ERIN FOUSEK	MILEAGE	\$ 9.52
GARRETT TIRES & SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$ 782.95
GI AREA CLEAN COMMUNITY SYSTEM	SUPPORT	\$ 1,000.00
SHARON GILG	PHONE/TRAVEL	\$ 109.52
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$ 102.55
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	COURT COSTS	\$ 42.60
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$ 208.00
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$ 25.65
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$ 337.64
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$ 365.00
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$ 545.07
JOHNSON CONTROLS SECURITY SOLUTIONS	SECURITY SRVC	\$ 500.00
JODI KRANCE	MILEAGE	\$ 266.56
LAQUINTA INNS & SUITES	LODGING	\$ 387.00
LINE X OF GRAND ISLAND	PICKUP LINER	\$ 593.00
ROSS A LUZUM, ATTORNEY AT LAW	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 742.42
M & O DOOR PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES	\$ 206.10
BILL MACK	FUEL	\$ 12.03
DOUG MAW	CELL PHONE	\$ 30.00
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	SUPPLIES	\$ 6.25
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$ 11.76
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT COSTS	\$ 571.50
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$ 99,330.75
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$ 315.08
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	MICROFILM	\$ 70.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$ 157.40
MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING	MEMBERSHIP	\$ 11,002.00
MIDWEST CONNECT	SUPPLIES	\$ 290.00
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$ 3,501.03
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE/TRAVEL	\$ 120.72
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$ 430.00
NCSEA TREASURER	EDUCATION	\$ 100.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$ 267.00
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER	L.E. TRAINING	\$ 216.00
KAREN NELSON	POSTAGE	\$ 21.00
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$ 280.28



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NSA/POSAN	L.E. TRAINING	\$	550.00
OFFICENET	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	172.48
OFFICENET	EQUIPMENT	\$	24.95
OFFICENET	EQUIPMENT	\$	87.52
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	274.98
OFFICENET	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	492.67
OFFICENET	EQUIP RENTAL	\$	202.86
OFFICENET	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	103.02
OFFICENET,INC.	COPIER LEASE	\$	204.99
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$	988.38
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$	123.42
PALSER SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$	18.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$	90.00
PFC PRODUCTS INC	SUPPLIES	\$	141.01
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	POSTAGE	\$	405.99
R R DONNELLEY	SUPPLIES	\$	112.63
REGION III BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH SERV	MH CONTRACT	\$	5,114.26
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$	489.54
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$	97.88
MARIA RODRIGUEZ	PHONE SERVICE	\$	50.08
ROWLEY LAW LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	3,519.50
NE SECRETARY OF STATE	REGISTRATION	\$	80.00
SEW & SEW	UNIFORMS	\$	52.00
DALE M SHOTKOSKI	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$	23.86
SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORPORATION	SUBSCRIPTION	\$	372.00
STATE OF NEBRASKA	TECHNOLOGY FEE	\$	1,154.34
STROBES N MORE	EQUIPMENT	\$	646.21
TAMMY STUHR	MILEAGE	\$	208.32
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$	623.32
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$	390.91
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$	566.18
U.S. BANK	SUPPLIES	\$	1,309.61
UNL-WCREEC	REGISTRATION	\$	85.00
US FOODS DIVISION #2365	SUPPLIES	\$	1,228.49
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES/EQUIP	\$	274.19
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	EQUIP/MEALS	\$	642.43
VYVE BROADBAND	PHONE/CABLE	\$	2,108.29
WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERVICES	EQUIPMENT	\$	110.00
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$	104.83
WEX BANK	FUEL	\$	3,216.32
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	2,755.00
MARCIA WICHMANN	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
ROGER WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$	62.49
WOODS & AITKEN LLP	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	1,429.52



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**TOTAL**

**\$ 192,683.66**

**ROADS**

ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$ 18,434.52
AKRS EQUIPMENT	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$ 266.84
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$ 6,257.83
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$ 83.29
BOMGAARS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$ 561.18
BOSSELMAN INC/ROADS	OIL & GREASE	\$ 1,521.33
BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	DISPOSAL	\$ 40.00
CEDAR VALLEY LUMBER CLARKS, LLC	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 63.00
CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 10.99
KRIS ERICKSON	EQUIPMENT	\$ 6,925.00
FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 48.95
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$ 1,742.92
GALUSHA ELECTRIC	BLDG REPAIR	\$ 266.05
GRIGSBY EXCAVATION	DEMOLITION	\$ 25,000.00
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 16.60
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	\$ 34.95
HANSEN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK INC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 41.16
BUCKY HERMAN	LAND RENTAL	\$ 120.00
HOOKER BROS SAND & GRAVEL INC	GRAVEL	\$ 2,386.17
INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 94.85
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 437.32
JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 109.02
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$ 19.43
RICHARD KOETTER	VEHICLE TITLE	\$ 14.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$ 8.18
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	D & A TESTING	\$ 29.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$ 60.70
MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR/LABOR	\$ 183.30
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$ 132.26
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	REPAIR/LABOR	\$ 304.37
NACO	EDUCATION	\$ 40.00
NE DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	ENGINEER FEES	\$ 2,629.54
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR & LABOR	\$ 70,055.35
LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$ 75.00
NT&T/ROADS	PHONE SERVICE	\$ 66.58
OFFICENET	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$ 131.28
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$ 3,538.35
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	\$ 4,387.50
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRES	\$ 283.95
PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$ 2,585.78
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$ 35.50
RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 268.21
SACK LUMBER CO./ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$ 73.99



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SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$ 1,334.24
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$ 540.90
TOTALSIR	FUEL	\$ 17.00
VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC	TELEPHONE	\$ 210.47
VERIZON WIRELESS	EQUIPMENT	\$ 108.47
VILLAGE OF CLARKS	FENCE REPAIR	\$ 110.00
VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	\$ 11,520.90
ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 135.50
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 163,361.72</b>

## JUVENILE DIVERSION

JORDANNE MCNEFF	MILEAGE	\$ 59.92
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUVDIV-POSTAGE	\$ 4.59
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$ 57.68
RHD PUBLISHING LLC	SUPPLIES	\$ 64.86
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$ 251.46
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$ 139.99
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 578.50</b>

## DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT

KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY	DRUG BOARD	\$ 309.85
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 309.85</b>

## DARE FUND

PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$ 175.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 175.00</b>

## K-9

COUNTRYSIDE VETERINARY CLINIC	K-9 CARE	\$ 93.69
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 93.69</b>

## COMMISSARY FUND

ENCARTELE	COMMISSARY	\$ 300.00
KEEFE SUPPLY COMPANY	COMMISSARY	\$ 86.88
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	COMMISSARY	\$ 52.94
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 439.82</b>

## 4-H Building FUND

CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$ 3,231.89
RATHMAN & MANNING CORP	BLDG REPAIR	\$ 275.00
SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	SECURITY	\$ 32.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 3,538.89</b>

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

**Adjourn:** Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to adjourn at 11:13 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk