



Merrick County Board Minutes



January 25, 2022

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 9:06 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Yrkoski, Placke, Dexter, Weller, Kucera, Wiegert. Sheriff Westman, County Clerk Fate-Strobel were also present. County Attorney Shotkoski joined the meeting via telephone. Kara Wells, Fallon Wells, Raegan Ferraro, Hannah Siwinski, Cole Brandes were in attendance to represent the Merrick County 4-H Ambassadors.

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 9:06 a.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:06 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve the minutes from January 11, 2022 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes:

Meeting Reports: Weller-Bader Park Board meeting January 16th, Central District Health Board-January 17th, Yrkoski-January 17th, Central Action Partners financial committee meeting, January 18th CAP regular monthly meeting, January 19th Long Term Care Board meeting; Kreachbaum 4-H Building Overseers Committee meeting January 24th; Kucera January 19th Mid-Nebraska for Individual Services; Wiegert January 24th 4-H Building Committee.

Officials Report: Sheriff Westman reported they have been working to get their portion of the county shop cleaned up. New security equipment is being installed throughout the courthouse.

Merrick County 4-H Ambassadors: Kara Wells, Fallon Wells, Raegan Ferraro, Hannah Siwinski and Cole Brandes came before the Board to ask for their approval in proclaiming February as Merrick County 4-H month. Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the Chairman to proclaim February as Merrick County 4-H month. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried

Central District Health Department: Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to appoint Tom Weller to the Central District Health Department Board. Roll Call: Ayes-Placke, Kucera, Yrkoski, Dexter, Kreachbaum, Wiegert; Abstain-Weller. Motion Carried.

Interlocal Agreement: Moved Placke, second Kreachbaum to approve the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for improvements to Gunbarrel Road on the Merrick/Hall County Line between Husker Highway and Bismarck Road between counties Hall & Merrick. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Joint Planning Commission: Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to re-appoint Lynn Wiegert, Liz Gamblin and Kelly Wichmann to a three-year term to expire January 2025 and to appoint Wes Beck, Jr. to fill a vacant term for the Clarks area to expire January 2024 to the Merrick County Joint Planning Commission. Roll Call: All Ayes; Motion Carried.

Merrick County Board of Adjustment: Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to re-appoint Bob Kelley and Matt King to a three-year term to expire January 2025 to the Merrick County Board of Adjustment. Roll Call: All Ayes; Motion Carried.

10:00 Public Hearing: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to open the 10:00 Public Hearing to discuss a Conditional Use Permit Application to establish a Firearm and Ammunition Sales Business. Roll Call: All Ayes. Scott Stuhr, Planning & Zoning Administrator, informed the Board Charles Bolton of 2781 18th Road, Clarks, applied for the Conditional Use Permit. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on December 23rd, went through the findings and facts. The Commission recommended approval with the condition the applicant submits a copy of his FFL permit to the Zoning Administrator before he starts the business. Charles Bolton was on hand to answer any questions, the sales will be strictly out of his home. Moved Placke, second Dexter to close the public hearing at 10:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Resolution 2022-02: Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2022-02 relating to the Conditional Use Permit Application to establish a Firearm and Ammunition Sales Business located in part of the N ½ NW ¼ Section 24, Township 15N, Range 6W Merrick County. Roll Call: All Ayes; Motion Carried.

Building Permits: Discussion regarding Merrick County residents who do not obtain a building permit for new structures. Planning & Zoning Administrator, Scott Stuhr, by the Boards discussion would issue a first letter to remind the resident a late fee for a permit is \$250.00 fine if the application for permit is not received. A second letter would be sent out if they do not comply to the first letter that a \$250 fine will be assessed.

Resolution 2022-03: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2022-03 regarding feeds charged and collected by the Sheriff's office be turned over to the County Treasurer. Roll Call: All Ayes; Motion: Carried



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CPR & First Aid Training: Kucera stated NIRMA and/or the Sheriff's office would be able to hold a class for employees. Wednesday, March 9th NIRMA will hold two separate classes with up to 20 individuals per class, training will include CPR, AED and Stop the Bleed. Classes will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

County Burial: Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to approve county burial assistance for Kurt Haughton. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried

January 2022 Payroll: Gross General \$169,322.20, Net: \$117,819.04; Gross Roads \$62,769.15, Net: \$45,569.02; Gross Juvenile Diversion \$4,578.17, Net: 2984.99. Payroll Expenses: General \$123,642.63, Roads \$42,398.87; Juvenile Diversion: \$4,021.46. Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the January 2022 Payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 10:44 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk