



# Merrick County Board Minutes



**March 22, 2022**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, March 22, 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 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 9:06 a.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke 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 March 8, 2022 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes:

**Meeting Reports:** Weller-Central District Health meeting March 21, Bader Park March 15; Dexter-Safety Committee meeting March 15<sup>th</sup>. Dexter, Placke South Central Broadband "Bridging Nebraska's Digital Divide" meeting in Kearney March 21; Yrkoski-March 15 Central Action Partners in Loup City, March 16 Long Term Care. Kucera, Mid-Nebraska Individual Services March 16. Placke, Kucera, Wiegert attended the NACO Central District meeting in Kearney March 17<sup>th</sup>. Supporting the 4-H Pancake Feed on March 17<sup>th</sup> were Kucera, Kreachbaum & Placke.

**Officials Report:** Assessor Myer informed the board as of March 19<sup>th</sup> all of the values needed to have been set. The values will have an increase due to the high sales of properties and ag-land. Veteran Service Officer Tom Reimers presented the Board with his quarterly report. Clerk Strobel told the board the ballots are being proofed & getting ready to order for the Primary Election.

**Long Term Update:** Emily Triplett with Long Term gave an update on the hospital.

**Vending Machine Agreement:** Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve making the vending machine operation as part of the maintenance job description starting April 1, 2022 and reimbursing Doug Maw for inventory currently on hand, he had purchased himself. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

**Interlocal Agreement:** Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve for the Chairman to sign the Interlocal Agreement between Lincoln County and Merrick County for inmate housing. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

**Electrical Agreement:** Highway Superintendent Mike Meyer brought an agreement for the board's approval for an electrical agreement at Section 8 and Section 9, Township 13, Range 7. Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the Electrical Agreement between Merrick County and Stoltenberg Irrigation for Darrin Brown. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

**Contract:** Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the Chairman to sign Theisen Construction contract for construction of the bridge on 12<sup>th</sup> Road. #C6112310. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried

**10:00 Asphalt Bids:** Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to open the bid hearing for asphalt bids at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Lance Harter with Oak Creek Engineering was present to open the bids. Vontz Paving was the only bid received for Road 21, Project No. OCE# 46-C-6 for 2022 asphalt resurfacing. Engineer estimate for total bid price \$665,100.00. Vontz Total Bid Price: \$666,685.90, bid bond enclosed with no addendum. Start date after June 30 with a completion date of June 15, 2023. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to close the bid hearing at 10:07 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kreachbaum second Dexter to award Vontz Paving the 2022 Asphalt resurfacing bid for Road 21. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried. Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to approve the Chairman to sign the contract with Vontz Paving for Project OCE# 46-C-6. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

**Bid Proposals:** Wegner Monument was the only proposal received to purchase property at 1715 26<sup>th</sup> Street. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to go into closed session due to possible subjection to negotiations at 10:12 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to go out of closed session at 10:48 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Payroll:** March Payroll was presented for approval. General Gross: \$153,531.53, Net: \$106,904.65; Roads Gross: \$59,275.88, Net: \$43,905.39; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$2,286.29, Net: \$1,822.80; Total Gross: \$215,093.70, Net: \$152,632.84. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve March payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Adjourn:** Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk