



Merrick County Board Minutes



October 25, 2022

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, October 25, 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 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 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 Weller to approve the agenda as presented with the correction of removing the Application for Exemption. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Yrkoski to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022 as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: NIRMA (Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Assoc) meeting in Kearney was attended by Kucera, Placke, Dexter, Weller and Wiegert October 20-21. Weller-Bader Park October 18; Dexter-Long Term Care/Prochaska & Associates, October 24; Placke-October 21 attended the tree planting ceremony at the courthouse. CPNRD, NE City Tourism and Arbor Day Foundation representatives were also in attendance; Kreachbaum-DOT Board meeting October 21 in Lincoln; Yrkoski-(CNAP) Central Nebraska Action Partners in Loup City October 18, Long Term Care October 19 and a zoom meeting with Prochaska & Associates October 24.

Officials Report: County Clerk Strobel stated the ballots had been mailed on October 19th and the office will remain open until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 28th for any new registrations or updates.

Public Comment: Katie Benner approached the board regarding child care funding from the ARPA Funds.

Summit Carbon Solutions: Ben Fuller and Trent Neace provided updates regarding the pipeline progress in Merrick County.

Quarterly Reports: Weed Superintendent Dean Hartwig presented his quarterly report along with handouts for each member.

Board Meeting: Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the Monday, November 7 BOE/BOS Meetings be moved to Tuesday, November 8th. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Surplus: Moved Weller, second Dexter to allow the Roads Dept to surplus a Pettibone 4x4 Forklift, 1969 Homemade Utility Trailer and a 1985 Chevrolet S10 Pickup. Roll Call: All Ayes

Concrete: Maintenance Supervisor Maw presented quotes he was given from Precision Concrete-Omaha. Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve the \$8,746.00 for sidewalks and \$2,486.00 for curbs around courthouse. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Townships: Discussion was held regarding vacancies in the County's Townships and steps to take if vacancies continue. No action needed.

Monies: Treasurer Gilg stated there are possible monies for the county through Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund with very few restrictions. Moved Placke, second Kucera to have Treasurer Gilg apply for monies through Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Long Term Care: Prochaska & Associates met in person with the Board along with Emily Triplett via telephone. Triplett provided an update on Long Term Care. Michael Hromanik, Paul Ryan, Steve Johnson and Tom Hawk were available for any questions from the Board regarding the utility separation project and progression for Long Term Care. Updated estimates given were plumbing \$371,000, mechanical \$740,000, Electrical \$242,000 and \$30,000 for architectural. The estimate would be approximately \$1.4 million and possibly decide to have a contingency fund for any possible unforeseen conditions.



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Executive Session: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to move into Executive Session at 11:33 a.m. regarding litigation involving the County. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Placke, second Kreachbaum to move out of Executive Session at 11:43 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

October 2022 Payroll: October 2022 payroll was presented to the Board for approval. General Gross: \$172,981.42, Net: \$123,573.65. Roads Gross: \$56,381.83, Net: \$40,779.29 Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$6,494.88, Net: \$4,582.28. Total Gross: \$235,858.13, Net: \$168,935.22.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to approve the October 2022 payroll. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to adjourn at 11:46 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trish Fate-Strobel, Merrick County Clerk