



# Merrick County Board Minutes



**August 9, 2022**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 9:05 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 9:05 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 Kucera to approve the minutes of July 26, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes

**Meeting Reports:** Dexter-South Central Economic Development Board meeting July 28th, Merrick County Economic Board August 8<sup>th</sup>; Kreachbaum-Emergency Mid Plains Board of Directors meeting August 4<sup>th</sup>; Kucera reported the Extension Board are advertising for a new Extension Agent; Wiegert-Midland Area on Aging in Hastings August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Officials Reports:** County Clerk Strobel informed the Board the office has been working on Voter ID, Minimum Wage, Medical Cannabis Patient Protection and Medical Cannabis Regulation petitions. Sheriff Westman informed the board the deputies have been extremely busy and the jail has been full.

**F Road:** Highway Superintendent Meyer stated F Road is the cutoff road going to Marquette and is on the One- & Six-Year Plan. Teresa O'Brien, David O'Brian and Vickie Sich (residents who reside on F Road) appeared before the board to address their concerns regarding the projected increase of traffic for F Road during and after the new lake development is established. It was requested the Board consider reprioritizing the F Road paving project up to the One Year Plan as well as placing "Speed Limit" and "No Jake Brake" signs. Highway Superintendent Meyer stated he would look into getting a new traffic count and possible signage.

**Merrick Medical Center:** Patrick Avila appeared before the Board and informed them everything should be out of the old hospital today excluding cabinets mounted to the walls which will remain. The new hospital has seen the ER volume up to a 40% increase. A new OR manager will be starting the end of September and there is also a new Chief Nursing Officer.

**Long Term Care/Hospital:** Discussion regarding Long Term Care and the old hospital continued. Will need to find an electrician for the generator and a supplier for the boiler replacement.

**Resolution 2022-17:** Moved Weller, second Yrkoski to approve the Chairman sign Resolution 2022-17 directing the disbursement of money from the Inheritance Fund. Roll Call: Ayes: Placke, Kreachbaum, Kucera, Weller, Yrkoski Wiegert. Abstain: Dexter; Motion Carried

**Resolution 2022-18:** Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve the Chairman sign Resolution 2022-18 directing a transfer from the Inheritance Fund to the Road Fund to cover expenses. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Arbor Day Tree:** Moved Placke, second Dexter to allow Central Platte NRD to plant a tree in honor of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Arbor Day on October 21, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Special Designated License:** Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to approve the Special Designated Liquor Application for Nitecrawlers Bar & Grill for wedding receptions on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 20<sup>th</sup> at Riverside Dance Pavilion. Roll Call: All Ayes.

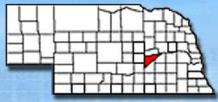
**Special Response Team:** Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign the agreement with the Special Response Team and Merrick County. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Special Response Team Fund:** Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve a new fund number be established for expenditure and revenue for the Special Response Team. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Hooker Brothers:** Highway Superintendent Meyer explained he received a mailing from City of Central City with Hooker Brothers gravel bid proposal along with the envelope postmarked July 20 while bids were opened July 26. Gravel Bid: FOB (both areas)-\$12.00/ton; mud rock \$10/cubic yard (both areas); Fill Sand \$3.00/ton. Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to accept the gravel bid from Hooker Brothers due to the evidence of mail delay. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**One- & Six-Year Plan:** Highway Superintendent Meyer presented his plan for the One & Six-Year Plan. Meyer stated he would move Project #216-Bridge abutment to be replaced W ¼ of 29-16-3 from the Six Year to the One Year Plan. Moved Placke, second Yrkoski to approve the advertisement for the One- & Six-Year Plan Hearing for August 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Executive Session:** Moved Dexter, second Placke to move into Executive Session at 11:33 a.m.; Roll Call- All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to move out of Executive Session at 11:59 a.m.; Roll Call-All Ayes.



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**2022-2023 Budget:** Discussion regarding the 2022-2023 FY Budget continued with no action required.

Weller absent at 12:50 p.m.

**July Fees:** Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to approve the July Fees as presented by District Court, County Clerk and County Sheriff. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**August Claims:**

**GENERAL**

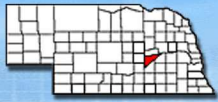
AGRICULTURAL SERVICES INC	WEED CONTROL	\$1,532.25
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY	SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$109.00
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICE	\$639.54
AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,035.32
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$4.77
BRADLEY LAW OFFICE, PC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$3,906.40
CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$50.58
CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9 CARE	\$37.45
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$74.84
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CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$318.22
CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$169.72
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,670.12
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	\$502.32
CORNER DRUG	PRISONER MEDS	\$312.37
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	OFFICE WATER	\$306.50
DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE	COMMUNICATION	\$614.50
DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$137.44
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$22.96
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$44.99
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES/EQUIP	\$236.26
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$17.99
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$722.89
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$416.64
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$672.06
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/TRAVEL	\$67.07
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
FULLERTON DENTAL CARE	PRISONER CARE	\$191.00
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$314.99
GARRETT TIRES & SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$769.80
SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$58.13
GLADSTONE, INC	REGISTRATIONS	\$439.50
GRAND ISLAND ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	CAR REPAIR	\$196.33
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COST	\$5,305.00
HAMILTON COUNTY	INTERLOCALS	\$48,500.00
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH SERVICES	\$218.00
	LAWN	
HILDER IMPLEMENT INC	EQUIPMENT	\$774.23
HOST COFFEE SERVICE	PRISONER FOOD	\$92.63



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JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$187.95
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RUSSELL KREACHBAUM	MILEAGE	\$92.50
LIVINGSTON-SONDERMANN FUNERAL	COUNTY BURIAL	\$2,000.00
DOUG MAW	MISC EXPENSES	\$262.27
MCILNAY & CO	A/C REPAIR	\$630.96
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$86.81
MERRICK CO. CLERK	RECORDING FEES	\$32.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER	\$61,243.75
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT COSTS	\$18.86
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$182.62
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	TRANSPORT	\$512.24
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$3,590.27
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	PEST CONTROL	\$150.00
JENNIFER MYERS	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
NACEB	REGISTRATION	\$100.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$40.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$450.00
NE SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION	MEMBERSHIP	\$15.00
NEBRASKA HEATING & AIR, INC	REPAIRS	\$277.67
NSA/POSAN	L.E. TRAINING	\$390.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$66.48
CHRISTY OLIVER	MILEAGE	\$142.50
OWENS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	EDUCATIONAL	\$304.00
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$525.91
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$66.32
PALSER SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$20.00
PINNACLE BANK CC	SUPPLIES	\$187.97
PLATTE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY	BOARDING COST	\$2,560.38
KIMBERLY J QUANDT, AAL	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,258.75
RHD PUBLISHING LLC	SUPPLIES	\$235.60
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATIONS	\$39.54
RHD PUBLISIHING, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$246.40
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$1,087.21
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$336.54
SACK LUMBER	BLDG REPAIR	\$18.75
NE SECRETARY OF STATE	SUPPLIES	\$100.00
DALE M SHOTKOSKI	PHONE	\$30.00
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$591.77
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$379.85
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$86.09
U.S. BANK	CONSULTANT	\$3,607.76
US FOODS DIVISION #2365	SUPPLIES	\$2,541.64
VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED SUPPLIES	\$990.50
VIGILNET AMERICA, LLC	MONITOR EXP	\$48.65



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PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$573.83
VYVE BROADBAND	PHONE/INTERNET	\$1,794.84
JAMES A WAGONER	ATTORNEY FEES	\$190.00
WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SRVC	EQUIPMENT	\$110.00
WEX BANK	FUEL/TRANSPORT	\$4,829.47
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH, CLIFFORD YRKOSKI	ATTORNEY FEES	\$4,959.00
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	MILEAGE	\$105.89
	SUPPLIES	\$189.96

## TOTAL

**\$170,380.63**

## ROADS

AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$7,234.16
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$84.51
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$193.71
BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$4,009.81
CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$145.75
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$70.70
FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$108.65
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	TIRE REPAIR	\$17.50
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$2,405.51
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	\$34.95
HERK'S WELDING SHOP	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$1,443.95
HOOKER BROS SAND & GRAVEL INC	GRAVEL	\$3,476.84
H2 EQUIPMENT LLC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$3,221.73
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$61.95
JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$85.02
JELINEK ACE HARDWARE	EQUIP REPAIR	\$2.54
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D & A TESTING	\$105.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE-ROADS	\$17.59
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$64.80
MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO.	SIGNS/POSTS	\$3,847.50
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$136.23
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	PEST CONTROL	\$90.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$40.00
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/EQUIP	\$327.25
NEBR. PETERBILT - FORD	EQUIP REPAIR	\$141.93
LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
NT&T/SHOP	TELEPHONE	\$77.00
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$37,802.69
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$20.09
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$7,897.30
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRE SERVICE	\$159.90
PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER	ELECTRICITY	\$35.78
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$22.02
SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$2,165.00

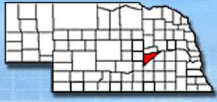




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	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$539.42
	STRAIGHT LINE STRIPING INC	STRIPING	\$75,548.50
	TOOFAST SUPPLY	EQUIP REPAIR	\$37.05
	TOTALSIR	FUEL	\$21.00
	VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$210.47
	VERIZON WIRELESS	EQUIPMENT	\$110.20
	VONTZ PAVING INC	SURFACING	\$395,000.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$29.99
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$549,469.70</b>
<b>ROAD BUY BACK</b>	THEISEN CONSTRUCTION INC.	BRIDGE	\$417,998.25
	VONTZ PAVING INC	SURFACING	\$292,355.95
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$710,354.20</b>
<b>JUVENILE DIVERSION</b>	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$32.67
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$7.62
	3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	EDUCATION	\$240.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$280.69</b>
<b>K-9 FUND</b>	PRICKLY PEAR ACRES	K-9 CARE	\$160.00
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	K 9 CARE	\$885.01
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,045.01</b>
<b>COVID FUND TOTAL</b>	PROCHASKA & ASSOCIATES, INC	ENGINEERING FEE	\$2,349.94
			<b>\$2,349.94</b>
<b>INHERITANCE TOTAL</b>	ROAD FUND	TRANSFER	\$400,000.00
			<b>\$400,000.00</b>
<b>EMER MGMT TOTAL</b>	NANCE COUNTY TREASURER	INTERLOCAL	\$3,444.10
			<b>\$3,444.10</b>
<b>COMMISSARY</b>	ENCARTELE	COMMISSARY	\$300.00
	KEEFE SUPPLY COMPANY	COMMISSARY	\$578.40
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$878.40</b>
<b>BUILDING PROJECT TOTAL</b>	JOHNSON HARDWARE CO	CONSTRUCTION	\$1,924.00
			<b>\$1,924.00</b>
<b>4-H BUILDING</b>	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,860.92
	STANEK FIRE PROTECTION	INSPECTION	\$529.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$2,389.92</b>



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Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the August 2022 claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Adjourn:** Moved Kucera, second Dexter to adjourn at 1:22 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk