



Merrick County Board Minutes



July 12, 2022

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 9:14 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE. Present: Kucera, Kreachbaum, Yrkoski, Dexter, Weller, Placke and Wiegert. 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 9:14 a.m. Moved Placke, second Kucera to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:14 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 Yrkoski to approve the minutes of June 24, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Weller: Finance meeting with Central District Health Department July 7th, Dexter: Merrick County Economic Board July 8th.

Officials Reports: Hwy Superintendent Meyers mentioned after advertising the used 2008 International Boom Truck and with no comparable bids, Kris Erickson purchased. Westman has been approached by Central NE Response Team it would entail one or two deputies be invoiced and would require special training, equipment which would be applied through grants. Strobel informed the Board the State Auditors will be starting on the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 audit.

VSO: Moved Placke, second Dexter to reappoint Rodney Pollard to a five-year term as a Veteran Service Committee member. Roll Call: All Ayes

Long Term Care: Yrkoski reported the last meeting was June 14th, with no one to represent Long Term Care this issue it will be put on the next agenda. County Attorney Shotkoski will get Prochaska on a conference call to discuss the spreadsheet/timeline received.

Merrick Medical: Avila appeared before the Board stating they are starting their second month of operation. ER volume is up 50% which he believes is due to location and people previously going to other facilities. They have added a OR Manager, a CNRA and looking to add a couple of Senior Leaders. The thrift store went into the old hospital to do pricing on items in the old hospital in order to try to sell items which would be open to the public towards the end of the month and after that they will donate. The courthouse and sheriff's department were also previously encouraged to take items that could be used accordingly since the hospital is a county owned facility. The goal will be to be completely out of the old hospital by the end of July 31st.

Unsold Parcels: Treasurer Gilg presented a list of parcels that did not sell at public tax sale in March and taxes still have not been paid. \$4085 is outstanding from 2020 with \$1.10 for drainage. Moved Placke, second Yrkoski to approve the list of parcels as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Auction: Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to allow Meyer to bid on unused attachments for skid steer with Adam Marshall Auction ending July 12th, spending up to \$6000.00 with the use of ARPA Funds. Roll Call: Ayes.

Lutz: Moved Placke, second Kucera to approve the Chairman to sign the Lutz Engagement Letter for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Bid Opening; Chairman Wiegert opened the bid received for the purchase of the parking lot of the old hospital. Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to accept the bid from Wegner Monument in the amount of \$21,000.00. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Handbook: Moved Placke, second Dexter to accept the revisions of the Employee Handbook to include the new hours of 8:00 to 4:30 p.m. With a half hour lunch and the Holiday Juneteenth. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Resolution 2022-14.: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2022-14 allowing the clerk to move \$610.76 from the General Miscellaneous Fund to General County Court for FY 2021-2022. Roll Call; All Ayes.

Resolution 2022-15: Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2022-15 14 allowing the clerk to move \$610.76 from the General County Fund to General County Court Fund for FY 2022-2023. Roll Call; All Ayes.

State Auditor: Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve signing the Engagement Letter with the Nebraska State Auditors. Roll Call: All Ayes.

ARPA: Treasurer Gilg submitted correspondence with Candace Meredith from NACO which states if a county subawards, that entity would need to be very specific on how the allotted funds would be spent. If the funds were to be mishandled the county would have to pay back the federal government. It was stated strong internal controls and accountability measures would need to be in place to ensure the subrecipient is spending the funds according to federal uniform guidelines. Moved Weller, second Kucera to authorize up to \$100,000.00 of ARPA Funds be used to purchase a



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new patrol vehicle and body cameras for the Sheriff's Department. Roll Call: Ayes: Kreachbaum, Yrkoski, Dexter, Weller, Kucera, Wiegert. Nay: Placke. Motion Carried with a vote of 6-1.

Human Resource: Scott Stuhr, Administrative Manager for Hamilton County came before the Board to advise them of the job duties he performs for Hamilton County.

Zelle: Moved Dexter, second Kucera to move into Executive Session at 11:34 a.m. due to contract negotiations. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to move out of Executive Session at 11:50 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Recess: Moved Placke, second Dexter to recess at 12:55 p.m., Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to reconvene as Board of Supervisors at 1:13 p.m., Roll Call: All Ayes.

Prochaska: A conference call was made with the consultant to obtain an update on the proposed project schedule. Discussion of the schedule was had along with discussion of possible other options.

Recess: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to move out of Board of Supervisors and reconvene as Board of Equalization at 1:41 p.m., Roll Call: All Ayes.

Reconvene: Moved Placke, second Dexter to reconvene as Board of Supervisors at 2:48 p.m., Roll Call; All Ayes.

2022-2023 FY Budget: The Board had continued talks concerning the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget regarding wages.

June 2022 Fees: Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to approve the June 2022 Fees from District Court, Sheriff's Department and County Clerk's office. Roll Call; All Ayes.

July 2022 Claims:

GENERAL

A & D TECHNICAL SUPPLY CO.	SUPPLIES	\$160.22
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	PHONE/INTERNET	\$923.29
AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,033.01
BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$215.85
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$33.96
BRADLEY LAW OFFICE, PC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$2,218.25
BRYAN HEALTH	PRISONER CARE	\$1,371.07
BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$3,000.00
CEDARS	JUV. SERVICES	\$625.56
CENTEC CAST METAL PRODUCTS	FLAGS/MARKERS	\$542.04
CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$47.60
CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER CARE	\$10.99
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$7.61
CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$269.36
CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$212.22
CHRISTENSEN INSURANCE	SUPPLIES	\$40.00
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$4,215.15
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	\$210.30
COPYCAT PRINTING	PRINTING	\$232.53
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	OFFICE WATER	\$240.50
DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE	TELETYPE	\$448.00
ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$89.15
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	PAPER/LEASE	\$1,509.99
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLY/EQUIP	\$109.77
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$153.88
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	\$133.41
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$28.16
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$115.57
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	MISC. EXP	\$456.31
FAIRVIEW CEMETERY	CEMETERY MAINT	\$500.00



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TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/TRAVEL	\$213.18
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	CAR REPAIR	\$60.83
FRIESEN FORD	CAR REPAIR	\$69.33
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$121.09
SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$30.00
THERESA GOOD	MEAL	\$202.47
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
GWORKS	MAINTENANCE	\$18,300.00
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING COSTS	\$755.61
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	MISC. EXP.	\$218.00
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$18.67
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$187.95
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$19.79
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER CARE	\$200.82
BRIAN KLUCK	MH BOARD	\$760.27
CAROLYN KUCERA	MILEAGE	\$76.05
AARON J KUNZ	MILEAGE	\$110.75
LAQUINTA INNS & SUITES	LODGING	\$720.00
MARY LIVINGSTON	MH BOARD	\$435.66
DOUG MAW	PHONE/SUPPLY	\$115.96
MCILNAY & CO	AC REPAIR	\$117.90
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$53.82
MERRICK CO. CLERK	MISC EXP	\$10.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$61,243.75
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT COST	\$18.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$172.25
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$328.70
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	MISC EXP	\$35.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$172.00
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$3,590.27
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE	\$116.58
NANCE COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT COST	\$27.24
NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	INVEST COSTS	\$28.50
NE SECRETARY OF STATE: NOTARY	NOTARY	\$30.00
NIRMA	INSURANCE DED	\$63,062.00
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$132.85
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$49.99
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$775.95
PALSER SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$18.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHRED SERVICE	\$35.00
PINNACLE BANK CC	SUPPLIES	\$88.13
PLATTE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY	BOARDING COSTS	\$5,169.80
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	CAR REPAIR	\$596.45
PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS ASSOC OF NE	REGISTRATION	\$100.00



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QISOFT	SUPPORT	\$306.00
QUALITY INN OGALLALA	LODGING	\$178.00
KIMBERLY J QUANDT, AAL	ATTORNEY FEES	\$2,508.00
R & D SPRINKLER SYSTEMS, INC	LAWN CARE	\$462.25
REGION III BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH SERV	SUPPORT	\$5,155.66
DEBRA ROBINSON	MH BOARD	\$95.00
MARIA RODRIGUEZ	MISC EXP	\$87.66
DALE M SHOTKOSKI	PHONE	\$30.00
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$25.21
SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORPORATION	SUBSCRIPTION	\$1,728.00
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$5,690.50
STROMSBURG SOFT WATER	MAINT AGRMNT	\$70.00
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$121.09
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$454.80
JAMES H TRUELL	MH BOARD 22-2	\$654.74
TRUELL, MURRAY & ASSOCIATES	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,045.00
U.S. BANK	SUPPLIES	\$1,957.73
UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES	PRINTING	\$143.83
US FOODS	SUPPLIES	\$872.55
US FOODS DIVISION #2365	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$2,270.44
PINNACLE BANK	SUPPLIES	\$77.47
VYVE BROADBAND	PHONE/INTERNET	\$1,455.63
VYVE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$123.49
TOM WELLER	MILEAGE	\$212.94
WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERVICES	EQUIPMENT	\$110.00
AUSTIN WELLS	MILEAGE	\$97.11
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$264.42
WEX BANK	FUEL/TRANSPORT	\$6,638.07
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$5,006.50
ROGER WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$65.29
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$29.99
TOTAL		\$215,851.78
ROADS		
ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$15,604.56
AED MARKET	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$66.50
AKRS EQUIPMENT	RENTAL AGRMNT	\$11,315.93
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$4,246.56
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$96.89
BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$161.32
BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$10,010.84
CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$1,109.96
CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS	EQUIP/SUPPLY	\$499.98
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$30.39
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLY SERVICE	\$420.56
KRIS ERICKSON	EQUIPMENT	\$35,275.00



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FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$100.10
FIREHOUSE REPAIR LLC	REPAIR/LABOR	\$1,210.96
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$1,984.81
GRONES	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$185.73
GROSSHANS, INC.	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$1,135.65
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$34.95
HERK'S WELDING SHOP	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$871.83
BUCKY HERMAN	LAND RENTAL	\$120.00
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$95.23
JACKSON SERVICE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$79.40
JELINEK ACE HARDWARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$118.49
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D & A TESTING	\$140.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS	\$3.18
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$64.80
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$136.23
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	EQUIPMENT	\$1,769.37
NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL	\$707.00
NEBR. PETERBILT - FORD	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$85.42
LEE NEEL	UTILITES	\$75.00
NIRMA	INSURANCE DED	\$63,638.00
NT&T	PHONE	\$75.12
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$38,190.62
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$113.98
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL/GREASE	\$5,815.75
PALSER SERVICE	TIRE REPAIR	\$181.95
PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$2,350.71
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER	ELECTRICITY	\$36.67
RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$414.63
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$130.48
SACK LUMBER CO	MAINTENANCE	\$157.22
SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	DIESEL	\$2,513.84
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$536.59
TOTALSIR	SERVICE	\$21.00
TRAUSCH DYNAMICS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$493.87
VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC	TELEPHONE SRVC	\$210.47
VERIZON WIRELESS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$110.10

TOTAL

\$202,747.64

ROAD BUYBACK

GARY SMITH CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.	RESURFACING	\$68,405.66
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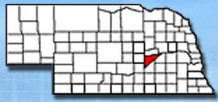
P & M TOTAL

EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	ROD SUPPLIES	\$776.82
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JUVENILE DIVERSION

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$35.09
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$16.51



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	THE CHANGE COMPANIES	EDUCATION	\$1,744.19
	U.S. BANK	SUPPLIES	\$1,764.54
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$123.76
TOTAL			\$3,684.09
K-9 FUND			
	COUNTRYSIDE VETERINARY CLINIC	K-9 BOARDING	\$26.90
TOTAL			\$26.90
ARPA FUND			
	ADAM MARSHALL	EQUIPMENT	\$5,459.00
TOTAL			\$5,459.00
INHERITANCE			
	CENTRAL PLATTE NRD	MOORES CREEK	\$73.95
TOTAL			\$73.95
COMMISSARY			
	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	COMMISSARY	\$138.16
	ENCARTELE	COMMISSARY	\$300.00
	KEEFE SUPPLY COMPANY	COMMISSARY	\$581.52
TOTAL			\$1,019.68
4-H BUILDING			
	BLACKWATER PUMPING	GREASE TRAP	\$100.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,687.53
TOTAL			\$1,787.53

Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to approve the July claims excluding the claim from Prochaska and Associates. Roll Call; All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 4:38 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk