



Merrick County Board Minutes



February 22, 2022

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Yrkoski, Placke, Dexter, Weller, Kucera, Wiegert. County Clerk Fate-Strobel and County Attorney Shotkoski 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 9:00 a.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 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 Placke to approve the minutes from February 8, 2022 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes:

Meeting Reports: Dexter-February 15th, SCEDD Housing call, February 22nd Annual & Regular Meeting for Merrick Economic Development; Placke-February 10th Senior Citizens meeting & February 17th helped serve soup & pie at Senior Center; Yrkoski had a conference call with Central Action Partners on February 15th and the 16th Long Term Care Meeting; Kreachbaum Mid-Plains Center meeting February 16th and 4-H meeting the evening of February 22nd; Kucera, Wiegert, Dexter conference call with the State Auditors on February 16th.

Long Term Update: Emily Triplett appeared before the Board to give an update regarding the Long-Term Care facility. Emily also presented a list of questions they would like answered regarding items that may or may not be left after the hospital moves to their new establishment. One concern being who will have control of the heating/air, it is currently on Bryan's network on the west side. Tyson Benner, Donna Jorgenson and Courtney Retzlaff were also in attendance representing the Long-Term Care Board. It was decided that each entity including the County Board would form a committee to discuss and meet in order to have some resolve regarding the concerns of Long Term Care.

DuctMedic: Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve the DuctMedic bid proposal to clean the air ducts at the Merrick County Fairgrounds. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Resolution 2022-6: Moved Placke, second Yrkoski to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2022-6 for a Federal Aid County Project BRO-7061 (27) with A & R Construction Co. to whom the contract was awarded. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Vending Machine: The State Auditors informed some of the Board Members there needs to be an Agreement between the county and person(s) taking care of the vending machines in the courthouse. Attorney Shotkoski will write up an Agreement and present it to the Board at the next meeting.

10:00 Public Hearing for Resolution 2022-5: Moved Kucera, second Yrkoski to open the Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Placke, second Weller to move out of the Public Hearing at 10:07 a.m. Moved Placke, second Weller to approve the One- and Six-Year Improvement Plan as presented by Highway Superintendent Michael L. Meyer. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

10:00 Bid Opening for Courthouse Windows: Ron Grimes bid to remove, dispose and replace 55 windows as per specifications \$78,942.48 with completion date of September 1, 2022. Ron Grimes Alternate Bid with SoftLite ELITE double hung windows with .02 air infiltration rating, \$80,333.93 with a completion date of September 1, 2022. KBL Construction, Inc bid for 51 Gerkin windows per specifications \$111,545.00. Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the Alternate Bid from Ron Grimes for \$80,333.93 that includes the double hung windows. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Flood: Mike Zmek, Steve Belitz, Jason Hank and Roger Hank were all in attendance to voice the continuing concerns regarding the flooding problem in Archer. The church and cemetery have had numerous flood problems in years past and would like to see the problem area addressed in the near future. Randy Zmek offered packets which included pictures of past years flooding and along with some possible remedies.

11:00 Bid Opening: Dan Alexander and Josh Keithley with Midwest Engineering, Inc. out of Lincoln were on hand to open the bids presented for the Bridge Replacement Project. Sections 35, 36, Township 15, Range 7 on Road 12, approximately .20 miles North of Road U. Theisen Construction-Norfolk, \$503,657.05 with a start date of June 27, 2022 and end date October 24, 2022; JJK Construction-Ceresco \$695,516.39 start date September 2022, end date December 2022; Herbst Construction-Le Mars, Iowa \$729,539.00 start September 6, 2022 end date December 31, 2022; Simon Construction-North Platte \$509,600.00 start September 15, 2022 and end date December 31, 2022. Moved Kucera,



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second Weller to accept the bid and have the Chairman sign the contract from Theisen Construction for \$503,657.05.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion; Carried

February 2022 Payroll: Gross General \$162,988.54, Net: \$113,687.95; Gross Roads \$62,321.59, Net: \$45,512.92; Gross Juvenile Diversion \$3,542.59, Net: \$2,460.26. Payroll Expenses: General \$118,869.12, Roads \$40,267.95; Juvenile Diversion: \$3,391.67. Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to approve the February 2022 Payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to adjourn at 11:21 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk



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