



Merrick County Board Minutes



July 26, 2022

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 9:07 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kucera, Kreachbaum, Dexter, Placke, Weller, Yrksoki and Wiegert present. County Clerk Strobel was 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 9:07 a.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:07 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve the minutes of July 12, 2022 as published with the correction of the year changed from 2002 to 2022. Roll Call: Ayes

Meeting Reports: Weller-Bader Park July 19, Central District Health Dept annual meeting July 25; Placke-Good Life at Senior Center July 21; Placke and Yrksoki Long Term Care Board meeting July 20; Kreachbaum-4H Board Building/Overseers Committee July 18, Mid-Plains Emergency Board of Directors July 19; Wiegert-4H Building Committee July 18; Kucera- Executive Mid Nebraska Individual Services July 13.

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers stated she has reached out to the political subdivisions regarding LB644. Sheriff Westman reported he along with Deputy Dramse and Sergeant Bauer participated in Safe Police Encounters Training hosted by Autism Action Partnership and Kids & Dreams Foundation in Kearney. He also reminded the Board the K-9 Golf Tournament Fundraiser is being held August 13th at Valley View and Law Enforcement Lunch today at Pinnacle Bank.

Long Term Care: Melissa Vandewalle and Emily Triplett were present to give updates regarding Long Term Care census, expenditures and employee status change. Discussion regarding having County Attorney Shotkoski to draft a letter to the hospital in regards of a final move out date letting Long Term take over a portion of the building and being secured. Concerns were brought up regarding LTC not having full control to the HVAC system and replacing the boilers.

Prochaska & Associates: Moved Placke, second Dexter to give County Attorney Shotkoski permission to terminate the contract with Prochaska & Associates as he feels advisable. Roll Call: All Ayes

Summit Carbon Solutions: Rob Latimer and Ben Kolar, representatives with Summit Carbon Solutions submitted a packet to the Board and to give a project status update. Summit Carbon Solutions is an ag based organization headquartered in Ames, IA. They are proposing this project essentially add value and ensure long life of ethanol processing in the Midwest by removing Carbon Dioxide transported by underground pipeline system. After sequester the Carbon Dioxide in a rock formation up around Bismarck, ND forever. Ethanol will then be able to have a premium price with a reduced Carbon Dioxide component to that ethanol. Proposed for Nebraska is 318 miles of underground pipeline and around 40 miles in Merrick County. Construction is proposed for August 2023, currently they are in the process in the land acquisition, engineering and beginning to procure all of the permits. Currently in Merrick County 42% of the 40 miles of land has been secured.

10:00 Gravel Bid Opening: Highway Superintendent Meyer was present to open the gravel bids that were received for 2022-2023. Overland Sand & Gravel: Gravel F.O.B. \$15.20/T Areas 1 and 2, Mud Rock F.O.B. \$14.90/T Areas 1 and 2, Screen Mud Rock F.O.B. \$23.10/T Area 1, Fill Sand F.O.B. \$4.85/T Areas 1 & 2. Tri County Land Dozing & Excavation: Gravel F.O.B. \$10.12/T Areas 1 and 2, Fill Sand F.O.B. \$4.72/T Areas 1 and 2; Vontz Paving, Inc: \$15.00/T Areas 1 and 2, Mud Rock F.O.B. \$18.00/T Areas 1 and 2, Fill Sand F.O.B. \$5.00/T Areas 1 and 2i; Southwest Gravel Products, LLC: Gravel \$15.94/T Area 1. Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrksoki to accept all gravel bids as received for 2022-2023. Roll Call; All Ayes

SRT: Deputy Parker along with Howard County Sheriff Busch and Howard County Deputy Tartaglia presented to the Board the purpose of the Central Nebraska Special Response Team. Howard, Nance, Sherman, Custer and Valley Counties make up the team. SRT serves as a mobile team that can be activated to critical incidents involving a threat to public safety and any Search and Rescues if or when needed. Deputy Parker said he would hold fundraisers to raise the \$4,800.00 needed for the special gear.

Surplus: Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the Sheriff to dispose of a broken metal desk and six gray office chairs as he sees fit, approve Maw to sell 31 wooden chairs on social media. Roll Call: All Ayes

Applied Connective: Ed Knoll with Applied Connective was present to answer any questions the Board had concerning their service. Knoll will work with 1 to 1 Technologies to get equipment labeled so if there are future issues, the correct entity will be notified quickly and more efficiently.



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Semi-Annual Report: Moved Placke, second Yrkoski to accept the Semi-Annual Report from Treasurer Gilg as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Resolution 2022-16: Moved Dexter, second Placke to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2022-16 directing the issuance of County Tax Sale Certificates. Roll Call; All Ayes

County Burial Assistance: Moved Kucera, second Placke to approve the burial assistance request as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Budget: Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget talks continued. Steve Melvin with the Extension Office was present to ask for a wage increase for one of the part-time employees.

July 2022 Payroll: General Gross: \$165,480.94 Net: \$115,535.81; Roads Gross: \$61,327.00 Net: \$44,564.83; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$6566.48 Net: \$4631.60; Total: \$233,374.42 Net: 164,732.24

Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the July 2022 Payroll as presented. Roll Call; All Ayes

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 12:20 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk