



Merrick County Board Minutes



December 28, 2021

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 9:10 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Yrkoski, Placke, Dexter, Weller, Kucera and Wiegert. Chief Deputy Sheriff Benson and County Clerk Fate-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 9:10 a.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:10 a.m. Roll Call

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 December 14, 2021 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes:

Meeting Reports: Weller helped with Santa Cop December 21; Yrkoski Long Term Care meeting on December 15, Santa Cop December 19; Kreachbaum & Weller, December 20th 4-H Building Committee Meeting; Weller & Kucera helped with Santa Cop December 19, 20 & 22nd.

Officials Report: VSO Tom Reimers presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the state and county for a program called VetraSpec. The Agreement is soon expiring and needs to be signed by the Board to renew. Chief Deputy Sheriff Benson wanted to publicly thank the Board Members who went and helped the Santa Cop program. Benson also added they will be replacing a Corrections Officer who has worked for the county for five years due to moving out of state. Hwy Superintendent Meyer mentioned Hall County is looking into overlaying from Bismarck South to Hwy 34. Merrick County would pay half and Meyer stated it is in the budget, this would require an Interlocal Agreement with Hall County.

Public Comment: David Turner from Palmer, NE appeared before the Board with questions regarding the elections with ES&S in the State of Nebraska, while also commending Merrick County.

Long Term Care Update: Emily Triplett stated the census is at 24, while hiring seven nurses, three CNA's in a month's time and are currently full staffed. There are no visitation limits at this time. Triplett also shared that once the hospital has moved, Long Term will not have access to the HVAC system as it is on Bryan's server. Prohaska is getting quotes for the HVAC control system to be on the LTC side, hopefully have by mid-January. Triplett also wanted to verify that only the hospital portion was for sale & not the Long-Term Care side, the board assured her that was the case. Amy Middleton has been promoted to VP of Operations; Rex Moore will step in to become the new Supervisor.

RESOLUTION 2021-26: Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve the Chairman to appoint Michael Meyer as the Merrick County Surveyor. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried

10:00 Bid Proposal Hearing: Moved Weller, second Dexter to open the 10:00 a.m. hearing. Roll Call: Ayes: Kucera, Kreachbaum, Yrkoski, Dexter, Weller and Wiegert. Absent: Placke; Motion: Carried. Bid from Timekey Enterprises, LLC was opened with the lump sum bid to remove, dispose of and replace designated Courthouse windows-\$235,631.00. Moved Kucera, second Weller to table the discussion of windows. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried. Moved Weller, second Dexter to exit bid hearing at 10:21 a.m., Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

Emergency Action Plan: Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the revised Emergency Action Plan. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion: Carried.

Safety Committee Improvements: Assessor Myer mentioned she met with Dave Lewis with KBL Construction regarding other options for a more secure office.

Resolution 2021-27: Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve the signing of Resolution 2021-27 establishing salaries for elected officials of Merrick County for Elective Term 2023-2026. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

Salary Increases: Moved Kreachbaum to give the three roads employees a 10.8% increase; Motion failed due to lack of second. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to increase the Shop Foreman- \$22.09; Sign Man \$18.35; Road & Bridge Foreman \$24.50. Roll Call: Yay: Yrkoski, Kreachbaum, Dexter, Placke, Kucera, Wiegert; Nay: Weller; Motion Carried with a vote of 6-1.

December Payroll: General: Gross \$172,194.27, Net \$119,912.79; Roads: Gross \$61,364.79, Net \$44,599.80; Juvenile Diversion: Gross \$5,492.86, Net: \$3,656.46; Total Gross: \$239,051.92, Net: \$168,169.05. Moved Kucera, second Placke to approve the December payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to adjourn at 11:36 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.



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/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk



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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