



Merrick County Board Minutes



September 27, 2022

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kucera, Yrkoski, Dexter, Kreachbaum, Placke, Weller, and Wiegert present. County Attorney Shotkoski and Clerk Assistant Crouch were also present, County Clerk Strobel absent.

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 mailed 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 Dexter 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 Dexter, second Yrkoski to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022 as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Weller: September 19, Central District Health; Dexter: Sept. 19th Hamilton Communications regarding IT proposal; Yrkoski: Sept. 20th zoom meeting with Central NE Action Partners, Sept. 21st Long Term Care; Kucera: Sept. 15 MNIS; Kreachbaum: Sept 16 NE Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards in Lincoln; Kreachbaum and Wiegert: Sept 19th 4-H Overseers Committee; Placke, Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Kucera, Dexter: Central District Meeting in Aurora Sept.15th.

Official's reports: Veteran Service Officer Reimers presented his quarterly report. Treasurer Gilg stated 20-day delinquent notices for distress warrants were mailed out and they have collected 96.9% of the 2021 real estate taxes. Sheriff Westman reported they have started ordering the SRT equipment, some of the staff attended the Phil Chalmers Training and the Chapman and Palmer Fall Festivals.

Long Term Care: Emily Triplett provided an update for Long Term Care.

Budget Hearing: Moved Placke, second Dexter to open the Budget Hearing at 9:30 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Placke, second Kucera being no questions or concerns to close the Budget Hearing at 9:37 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Tax Request Hearing: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to open the Tax Request Hearing at 9:38 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Placke, second Kucera to close the Tax Request Hearing at 9:42 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Allocation Plan: Moved Weller, second Yrkoski to approve the Chairman to sign the Countywide Cost Allocation Plan for FY 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes

Window Treatments: Window treatments purchases will come out of Building/Grounds Funds. No action needed.

Existing Window: Ron Grimes informed the board he reduced the quote \$50 on the previous change order to \$700.00 for both windows on the first floor. He offered a quote of \$8,000.00 for five new windows including wrap on the 4th floor. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the \$700.00 change order. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve the \$8,000.00 for five new windows on the 4th floor using ARPA funds. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Fiscal Year Budget: Moved Placke, second Yrkoski with no further discussion to approve the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried. Moved Placke, second Dexter to accept the unused budget authority for \$1,782,709.92. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to increase restricted funds by an additional 1%. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Placke, second Yrkoski to have a special meeting, Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. to accept the Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations for Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes

Executive Session: Moved Dexter, second Placke to move into Executive Session for Cybersecurity negotiations at 10:28 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Placke to move out of Executive Session at 10:48 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.



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Cybersecurity: Moved Dexter, second Placke to accept Five Nines contract for Cybersecurity. Roll Call: All Ayes.

SDL Applications: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve Special Designated Liquor Licenses to Prairie Creek Vineyards, LLC, October 8, 2022 at Wild Roots Greenhouse-Fall Festival; Nitecrawlers Bar & Grill, October 8, 2022 at Merrick Co 4-H Building-wedding; Eagles Club #3795, October 22, 2022 at Merrick Co 4-H Building-wedding. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried

Clerical Wage: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to set the starting clerical wage at \$17/hr. excluding county officials. Roll Call: All Ayes.

September 2022 Payroll: September 2022 payroll was presented to the Board for approval: General Gross: \$180,528.40 Net: \$127,799.15; Roads Gross: \$71,358.46 Net: \$51,574.79; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$7200.00 Net: \$5,081.75 Moved Weller, second Yrkoski to approve the September 2022 payroll. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to adjourn at 11:20 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trish Fate-Strobel, Merrick County Clerk