

Merrick County Board Minutes



December 14, 2021

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 9:08 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Yrkoski, Placke, Dexter, Weller, Kucera 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 9:08 a.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:08 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 November 23, 2021 as published. Roll Call: Ayes: Placke, Weller, Kreachbaum, Dexter, Yrkoski and Wiegert. Abstain: Kucera. Motion carried.

Meeting Reports: Weller & Yrkoski: NACO Conference December 9th in Kearney; Yrkoski: Zoom meeting with Central Nebraska Action Partners December 7th; Wiegert, Dexter, Placke: NACO Conference December 8, 9 & 10 in Kearney. Dexter had the final meeting on December 9th for the Institute of Excellence; Kreachbaum: November 30th Region 44 meeting with Emergency Manager Clark, Boone & Nance Counties, NACO Conference December 9th & 10th; Kucera: November 17th executive meeting with Mid Nebraska MNIS.

Officials Report: Assessor Myers announced that Christy Oliver was sworn in as her Deputy Assessor on November 29th and has a new employee, Deanna Bailee who started December 1st. Sheriff Westman informed the board that Correction Sergeant Aaron Benson, Ed Dexter and himself finished the Institute of Excellence training. Active Shooter training for courthouse employees will be held January 6th with Terry Baxter with NACO. Panic buttons were tested throughout the courthouse and Santa Cop wrapping will take place Sunday, December 19, 2021. Deliveries will be December 21st & 22nd. Treasurer Gilg stated out of the 418 letters sent out to parcels for past due 2020 taxes they are down to 177 left to pay. Deputy Clerk Strobel informed the Board, Wayne Bena, Deputy Secretary of State stopped in the office on December 11th for a brief visit and the State Auditors will be at the courthouse December 13th to work on the 2020-2021 audit for all offices. Strobel also wanted to take a moment to thank County Clerk Marcia Wichmann for her time & years of service, as they had worked together for 15 years.

Merrick Medical Center Update: Patrick Avila gave an update on Merrick Medical Center informing the board they are now administering pediatric vaccinations. New facility has approximately 30% of the landscaping installed. Project is still on track with an April completion by Sampson which will give them 4-6 weeks to move in and get equipment setup. Mid to late May to move in permanently. Avila stated they are currently giving tours; patient registration staff is doing coaching and customer service training. Avila also thanked Sheriff Westman for the armed intruder/active shooter drill last week at the hospital.

RESOLUTION 2021-25: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve Resolution 2021-25 in accepting the resignation of Marcia Wichmann as Merrick County Clerk and appoint Deputy County Clerk Trisha Fate-Strobel to the Merrick County Clerk position. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried

Merrick County Surveyor: Surveyor Michael Meyer submitted his resignation as elected Surveyor due to change of residency outside of Merrick County effective December 15, 2021. Moved Placke, second Dexter to accept the resignation of Michael Meyer as County Surveyor. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

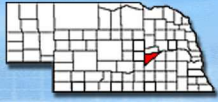
County Surveyor Position: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to write up a Resolution to appoint Mike Myer as County Surveyor for the remainder of his term. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

Employee Appreciation: Employee Appreciation dinner will be the same as the previous year. \$15 per person (with the change of) or the total of the meal by office not to exceed \$15/per person. Individual offices to decide where/when to eat and would need to be completed by June 1, 2022.

Juvenile Diversion Grant Application: Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve the Juvenile Diversion Grant Application. Roll Call: All Ayes; Motion: Carried.

Juvenile Diversion Award Packet: Moved Placke, second Kucera to authorize the chairman to sign the Juvenile Diversion Award Packet. Roll Call: All Ayes; Motion: Carried

Juvenile Diversion Inter Local Agreement: Juvenile Diversion Officer McNeff stated there is a slight increase over last year with \$4,331.00 for each county. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the Inter Local Agreement for Juvenile Diversion. Roll Call: All Ayes; Motion: Carried.



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Juvenile Diversion Amended Budget: McNeff stated the change was due to grants and is not affecting expenditure or revenue. Moved Weller, second Yrkoski to approve the Juvenile Diversion amended budget for fiscal year 2021-2022.

Roll Call: All Ayes; Motion: Carried

Surplus: District Court Clerk Good informed the board a new computer was purchased and requested approval to surplus the old computer. Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the surplus of the District Court computer. Roll Call: All Ayes; Motion: Carried.

Summit Carbon Solutions: Dayton Murty with CP Strategies appeared before the board to discuss the pipeline project in Nebraska. CP Strategies are contracted to do the government relations and public affairs work for Summit Carbon Solutions co2 Pipeline Project.

Conservation Easement: Moved Kucera, second Placke to approve the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program-Wetland Reserve Easement Joe & Rosalie Beck Revocable Trust. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

Proposal for Purchase: County Attorney Shotkoski presented a written draft for a Request for Proposals for the purchase and redevelopment of property located at 1715 26th Street, currently operated as Merrick Medical Center. This draft was written for the board if or when they would like to move forward with the process. Moved Placke, second Kucera to continue with the written Request for Proposal for purchase and redevelopment of property located at 1715 26th Street. Roll Call: All Ayes; Motion: Carried.

Rental Property: Moved Weller, Second Dexter to approve the rental of a Quonset on the east side of 25th Roads, Clarks, NE owned by Jeff Brown for \$500 a month to house two maintainers. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

Safety Actions: Sheriff Westman spoke on behalf of the Safety Committee informing the Board that Doug Maw had placed signage and tape for the stairways for safety reasons. Safety committee has been working hard, especially Maw on getting recommendations done, such as the vinyl lettering/numbers on doors/windows and stairways. Some offices have window tint and/or door locks. ID Cards, lanyards and plastic covers have all been handed out. Safety Committee also discussed installing automatic door closures, door locks plus safety windows for the Clerks and Treasurer's offices, while working on a solution for the Assessor's office. Planning & Zoning Scott Stuhr informed the Board NIRMA has a Security Grant with the award being up to \$15,000.00 the county could apply for to help with funding. Applications would need to be received by November 1, 2022.

Underground Irrigation Agreement: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign the Underground Irrigation Pipe Line Agreement between Section 36 & Section 1, Township 14, Range 8 for Terry Blauhorn. Roll Call: All Ayes; Motion: Carried.

Official Salaries for 2023-2026: Moved Dexter, second Kucera to set the base wage of the Assessor, Treasurer, District Court Clerk and the County Clerk at \$67,000. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried. Moved Dexter second Kucera to set the increase for County Attorney at 160%, County Sheriff 140 %, County Surveyor 35 % and the Supervisors 27.5% of the base rate. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried. Moved Placke, second Kucera to leave other salaries the same as prior resolution, but not to include CPI. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to have a 2.5% increase annually. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

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

December 2021 Claims:

GENERAL			
	AGRICULTURAL SERVICES INC	WEED CONTROL	\$975.00
	ANDERSON AUTO GROUP	CAR REPAIR	\$394.10
	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	INTERNET/EMAIL	\$150.00
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$914.65
	AURORA FAMILY DENTAL	PRISONER CARE	\$95.00
	BAUGHMAN, EMELIS, LIMHP	PRISONER CARE	\$50.00
	BENNER, KAREN	MILEAGE	\$4.82
	BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	CAR REPAIR	\$350.85
	BOMGAARS/CRTHSE	BLDG REPAIR	\$35.55
	BRADLEY LAW OFFICE, PC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$11,427.55
	BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING FEES	\$4,750.00
	CAVE, LORI	MILEAGE	\$27.78
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FOOD/SUPPLIES	\$125.09



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CENTRAL CITY MALL	FOOD/SUPPLIES	\$11.17
CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$53.99
CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT	CONTRACT	\$2,376.62
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$62.93
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$6.29
CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICES	\$279.40
CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$226.52
CHARM-TEX	SUPPLIES	\$60.90
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,538.79
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITY BILL	\$12.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	COURT COST	\$506.58
CODY'S COMPUTER REPAIR SERVICE	EQUIPMENT	\$959.96
CORNER DRUG	PRISONER MEDS	\$21.97
CULLIGAN/CENTRAL NE WATER	WATER SERVICE	\$179.00
DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE	TECHNOLOGY FEE	\$203.92
DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$79.08
DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	BOARDING COST	\$542.10
DEXTER, ED	MILEAGE	\$79.07
DISTRICT COURT CLERK ASSOCIATION	REGISTRATIONS	\$50.00
EAGLE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$246.98
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$14.42
EAKES OFFICE	EQUIP REPAIR	\$194.76
EAKES OFFICE	SUPPLIES	\$80.48
EAKES	SUPPLIES	\$81.66
FATE-STROBEL, TRISHA	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$109.97
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE CHARGES	\$64.17
GALUSHA ELECTRIC	SUPPLIES	\$49.86
GENE STEFFY CHRYSLER	CAR PURCHASE	\$13,471.00
GILG, SHARON	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
GOOD, THERESA	MILEAGE	\$75.04
GREAT PLAINS COMM	PHONE SERVICES	\$102.55
GREVING, NICOLE	MILEAGE	\$9.52
GT DISTRIBUTORS	SUPPLIES	\$431.25
GWORKS	REDISTRICTING	\$926.00
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COST	\$2,650.00
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$208.00
HEARTLAND RADIOLOGY	HEALTH CARE	\$24.00
HOSTLER, CINDIE	MILEAGE	\$14.90
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$451.32
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$46.49
KBL CONSTRUCTION INC	BLDING REPAIR	\$12,768.51
LA QUINTA INNS & SUITES	LODGING	\$1,379.40
LOFFLER	PRINTER	\$1,292.06
MARLIN BUSINESS BANK	EQUIPMENT	\$23,193.00
MAW, DOUG	CELL PHONE	\$30.00



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MAYHEW SIGNS	BUILDINGREPAIR	\$436.00
MELVIN, STEVE	MILEAGE	\$53.54
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$61,243.75
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$216.89
	DATA	
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$70.00
MID NEBR. INDIVIDUAL SERVICES	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$157.40
MIPS INC	TIME CLOCK	\$73.98
MIPS INC	PROG SUPPORT	\$61.00
MIPS INC	PROG SUPPORT	\$3,562.29
MOTT, MATT	BOARD MILEAGE	\$21.62
MPH INDUSTRIES, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$61.34
MYERS, JENNIFER	MILEAGE	\$138.64
NACO	HANDBOOK/DUES	\$1,876.82
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$150.00
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	NACO DUES	\$450.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$1,226.63
NE INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES	CORONER	\$2,000.00
NE SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION	HANDBOOKS	\$100.00
NNTC	PHONE SERVICES	\$280.28
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$158.11
OFFICENET	EQUIP REPAIR	\$193.95
OFFICENET	SUPPLY/EQUIP	\$307.71
OFFICENET	SUPPLY/EQUIP	\$61.12
OFFICENET	EQUIP REPAIR	\$102.03
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$141.23
OFFICENET	EQPT REPAIR	\$307.30
OFFICENET	EQPMT RENTAL	\$402.51
OFFICENET	EQPMT RENTAL	\$61.10
OFFICENET, INC	SUPPLIES	\$327.32
OLIVER, CHRISTY	TRAVEL/TEST	\$178.99
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$435.63
PALSER SERVICE	TIRE REPAIR	\$18.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$722.40
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	POST RENT	\$405.99
RAMADA INN	LODGING	\$134.82
REIMERS, TOM	MILEAGE/MEALS	\$110.50
RHD PUBLISHING	NOTICES	\$20.30
RHD PUBLISHING	SUPPLIES	\$59.99
RHD PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$675.92
RHD PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$115.94
RODRIGUEZ, MARIA	INTERNET REIMB	\$122.42
ROWLEY LAW LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$988.00
SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION	ELEVATOR EXP	\$3,159.96
SETON	SIGNAGE	\$210.22
SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR, LLC	CAR REPAIR	\$349.34



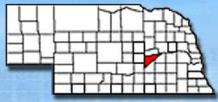
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SHOTKOSKI, DALE, M	CELL PHONE	\$128.00
SIWINSKI, SHERRY	MILEAGE	\$5.26
STATE OF NEBRASKA	PHONE SERVICE	\$264.00
STATE OF NEBRASKA	PHONE SERVICE	\$448.00
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$4,780.25
STROBES N MORE	EQUIPMENT	\$2,927.25
THE GRAND ISLAND INDEPENDENT	SUBSCRIPTION	\$602.44
THE HOME DEPOT/FORMERLY		
SUPPLYWORKS	SUPPLIES	\$264.47
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$379.85
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	MEDS	\$44.86
U.S. BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$1,655.81
U.S. BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$9.33
U.S. BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$99.00
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE	\$980.00
US FOODS/FORMERLY THE THOMPSON CO	PRISONER FOOD	\$1,894.33
US FOODS/FORMERLY THE THOMPSON CO	PRISONER FOOD	\$90.31
VERIZON/FORMERLY ALLTEL	INTERNET	\$127.25
VISA	SUPPLIES/COSTS	\$37.30
VISA	SUPPLIES/COSTS	\$48.52
VISA	SUPPLIES/UNIFO	\$525.45
VYVE BROADBAND	PHONE/TV/INTER	\$3,214.36
WELLS FARGO VENDOR	EQUIPMENT	\$110.00
WELLS, KARA	MILEAGE	\$31.47
WEX BANK	FUEL-SHERIFF	\$262.02
WEX BANK	FUEL-SHERIFF	\$4,173.05
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH	ATTORNEY FEES	\$3,296.50
WICHMANN, MARCIA	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
TOTAL		\$193,757.22

ROADS

AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$2,482.13
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$84.24
BOMGAARS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$53.49
BOMGAARS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$187.35
BOSELMAN INC	SUPPLIES/FUEL	\$14,064.47
COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO	BLDG REPAIR	\$37.65
EAKES OFFICE	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$10.19
FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$189.40
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$1,929.59
GARRETT TIRES	TIRES	\$586.40
GROSSHANS, INC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$1.76
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	\$34.95
HERMAN, BUCKY	LAND RENTAL	\$120.00
HOOKEER BROS SAND & GRAVEL INC	GRAVEL	\$6,153.10
INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$166.40
ISLAND SUPPLY WELD/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$61.95



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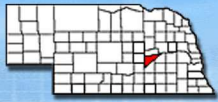
JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$80.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$62.50
MIDWEST ENGINEERING, INC	ENGINEER FEE	\$8,775.00
MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE/ROADS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$37.88
MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO.	GRADER BLADES	\$19,149.60
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	EQUIPMENT	\$262,750.00
NE MACHINERY CO./ROADS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$375.60
NE MACHINERY CO./ROADS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$1,018.30
NE MACHINERY CO./ROADS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$250.00
NE STATE FIRE MARSHAL	REG&FUND FEE	\$120.00
NEBRASKA SAFETY CENTER	TRAINING	\$500.00
NEEL, LEE	UTILITIES	\$75.00
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$66.13
OFFICENET	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$109.18
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL/ROADS	GRAVEL	\$1,266.22
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	\$2,831.00
PALSER SERVICE	TIRE REPAIR	\$369.80
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	RADIO REPAIR	\$90.66
PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$37.07
RHD PUBLISHING/ROADS	PUBLICATION	\$20.73
SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$1,541.00
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT/ROADS	ELECTRICITY	\$572.97
TOTALSIR	FUEL	\$17.00
VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$210.47
VERIZON/FORMERLY ALLTEL	INTERNET	\$31.20
VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	\$9,205.20
WELDON PARTS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$69.58
TOTALS		\$338,357.62

JUVENILE DIVERSION	HARLOW, STACEY	MILEAGE	\$174.27
	OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$62.99
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$251.08
	3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	ONLINE CLASSES	\$120.00
TOTALS			\$622.65

CANINE K-9 TOTALS	COUNTRYSIDE VETERINARY CLINIC	BOARDING FEES	\$79.68
			\$79.68

COMMISSARY TOTALS	ENCARTELE	COMMISSARY	\$300.00
	KEEFE SUPPLY COMPANY	COMMISSARY	\$770.48
			\$1,070.48

4H BUILDING FUND	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE/EXTENSION	SUPPLIES	\$182.30
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/4-H BLDG	UTILITIES	\$1,753.97



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GALUSHA ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC WORK	\$949.26
STANEK FIRE PROTECTION	SYSTEM SERVICE	\$154.00
TOTALS		\$3,039.53

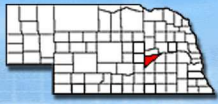
Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve the December 2021 claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes; Motion: Carried.

County Shop Inspection: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to postpone the County Shop inspection. Roll Call: All Ayes; Motion: Carried.

Adjourn: Moved Dexter, second Kucera to adjourn at 12:56 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk



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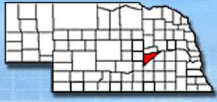
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Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to adjourn at 11:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried
/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman
/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, Deputy County Clerk