



Merrick County Board Minutes



September 13, 2022

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 9:07 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 9:07 a.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:07 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Yrkoski to approve the minutes of August 23, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter-South Central Economic Development conference call, Sept. 2nd, Safety Meeting Sept. 6, Five Nines Sept. 7, Merrick County Economic Development Sept. 9th; Placke Community Redevelopment Authority Sept. 7th; Kucera-Region III August 26th; Wiegert-Five Nines Sept. 7th

Officials Reports: Highway Superintendent Meyer stated the bridge on the strip will be moving in the third week of September. Sheriff Westman made mention of the DUI Grant they were awarded along with a training session for anyone to attend. Being held Friday, September 16th in Grand Island Counter Homicide Training with Phil Chalmers. Clerk Strobel stated a petition had been collected for Supervisor District 1. Out of the 200 signatures, 183 were verified of which only 108 signatures were needed to add James Helgoth to the 2022 General Ballot. Assessor Myers gave an update on the LB644 Hearings stating three of the school districts that affect Merrick County will be holding meetings. Fullerton, High Plains and GIPS. Postcards for those affected will be mailed out. Planning & Zoning Stuhr informed the Board the new planning & zoning regulations for Merrick County will be done by the end of the year.

Public Comment: Katie Benner was present to give an update on the Child Development Center stating they will be breaking ground this week. John Tumlinson presented a handout stating grants he would be applying for regarding F & L Roads.

13th & K Roads: Highway Superintendent Meyer presented an aerial view handout of the intersection being addressed. Dick Brown was present to state his concerns regarding the intersection due to the blind intersection. Discussion led to possibilities of a four way stop, bus stop or children present signage. Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to have a traffic study done at the intersection of 13th & K Roads. Roll Call; All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution 2022-0020: Planning & Zoning Stuhr received a request from David and Rebecca Turner to vacate a duly recorded Administrative Plat. Turner's own the property include in the plat and want to vacate the plat in order to subdivide off a parcel in a different location to build another house for a family member. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2022-0022. Roll Call; All Ayes. Motion: Carried

Merrick Medical Center: Patrick Avila was on hand to give an update on the new hospital. In its third month of operation, the clinic has seen a high rise in volume.

Five Nines: Jarrod Daake, Director of Strategy with Five Nines presented a Partnership Proposal for Merrick County regarding cybersecurity. No action taken.

Utility Billing; Discussion regarding what utilities to keep at the old hospital. All utilities will remain. No action needed.

Prochaska & Associates: Curt Field, Paul Ryan and Mike Hromanik were present to discuss the possibility of continuing the prior contract with Merrick County. Emily Triplett with Long Term Care was also present. Discussion regarding HVAC continued and they stated they were optimistic of fulfilling the entire schedule. Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to proceed with the contract with Prochaska. Roll Call: All Ayes Motion Carried.

Weller absent at 11:16 a.m.

Executive Session: Moved Dexter, second Kucera to move into Executive Session at 11:26 a.m. to discuss contract negotiations and courthouse security. Roll Call: All Ayes Motion: Carried. Moved Dexter, second Placke to move out of Executive Session at 11:47 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes Motion: Carried

Emergency Management: Emergency Manager Clark gave her quarterly report.

Central Platte NRD Mitigation Plan: Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve signing the Central Platte NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution 2022-0023. Roll Call; All Ayes Motion Carried

Resolution 2022-0022: Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2022-0022 accepting the One & Six-Year Plan. Roll Call; All Ayes Motion Carried

Change Order: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Change Order presented by Ron Grimes. Roll Call: All Ayes Motion Carried



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Dust Control: Dan Feige with Dust Lock out of Winnebago, MN appeared before the board to discuss the dust suppressing agent and road surface stabilizer they offer for unpaved roads. At this time Highway Superintendent presented the Traffic Counter reports which were done on F and L Roads.

Electrical Agreement: Moved Kreachbaum, second Yrkoski to approve the Chairman to sign the Electrical Agreement for Hiram Dexter for grain bins. Roll Call; All Ayes. Motion Carried

Upcoming Positions: Discussion was held regarding the upcoming positions of County Surveyor and Highway Superintendent. It was decided to advertise for the positions. Surveyor needs to be certified and Highway Superintendent would need to be licensed. Beginning date would be tentatively March 1, 2023.

Employee Wages: Moved Kucera to approve the part time Extension office position wage to be raised to \$16/hr. Motion died due to lack of second. Moved Placke, second Kucera to approve the part time Extension office position wage to be raised to \$16.50/hr. effective September 16, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Yrkoski, Dexter, Placke, Kucera, Wiegert. Nays-Kreachbaum. Absent: Weller. Motion Carried with a vote of 5-1. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the 1-year Clerk employee and Treasurer employee office positions to be raised to \$17.50/hr. and the Clerk 3-year employee be raised to \$17.85/hr. effective Sept. 16, 2022 with no raise consideration until July 2023. Roll Call; All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Budget FY 2022-2023: Moved Dexter, second Yrkoski to approve payment to the Central District Health Department \$28,678.00 for the FY 2022-2023. Roll Call; All Ayes. Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the requested FY 2022-2023 amounts for all other political subdivisions and entities. Roll Call: Ayes, Kucera, Kreachbaum, Placke, Dexter, Wiegert; Abstain: Yrkoski; Weller absent. Motion Carried.

Inventory: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the 2022 Inventory submitted from the County Attorney's office on August 31, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes

August Fees: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the August Fees submitted from County Clerk, District Court and Sheriff's office. Roll Call: All Ayes.

September Claims:

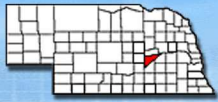
GENERAL			
	ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	PRISONER MEDS	\$5.27
	AGRICULTURAL SERVICES INC	WEED CONTROL	\$291.38
	ANTELOPE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	BOARDING COST	\$80.00
	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICE	\$867.97
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,071.03
	BAMFORD INC.	INSPECTION	\$200.00
	JULIE L BELLIS	TRANSCRIPT	\$367.50
	BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	CAR REPAIR	\$77.70
	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$200.47
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$5.99
	BOX BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	BOARDING COST	\$240.00
	BRADLEY LAW OFFICE, PC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$3,257.55
	BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING COST	\$3,400.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$40.90
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$188.16
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$28.79
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIE	\$73.94
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	BLDG REPAIR	\$162.00
	CENTURY LINK	E911 PHONE	\$273.80
	CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$214.44
	CHI HEALTH	PRISONER CARE	\$211.20
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$3,940.73
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$3,214.07
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.00
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	NOTIFICATION	\$140.00



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CORNER DRUG	PRISONER MEDS	\$503.27
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	OFFICE WATER	\$196.32
CVOSAN/TOM REIMERS	REGISTRATION	\$60.00
DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$115.89
DON'S PIONEER UNIFORMS	UNIFORMS	\$134.99
DR. COLLIS-HORIZON WEST DENTAL	PRISONER CARE	\$585.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$218.61
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES/EQUIP	\$121.95
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$396.25
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES/EQUIP	\$236.94
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$776.98
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$404.04
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$14.60
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP/SUPPLIES	\$540.33
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/TRAVEL	\$92.98
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	CAR REPAIR	\$470.79
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE	\$128.34
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$517.49
SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$30.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY COURT-DISTRICT NINE	COURT EXPENSE	\$2.50
HAMILTON CO ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	INTERLOCAL	\$7,250.00
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COST	\$2,421.00
DEAN HARTWIG	CONFERENCE	\$50.00
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH SERVICES	\$235.00
HEINS LAWN & LANDSCAPE INC	LAWN CARE	\$67.00
HOST COFFEE SERVICE	PRISONER FOOD	\$59.93
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$71.75
JACKSON SERVICES	RUG SERVICE	\$385.64
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$217.35
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$61.87
JOHNSON CONTROLS SECURITY SOLUTIONS	SECURITY	\$500.00
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$1,279.06
DOUG MAW	PHONE/SUPPLIES	\$48.48
DUSTIN MAW	SIGNAGE	\$91.00
MCILNAY & CO	BLDG REPAIR	\$702.60
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$29.00
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AURORA	PRISONER CARE	\$1,378.50
MENARDS	EQUIPMENT	\$354.52
MERRICK CO. CLERK	RECORDING FEES	\$16.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT COSTS	\$1,935.13
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$61,243.75
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXP	\$279.24
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$560.90
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	IMAGING	\$35.00



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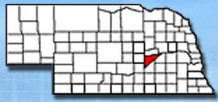
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$2,590.27
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$389.70
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$610.00
NANCE COUNTY TREASURER	INTERLOCAL	\$8,680.77
NE COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION	SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$1,057.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$465.00
NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL AGENCY	INSPECTION	\$120.00
NNTC	E911 PHONE	\$265.70
NORFOLK LODGE & SUITES	LODGING	\$437.96
NORTHEAST NE JUVENILE SERVICE	INSTITUTION	\$1,722.50
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$41.52
OWENS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC	EDUCATION	\$798.00
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$390.21
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$35.00
PLATTE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY	BOARDING COST	\$2,450.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$1,407.32
PLATTE VALLEY WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	MEMBERSHIP FEE	\$300.00
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	POSTAGE METER	\$811.98
R-A-D SHOP	BLDG REPAIR	\$16.65
RAMADA INN	LODGING	\$154.00
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$406.07
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$366.95
SACK LUMBER	SUPPLIES	\$108.46
SACK LUMBER	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$34.54
SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR, LLC	CAR REPAIR	\$225.50
DALE M SHOTKOSKI	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$80.50
SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORPORATION	SUBSCRIPTION	\$372.00
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$580.00
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$6,417.25
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$488.52
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$454.80
TOTAL AUTO BODY	CAR REPAIR	\$500.00
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$97.18
U.S. BANK	CONSULT/SUPPLI	\$3,761.06
US FOODS DIVISION #2365	SUPPLIES	\$2,926.18
PINNACLE BANK	SUPPLIES	\$14.99
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$198.55
VYVE BROADBAND	PHONE/INTERNET	\$1,797.85
VYVE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$246.98
WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERVICES	EQUIPMENT	\$110.00
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$70.50
WEX BANK	FUEL	\$5,222.03
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH LAW FIRM	ATTORNEY FEES	\$14,563.50
TOTAL		\$165,267.75



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ROADS	AKRS EQUIPMENT	EQUIP REPAIR	\$584.87
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$3,465.80
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$96.89
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$144.62
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	OIL & GREASE	\$1,398.26
	CYNTHIA CATLETT	MILEAGE	\$34.38
	CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$43.99
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$132.14
	FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$61.80
	GARY SMITH CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.	RESURFACING	\$1,072.40
	GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$2,067.93
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$34.95
	HANSEN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK INC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$3.01
	HERK'S WELDING SHOP	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$678.05
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$200.39
	JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$133.62
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE-ROAD	\$13.68
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$64.80
	MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$136.23
	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	EQUIP REPAIR	\$104.88
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$5,009.42
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES/CDL	\$106.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE	\$74.75
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$80.98
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$29,244.79
	PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$105.00
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	OIL & FUEL	\$38,327.08
	PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	RADIO REPAIR	\$1,874.94
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$36.26
	SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$3,167.75
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$565.38
	TOTALSIR	SERVICE	\$21.00
	VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$210.47
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$110.20
	ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$191.45
TOTAL			\$91,948.87
ROADBUY BACK	THEISEN CONSTRUCTION INC.	BRIDGE	\$76,690.55
TOTAL			\$76,690.55
JUVENILE			
DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$81.88
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$54.38
	JORDANNE MCNEFF	MILEAGE	\$15.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POST-JUVENILE	\$7.37



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	REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY, INC	SUPPLIES	\$22.86
	U.S. BANK	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$160.49
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$1.26
	3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	EDUCATION	\$180.00
TOTAL			\$523.24
K-9 CARE	VALLEY VIEW PRO SHOP	K-9 EVENT	\$2,280.00
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	K-9	\$233.29
TOTAL			\$2,513.29
COVID/ARPA	RON GRIMES/R. G TURNKEY CONSTRUCTION	WINDOW REPLACE	\$23,063.85
	PROCHASKA & ASSOCIATES, INC	ENGINEER FEE	\$37,991.00
TOTAL			\$61,054.85
COMMISSARY	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$104.02
	ENCARTELE	COMMISSARY	\$300.00
TOTAL			\$404.02
4-H BUILDING FUND	RATHMAN & MANNING CORP	BLDG REPAIR	\$360.00
TOTAL			\$360.00

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the September 2022 Claims as presented. Roll Call; All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 2:12 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk