



Merrick County Board Minutes



November 22, 2022

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, November 22, 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 Placke, second Dexter to approve the agenda as presented Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2022 as presented with the correction of omission of no action taken regarding the purchase for a plaque requested for the tree planted for the 150th Anniversary of Arbor Day. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Weller: Central District Health November 11; Placke helped serve pie and coffee at the Senior Center after the Veteran's Day Parade. Yrkoski: Central Action Partners zoom meeting November 15 and Long-Term Care November 16; Kreachbaum: Mid Plains Center in Grand Island November 16 and November 18, Board of Public Roads meeting in Lincoln; Kucera: Mid Nebraska Individual Services November 16.

Emily Triplett with Long Term Care appeared before the board to give an update. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum approved the Chairman to sign the SDL Application for Balz, Inc for November 30, 2022-Men's Night at the Youth and Ag Education Center Roll Call: All Ayes.

Michelle Simmons and Cynthia Catlett appeared before the board to discuss the benefits of memberships to The Fitness Center. No action taken.

Moved Weller, second Dexter to move into Executive Session for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual at 9:29 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to move out of Executive Session at 9:56 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

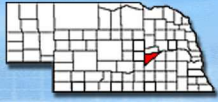
Moved Placke, second Dexter to open the Public Hearing at 10:01 a.m. for Resolution 2022-28 for a conditional use permit for leased campground. Roll Call: All Ayes. Planning & Zoning Scott Stuhr stated the River Rat Association applied for a conditional use permit for a leased campground on piece of property in part of the SE ¼ Section 12, Township 13 North, Range 6 West. Planning Commission added some conditions to the permit. One condition is the permit gets reviewed by the Planning & Zoning administrator every year and second that the leased ground only goes to the River Rats Association. Jeff Brandenburg, President of the River Rats Association addressed the board on how the leased ground is used by the Association and the contributions made to the community. Stuhr read an open letter he received via email from local landowner Lonnie Shoup requesting a "quiet time" be put into place for local residents. The request for "quiet time" would start at 12:00 a.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to close the Public Hearing at 10:18 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve and have the Chairman sign Resolution 2022-28 for a conditional use permit for a leased campground on a tract of ground located in part of the SE ¼ & undeeded accretion, Section 12, Township 13 North, Range 6 West, Merrick County, Nebraska. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to publish vacancies of the Township Boards. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to open the public hearing 10:30 a.m. on a preliminary plat subdivision on a tract of ground located in the E 1/2, NE ¼, Section 19, Township 12 North, Range 7 West. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Planning and Zoning Stuhr stated the original plat had 41 lots and a road going around the entire subdivision and the new proposed has 38 lots with the southwest corner to extend the lake to the property lines. Jeremy Vlcek of Chapman was present for any questions from the board. Moved Placke, second Dexter to close the public hearing at 10:47 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.



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Moved Kucera, second Dexter to open the public hearing at 10:47 a.m. for a final plat subdivision on a tract of ground located in the E 1/2, NE ¼, Section 19, Township 12 North, Range 7 West. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to close the public hearing at 10:53 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2022-29 with the addition of completion by June 2026 for a final plat subdivision on a tract of ground located in the E1/2, NE ¼, Section 19, Township 12 North, Range 7 West, Merrick County Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Yrkoski to approve the Chairman to sign the Nebraska Department of Transportation Master Agreement. Roll Call: All Ayes

Officials Report: Assessor Myers informed the board there will be a TERC hearing January 20 in Grand Island for a property in Chapman. Clerk Strobel reported on the general election and the Sam.gov membership.

Treasurer Gilg updated on the board on the levies and tax statements. Sheriff Westman building improvements continue at the jail. Two new deputies have been hired. Chief Sheriff Benson transferred to the training center and Deputy Bauer was promoted to Captain. Santa Cop donations are welcome and encouraged.

Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve the Chairman to sign the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Central City for dirt work and snow removal. Roll Call: All Ayes

Paul Ryan and Curt Field updated the board on the plans for the utility separation project at Long Term Care and the old hospital. Tom Hawk, Senior Electrical Engineer (not present) feels a docking station will be needed for the emergency generator serving Long Term Care which would increase the cost approximately \$15,000. Pre-bid walk throughs will be held December 8th at 11:00 a.m. and proposals to be in by December 22nd with a completion date of October 31, 2023.

Weller absent at 11:28 a.m.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the quote from M & O Door to tear down and install the maintenance entry door and garage door for the price of \$6,573.72. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2022-30, directing the courthouse bond payment. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2022-31 directing the 4-H bond payment. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2022-32 creating the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

November 2022 Payroll: November 2022 payroll was presented to the Board for approval. General Gross: \$163,892.11, Net: \$116,867.32 Roads Gross: \$62,623.83, Net: \$45,929.07 Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$6,833.88, Net: \$4,823.18. Total Gross: \$233,349.82, Net: \$167,619.57.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the November 2022 payroll. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 11:56 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trish Fate-Strobel, Merrick County Clerk