



Merrick County Board Minutes



June 27, 2022

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Monday, June 27, 2022 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kucera, Kreachbaum, Dexter, Placke, Weller, and Wiegert present. Yrkoski absent. County Attorney Shotkoski and 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 9:05 a.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to 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 Kucera, second Dexter to approve the minutes from June 14, 2022 as published with the correction of a missing period after Placke. Roll Call: Ayes-Kreachbaum, Dexter, Kucera, Weller, Wiegert. Abstain-Placke. Motion: Carried

Meeting Reports: Kucera and Dexter met with Zelle's HR on June 21st at the courthouse, Weller: Bader Park meeting June 21st; Dexter: Broadfield meeting with SCEDD in Minden June 15th; Kreachbaum: June 14th met with Boone/Nance County's for the Emergency Management budget. Kucera was unable to attend the June 14th Extension Board meeting.

Officials Reports: Treasurer Gil informed the Board the process of the Opioid Settlement process has started but may take some time. The prediction for Merrick County should be around \$85,000.00.

Long Term Care: Emily Triplett and Melissa Vandewalle came before the Board to provide updates regarding Long Term. They are checking in to see if Long Term would be able to become a testing/training facility for CNA. County Attorney Shotkoski stated the draft of the bid specs for a boiler and moving of the generator from Prochaska has not been received to date.

IT/Cybersecurity: Jared Daake with 5 Nines presented the Board a handout regarding IT/Cybersecurity for the courthouse. The Board would like to have a representative from 5 Nines, Applied Connective and 1 to 1 Technology to discuss this issue at the next board meeting.

Interlocal Agreement: Hilary Maricle informed the Board, Nebraska Extension is updating the Interlocal Agreements statewide. Karen Benner and Lori Cave with the Extension Committee presented the updates to the Constitution and By-Laws. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the University of Nebraska Extension Division for Merrick County with the change of the PO Box address being added. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Letter of Agreement: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the Chairman and County Attorney to sign the Letter of Agreement with Region 3 Behavioral Health Sciences Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Interlocal Agreement: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the Chairman to sign the Problem-Solving Court Interlocal Agreement between Hamilton and Merrick County. Roll Call: All Ayes.

SDL: Moved Kreachbaum second Weller to approve the Chairman to sign the Special Designated Liquor License for Merrick County Agricultural Society. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Surplus: Moved Placke, second Kreachbaum to allow Juvenile Diversion to surplus chairs and a desk as seen fit. Roll Call; All Ayes.

Bid Proposal: Moved Placke, second Kucera to accept the proposal submitted and rerun publication with the date deadline. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Courthouse Hours: Moved Weller, second Dexter to change the courthouse building hours to 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday starting July 1, 2022 with employees taking a half hour lunch break. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Zelle HR: Moved Dexter, second Placke to move into Executive Session at 10:38 a.m. for the purpose of contract negotiations. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Dexter, second Weller to move out of Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.



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Budget: FY 2022-2023 budget and salaries were discussed with the request for information regarding comparable counties wages for next meeting.

June 2022 Payroll: General Gross: \$168,610.08, Net: \$117,545.49; Roads Gross: \$64,161.68, Net: \$46,731.30; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$6,653.26, Net: \$4,420.21. Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve the June 2022 Payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to adjourn at 12:40 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk