

Merrick County Board Minutes



November 9, 2021

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kucera, Kreachbaum, Yrkoski, Placke, Dexter, Weller and Wiegert. County Attorney Shotkoski, County Sheriff Westman 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 Kucera, second Placke to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

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

Minutes: Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the minutes from October 26, 2021 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Meeting Reports: Weller, Bader Park- October 26; Dexter, South Central Economic Board call on housing-October 29th & Merrick County Economic Board-November 5th; Kreachbaum, 4H Achievement Awards @ the Fairgrounds-October 31st. Nance County Supervisor, Darren Nelson informed Kreachbaum that the new Emergency Manager has all of her certifications; Kucera, Extension Board meeting-November 3rd, was postponed due to health reasons; Wiegert, Midland Area on Aging-November 4th in Hastings. Yrkoski and Placke did not have any meetings to report.

Officials Report: Treasurer Gilg sent out tax reminder notices on October 21st on 418 parcels for 2020 delinquent taxes, totaling just over \$524,000.00. Since then \$235,000 has been paid and 239 parcels remain delinquent to date. Gilg also asked the board for clarification regarding the role in the Opioid Agreement. Attorney Shotkoski stated the board authorized either Gilg or Wichmann to be the individuals who can enter into the portal the dollar amount Merrick County would be entitled too. Shotkoski also said that the funds will be used within the county.

Sheriff Westman said the turnout was good on Halloween in the parking lot with Merrick Medical joining in this year and said there was around 350-400 kids. Later that evening was the pursuit of an escaped inmate from Platte County. Friday, October 29th there was also a pursuit, on both occasions-drones helped play a role in the capture of both fugitives. Platte & Nance Counties along with NE State Patrol all had their drones out and Platte County also used their K-9 in helping Merrick County. Westman also told the board the courthouse employee pumpkin decorating contest was a success on Friday, Oct. 29th with around 14 entries. Distress warrants were sent out Monday, November 8th. Deputy Coufal, Deputy Bauer & Sheriff Westman had some training last week in Hastings. The training was through the SCALES program which always training without cost to the counties. K-9 Shadow is continuing to do a great job getting drugs off the road. Safety Committee will meet up and hopefully have items to present at the next board meeting for the safety of the courthouse. Assessor Myers shared that as of this morning, everything is complete for 2021 and are ready to go for taxes.

Hospital License Renewal Application: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the board to sign the Hospital License Renewal Application for Renewal Period 01/01/2022 thru 12/31/2022 for Litzenberg Memorial County Long Term Care. Roll Call; All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Courthouse Windows: Dave Lewis with KBL Construction appeared before the board with information regarding window air infiltration. Lewis contacted Pella, Anderson & Gerkin window sales representatives. Air infiltration is the main thing one needs to look at for air leakage-vinyl or fiber glass windows are not good for air infiltration, however, aluminum windows/doors have a thermal break. Gerkin windows has the best rating with a .003, Pella has a .10. Lewis suggested the best would be the Gerkin windows. The pricing Lewis received from all three window sales representatives were within \$10.00 of each other, with Gerkin being the least expensive. Kucera asked Attorney Shotkoski if he thought this would fall under the Covid-19 Relief money that was issued to the county. Shotkoski stated he also wondered if it could be tied to Air Quality and possibly fit under the heating and air conditioning of the building. He will do research and hopefully within a few months there will be some expansion underneath that rule. It was decided to discuss again at the next Board of Supervisors meeting on November 23, 2021.

Courthouse down spout: Dave Lewis stated he would take the piece of concrete currently being used as a down spout, dig a trench underground and put 6" open ended PVC pipe to the end of the hill. Doing this would eliminate drainage onto the courthouse parking lot. Lewis offered a quote of \$570.00 for labor/materials for the completion of this project. Moved Kucera, second Placke to proceed with the downspout for \$570.00. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

Duct Medic Air Duct Cleaning Bid: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to table until the November 23, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.



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Building & Grounds/Inheritance Funds: Placke wanted to address to see if the Building and Grounds Funds should have been used for the roof repair instead of the Inheritance Funds. It was brought up that the reason it was used out of Inheritance was due to the fact it needed to be done right away and happened during last fiscal year. Treasurer Gilg mentioned the money received from the sale of the land was put in the Courthouse Fund, so moving forward the board needs to establish what fund will be used for upcoming projects. There is currently \$212,000.00 of which \$210,000 is from the sale in the fund. Kreachbaum mentioned if the Covid-19 money does not allow use on the windows, then the Courthouse Fund money could be used instead of the Inheritance Fund.

Resolution 2021-19: Foreclosure & sale of parcels; Treasurer Gilg presented two parcels to the board for the foreclosure and sale of Real Estate properties that have been placed and delinquent for three years. Parcel 1336.00-Jeffrey Labarge and Parcel 442.00-Lance Paulsen were brought before the board for approval. Moved Dexter, Second Kreachbaum to approve Resolution 2021-19 to direct foreclosure and sale of parcels previously placed on County Tax Sale Certificates. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

Resolution 2021-20: Striking of delinquent personal property taxes; Treasurer Gilg brought before the board the following personal property tax which is delinquent, Cascata Homes-Schedule 1311. 2013 Tax (2nd half) \$1431.80 & 2014 Tax \$4648.72. In accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska, Treasurer Gilg requests these to be stricken from delinquent Personal Property Taxes. Attorney Shotkoski made mention that Gilg did a lot of work. She looked into the bankruptcies, dismissals of bankruptcies and also trying to contact the people in Texas as well as the attorneys who are now no longer representing this client. He stated the chance of collecting on the personal property taxes is slim. Moved Placke, second Kucera to approve Resolution 2021-20 directing the striking of delinquent Personal Property Taxes. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

Resolution 2021-22: Year-End certification of County Highway Superintendent for year 2021; Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to approve the signing of the Year End certification of County Highway Superintendent. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried

Updated Pledge of Securities: Treasurer Gilg presented the Pledged Securities as of October 31, 2021. Newest on being North Loup River Public Power for \$160,000.00 on October 6. Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the Updated Pledge of Securities as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried

Distress Warrants: Gilg turned over 33 distress warrants on November 1st in the amount of \$11,441.52 to the Sheriff's office. This is on all personal property including any IOLL's.

ARRA Funds: Highway Superintendent Meyer came before the board with some emails the Nebraska Highway Superintendent President sent out to other Hwy Superintendents in Nebraska. Copies of the email and responses were handed out. Since it is still not well established what the funds could be used for, Meyer just wanted to present what other counties thoughts and/or actions have been. County employees who teleworked during Covid and elected officials would be ineligible.

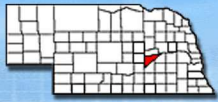
Elected Officials Pay Increases for 2023-2026: Attorney Shotkoski stated these need to be set before the filing period for elected officials because the fee to file for office is a percentage of the wages. NACO sent out recommendations for county offices. Shotkoski went through the five different ways NACO suggests to set the salary amount for elected officials. 1-set a specific dollar amount each year or even no increases. 2-grant specific percentage rate increase effective for each year. 3, 4 & 5- were all tied to the Consumer Price Index, which County Clerk Wichmann had previously stated to Shotkoski, it is very hard to budget with the CPI. Treasurer Gilg said she had noticed Merrick County is the only county in Nebraska to use the CPI. Shotkoski handed out a draft where he used the percentage increase and said it is not necessary to use, but just a guideline for the board members. Dexter said the predicted wage increase for the union contract are 3%, 2.5% and 2%. Placke does not think it is fair for the County Clerk to make more than the County Treasurer or County Assessor.

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

November 2021 Claims:

GENERAL

ANDERSON AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$4,919.55
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECH	EQUIP SERVICE	\$510.60
AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$914.65
AURORA FAMILY DENTAL	PRISONER CARE	\$348.00
BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	EQP/CAR REPAIR	\$1,973.70
BRADLEY LAW OFFICE, PC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,870.10



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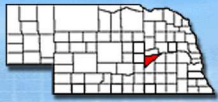
BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION	BOARDING COSTS	\$1,950.00
CARLSEN, CHRIS	MEALS	\$58.07
CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$38.98
CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPT	CONTRACT	\$2,376.62
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$43.00
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$1.99
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	JAIL REPAIR	\$17.98
CENTURY LINK	E911 PHONE	\$280.40
CENTURYLINK	E911 PHONE	\$227.02
CHRISTENSEN INSURANCE	BOND RENEWAL	\$80.00
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,982.52
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	COUNTY SERVICE	\$200.00
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	ATTORNEY FEES	\$93.54
CODY'S COMPUTER REPAIR	EQUIPMENT	\$199.99
CULLIGAN	WATER SERVICE	\$327.00
CVSOAN/TOM REIMERS	2022 DUES	\$110.00
DAS STATE ACCT	TELETYPE	\$580.00
DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SRVC	BOARDING COSTS	\$19,590.35
DEXTER, ED	MILEAGE	\$79.07
DIGITAL-ALLY	EQUIPMENT	\$95.00
EAGLE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	INTERNET	\$123.49
EAKES OFFICE	SUPPLIES	\$196.03
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$13.34
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$254.98
EAKES OFFICE	EQUIP REPAIR	\$119.75
EAKES	SUPPLIES	\$202.07
ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS,INC	INSPECTIONS	\$149.00
FATE-STROBEL,TRISHA	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE	\$64.17
GILG, SHARON	PHONE/TRAVEL	\$55.09
GOOD,THERESA	MH BOARD/MLG	\$132.91
GREAT PLAINS COMM	E911 PHONE	\$102.55
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$3,000.00
HAMILTON COUNTY TREASURER	COURT COSTS	\$965.87
HARTWIG, DEAN	FEES/SUPPLIES	\$132.80
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$208.00
HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY	LODGING	\$641.70
HOSTLER, CINDIE	MILEAGE	\$61.38
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$175.11
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$458.68
KLUCK,BRIAN	MH BOARD	\$252.61
KUNZ,AARON	MILEAGE	\$239.57
LA QUINTA INNS & SUITES	LODGING	\$596.00
LINE X OF GRAND ISLAND	EQUIPMENT	\$700.00



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LIVINGSTON, MARY	MH BOARD	\$215.76
MAW, DOUG	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
MCILNAY & CO	A/C REPAIR	\$476.95
MEMORIAL HEALTH CLINIC	PRISONER CARE	\$675.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$61,243.75
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$649.85
MIPS INC	SUPPORT	\$3,501.03
MIPS INC	SUPPLIES	\$297.96
MISSOURI STATE PATROL	2018 FORD	\$22,500.00
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING, INC	PEST CONTROL	\$150.00
MYERS, JENNIFER	MILEAGE/PHONE	\$64.72
NCEA-STEVE MELVIN	REGISTRATION	\$250.00
NE SECRETARY OF STATE	NOTARY FEES	\$60.00
OFFICENET	EQUIPMENT	\$28.10
OFFICENET	EQUIP REPAIR	\$102.91
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$119.94
OFFICENET	EQUIP REPAIR	\$237.87
OFFICENET	COPIER PAPER	\$911.19
OWENS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	JUVENILE SRVC	\$390.00
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$357.58
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$90.00
PLACKE, JAN	MILEAGE	\$159.38
PRO SURVEYORS ASSOC OF NE	2022 DUES	\$175.00
REIMERS, TOM	MEALS/MILEAGE	\$95.71
RHD PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$91.13
SACK LUMBER	SUPPLIES	\$25.99
SAFELITE AUTOGLASS	CAR REPAIR	\$205.94
SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR, LLC	CAR REPAIR	\$274.47
SHOTKOSKI, DALE, M	PHONE/TRAVEL	\$229.86
SIWINSKI, SHERRY	DUES/MILEAGE	\$195.26
SOLT WAGNER FUNERAL HOME	COUNTY BURIAL	\$2,000.00
STATE OF NEBRASKA	TECHNOLOGY FEE	\$203.92
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$4,420.50
STROBES N MORE	EQUIPMENT	\$475.20
T-SHIRT ENGINEERS	EQUIPMENT	\$220.00
THE HOME DEPOT	SUPPLIES	\$817.01
THE RADAR SHOP	RADAR UNITS	\$549.00
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$379.85
TRUELL, JAMES H	MH BOARD	\$216.54
TRUELL, MURRAY & ASSOCIATES	ATTORNEY FEES	\$446.50
U.S. BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$963.90
US FOODS	SUPPLIES	\$1,105.21
VISA	SUPPLIES	\$260.48
VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$1,634.61
VYVE BROADBAND	TELEPHONE	\$34.07



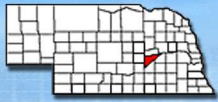
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WELLER,TOM	MILEAGE	\$133.84
WELLS FARGO VENDOR	EQUIPMENT	\$110.00
WELLS,KARA	MILEAGE	\$193.76
WEX BANK/NEW ACCOUNT	FUEL/TRANSPORT	\$4,341.54
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,131.50
WICHMANN,MARCIA	CELL PHONE	\$105.26
WIEGERT,ROGER	MILEAGE	\$62.49
WOODS & AITKEN LLP	ATTORNEY FEES	\$915.00
ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$96.10
911 CUSTOM	EQUIPMENT	\$244.00
	TOTAL	\$162,620.86

ROADS

AKRS EQUIP/FORMERLY GREENLINE EQUIP	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$306.10
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$2,502.60
BLACK HILLS ENERGY/COUNTY SHOP	GAS SERVICE	\$72.96
BOMGAARS/RDS/1805 ZENITH DR	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$75.33
BOSELMAN INC/ROADS ACCT 132357	OIL/GAS	\$7,957.74
CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$39.78
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$7.50
CUSTOM UPHOLSTERY OF NEBRASKA	EQUIP REPAIR	\$220.00
FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$49.15
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	REPAIR/LABOR	\$330.37
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$1,396.20
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$160.77
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	INTERNET	\$34.95
HERMAN, BUCKY	LAND RENTAL	\$120.00
HOOKER BROS SAND & GRAVEL INC	GRAVEL	\$3,492.99
H2 EQUIPMENT LLC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$61.81
ISLAND SUPPLY WELD/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$84.02
JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$76.34
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$20.73
MERRICK CO. TREASURER/ MISC EXP	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$1.59
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	D & A TESTING	\$29.00
MEYER, MICHAEL	POSTAGE	\$59.04
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$62.50
MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR/LABOR	\$1,329.55
MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO.	GRADER BLADES	\$999.10
MIPS INC/MONTHLY COMP SUPPORT	SUPPORT	\$132.26
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	PEST CONTROL	\$90.00
NACO/CONVENTION	REGISTRATION	\$210.00
NE MACHINERY CO./ROADS	REPAIR/LABOR	\$2,858.46
NEEL,LEE	LAND RENTAL	\$75.00
NORFOLK CONTRACTING, INC	STRUCTURES	\$78,748.00
NT&T/CO SHOP 946-3191	TELEPHONE	\$66.13



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O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$19.01
OFFICENET/RDS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$69.25
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	\$3,156.15
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRES	\$304.85
PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$36.27
R-A-D SHOP	EQUIP REPAIR	\$177.80
SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$1,453.50
SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR,LLC	CAR REPAIR	\$166.10
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT/ROADS	ELECTRICITY	\$511.07
STATE GLASS, INC.	REPAIR	\$139.80
TOTALSIR	FUEL	\$17.00
VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$210.47
VERIZON/FORMERLY ALLTEL	EQUIPMENT	\$106.08
VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	\$5,128.80
WELDON PARTS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$16.06
ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$203.45
	TOTAL	\$115,736.34

JUVENILE DIVERSION

HARLOW, STACEY	MILEAGE	\$180.32
MCNEFF, JORDANNE	MILEAGE	\$56.78
MERRICK CO. TREASURER/ MISC EXP	JUVDIV-POSTAGE	\$9.54
OFFICENET/JUV DIV	SUPPLIES	\$123.79
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$251.27
3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	EDUCATION	\$120.00
	TOTAL	\$741.70

K-9

OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL/ROADS	K-9 CARE	\$16.16
VISA/SHERIFF #8595	MISC EXPENSES	\$421.36
	TOTAL	\$437.52

INHERITANCE

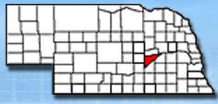
KBL CONSTRUCTION INC	LABOR/MATERIAL	\$7,920.00
VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	\$78.00
	TOTAL	\$7,998.00

COMMISSARY

CHARM-TEX	COMMISSARY	\$56.90
ENCARTELE	COMMISSARY	\$600.00
	TOTAL	\$656.90

4-H BUILDING

CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,172.01
ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS,INC	INSPECTIONS	\$85.00
SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	SECURITY	\$32.00
	TOTAL	\$1,289.01



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Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to adjourn at 11:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried
/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman
/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, Deputy County Clerk