

Merrick County Board Minutes



November 23, 2021

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, November 23 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Yrkoski, Placke, Dexter, Weller and Wiegert. County Attorney Shotkoski, County Sheriff Westman, Emergency Manager Clark and Deputy County Clerk Strobel were also present. Kucera was absent.

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. Motion: Carried.

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve the minutes from November 9, 2021 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Meeting Reports: Dexter-Safety Committee Meeting November 16, Conference Call November 17 with South Central Economic & board meeting with SCEDD on November 18; Placke-November 11th Senior Citizens for pie & coffee after the parade, Nov 16th Senior Citizen board meeting, November 18th Viaduct project; Yrkoski-Nov 16th Loup City Zoom meeting, 17th Lone Tree; Kreachbaum-November 17th quarterly meeting Mid Plains Behavioral, Nov 18th-Viaduct project. Wiegert and Weller, no meetings.

Officials Report: VSO Reimers presented his quarterly report; Assessor Myers stated that Christy Oliver passed her Assessor's exam and will be appointed Deputy County Assessor. Treasurer Gilg presented a thorough explanation of the measures she took in order for the board's approval of Resolution 2021-20 regarding Cascata Homes. Sheriff Westman presented the monthly activity report, stating that 14 out of 33 distress warrants were collected after sending out reminders. Santa Cop shopping will begin; patrol unit which was ordered last year is ready to be picked up; Westman also stated he would like to hire someone for the empty Deputy position by January 1st. He would like to use the budgeted money from that position that has not been used to date to use towards purchasing guns. Chairman Wiegert read County Clerk Marcia Wichmann's letter of resignation to the board with an effective date of December 13, Wichmann also stated that Deputy County Clerk Strobel would step into the position of County Clerk once appointed by the Board on December 14th.

Courthouse Windows: Attorney Shotkoski drafted a Request for Bids using the specs Dave Lewis had discussed with the board at the November 9th board meeting. The request states the board decided to make the capital improvement to the Courthouse, which is a public facility, in order to meet pandemic operation needs and to improve the air quality in the public facility as a further way to implement COVID-19 mitigation tactics. Shotkoski also added there would be a pre-bid walk through tour of the courthouse with Doug Maw. June 1, 2022 would be the completion date that would be requested. Moved Weller, second Kreachbaum to approve the Request for Bids draft and to publicize for the removal, disposal and replacement of courthouse windows. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

DuctMedic Air Duct Cleaning Bid: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the bid for \$4750.00 from DuctMedic Air Duct Cleaning for the second floor using the CARES Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

Parking Lot Project: Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to submit a letter to the City of Central City requesting they pay for the concrete used on the city street. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

10:00 Public Hearing: Moved Placke, second Kreachbaum to open the public hearing to amend Section 4.14 of the Merrick County Zoning Regulations. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried. Scott Stuhr appeared before the board to inform them a public hearing was held on October 21, 2021 with the Merrick County Joint Planning Commission regarding this proposal. The Commission recommends the approval of the application along with the following new wording: Livestock allowed provided the following ration is met. A). One-half animal unit for the first 7,000 square feet of lot area. B). One animal unit for each additional 10,000 square feet of lot area or portion thereof. C). No more than 6 animal units allowed on any tract of land. Moved Placke, second Dexter to close the Public Hearing at 10:09 a.m.-Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-21: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve Resolution 2021-21 to amend Section 4.14 of the Merrick County Zoning Regulations to allow limited livestock animals in a UVD-1 (Unincorporated Village District). Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried



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Interlocal Agreement: Moved Placke, second Kreachbaum to approve the signing of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Central City and Merrick County relating to, among other things, dirt work and snow removal work from November 1, 2021 through October 31, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

Resolution 2021-23: Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to approve Resolution 2021-23 directing the Courthouse Bond payment. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

Resolution 2021-24: Moved Dexter, second Placke to approve Resolution 2021-24 directing the 4-H Building Bond payment. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

Emergency Action Plan: Sheriff Westman and Emergency Manager Clark appeared before the board with the Emergency Action Plan. They stated some revisions that needed to be placed, including a continuity plan for the courthouse employees that had never been established. Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to table until next board meeting to review updates and possible approval of Emergency Action Plan. Roll Call: Ayes-Weller, Dexter, Placke, Wiegert, Kreachbaum, Yrkoski; Nay-None. Kucera-Absent. Motion: Carried.

Safety Manual: Moved Dexter, second Placke to have the Safety Committee revise the Courthouse Safety Manual. Roll Call: Ayes-Weller, Dexter, Placke, Wiegert, Kreachbaum, Yrkoski; Nay-None. Kucera-Absent. Motion Carried

Employee Identification Cards: Sheriff Westman & Emergency Manager Clark informed the board of the courthouse employee's identification cards to be worn by all staff during work hours by January 1, 2022. These will be worn by other offices within the courthouse and visitors. The ID cards can also be used for identifying individuals in case there would be a disaster of any sort by the bar code on the back.

Elected Officials Pay Increases for 2023-2027: Assessor Myers presented a handout for the Board Members regarding officials pay rates in counties in the category 2 group. These counties were broken out by taxable income and population. Weller absent at 11:29 a.m. Moved Dexter, second Yrkoski to table the 2023-2027 pay increase discussion until the December 14th meeting. Roll Call: Ayes-Kreachbaum, Placke, Wiegert, Dexter, Yrkoski. Nays-None. Kucera, Weller-Absent. Motion: Carried.

Strategy Session: Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to move into Executive Session with respect to a possible real estate transaction/purchase at 11:45 a.m. Roll Call: Ayes-Placke, Wiegert, Dexter, Kreachbaum, and Yrkoski. Nays-None. Weller-Absent. Motion Carried. Attorney Shotkoski absent at 11:58 a.m. Moved Placke, second Dexter to adjourn out of Executive Session at 12:02 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes-Wiegert, Yrkoski, Placke, Kreachbaum, and Dexter; Nays-None. Kucera, Weller-absent. Motion: Carried

November 2021 Payroll: The November 2021 Payroll was presented for approval. General: Net- \$108,873.52, Gross-\$157,220.55; Roads: Net- \$41,476.77, Gross- \$57,332.98; Juvenile Diversion: Net- \$3685.78, Gross-\$5533.11; Total Net: \$154,036.07, Total Gross: \$220,086.64.

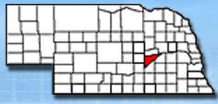
Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to approve the November 2021 payroll as submitted. Roll Call: Ayes-Dexter, Placke, Wiegert, Kreachbaum, Yrkoski; Nay-None. Weller, Kucera-Absent. Motion: Carried.

County Shop Quarterly Inspection: Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to table the inspection until the next board meeting on December 14, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes-Dexter, Placke, Wiegert, Kreachbaum, Yrkoski; Nay-None. Weller, Kucera-Absent. Motion: Carried

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 12:11 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes-Dexter, Placke, Wiegert, Kreachbaum, Yrkoski; Nay-None. Weller, Kucera-Absent. Motion: Carried

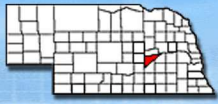
/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

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



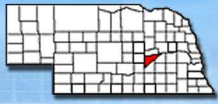
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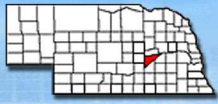
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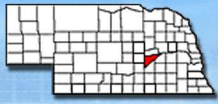
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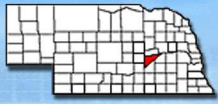
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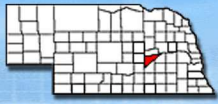
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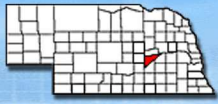
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/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman
/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, Deputy County Clerk