



Merrick County Board Minutes



December 27, 2022

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at 9:15 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 9:15 a.m.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:15 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Agenda: Moved Dexter, second Yrkoski to approve the agenda. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Dexter, Placke, Wiegert attended NACO (National Association of County Officials) December 14th thru 16th in Kearney. Dexter, Weller, Kucera and Wiegert helped wrap and deliver gifts for Santa Cop December 19, 20 and 21st. Dexter, Placke, Yrkoski and Wiegert were present for the Bid Opening regarding Long Term Care on December 20th at the courthouse. Dexter-Housing authority meeting with SCEDD December 20; Placke-discussed with City Administrator Chris Anderson regarding the utility billing for the old hospital/Long Term Care. December 20th-Good Life/Merrick County Senior Citizens meeting; Kreachbaum-December 19-4H Building Overseer's, December 20th-Mid Plains Behavioral Health meeting in which a new CEO was hired; Wiegert-December 19-4H Overseers meeting.

Official Reports: Treasurer Gilg gave an update on the new license plates and they should be receiving the remainder by January 31st. Highway Superintendent Meyer stated the roads department has sold more items at auction. Sheriff Westman addressed that board in thanking everyone for their help with Santa Cop. Clerk Strobel mentioned she will be attending the NACO County Clerk/ROD/Election Commissioners orientation in Kearney, January 12th and 13th.

Resolution 2022-35: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve Resolution 2022-35 adopting the Merrick County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Roll Call: All Ayes
Emergency Manager Jenna Clark gave her quarterly update.

Resolution 2022-33: Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to have the Chairman sign Resolution 2022-33 approving payroll after time has been worked and before payments are issued to employees due to weeks the board does not meet. Roll Call: All Ayes

SDL Applications: Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve Special Designated Liquor Applications submitted by Independent Club, LLC/JAP. January 18, 2023 at the Merrick County Fairgrounds for Gavilon event 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. January 21, 2023 at the Merrick County Fairgrounds for the Chamber Gala, 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Townships: Moved Weller, second Yrkoski to approve the appointment of the following Township Board Members: Loup-Mickey Davis, Michael Thompson and Andy Thompson; Prairie Creek-Steve Wichmann, Michael Peters and Lori Parachini; Lone Tree-Katie Reeves, Tim Williams and Scott Ritta; Midland-Matt King, Brandon McNeff and Trent VanPelt; Vieregg-Monte Stelk, Lynn Wiegert and Sally Schuett. Roll Call: All Ayes

CISA Services: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to enroll for services with CISA and Five Nines being the Point of Contact if approved by Five Nines. Roll Call: All Ayes

Surveyor/Highway Superintendent: Moved Dexter, second Weller to appoint Mike Meyers as interim County Surveyor/Highway Superintendent. Roll Call: All Ayes

Property Rent: Moved Dexter, second Weller to pay Clifford Yrkoski \$120.00/month for rent on parking county maintainer on the Yrkoski property. Roll Call: Ayes-Kucera, Kreachbaum, Placke, Dexter, Weller and Wiegert. Abstain-Yrkoski. Motion Carried



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10:00 Public Hearing: Moved Placke, second Dexter to open the 10:00 a.m. Public Hearing. Roll Call: All Ayes. Planning & Zoning Stuhr presented the application and stated a conditional use permit will still be required. Blake Glynn was also present to address any questions or concerns. Moved Dexter, second Placke to close the Public Hearing at 10:08 a.m.

Resolution 2022-34: Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve the chairman to sign Resolution 2022-34 approving an application for amendment to Table 4.08.1 of the Merrick County Zoning Regulations to lessen the setback requirements for Private Air Strips not including landowners' residence from ½ mile to ¼ mile. Roll Call: All Ayes

County Administrator/Human Resource: Discussion was held regarding the possibilities of a position of County Administrator/Human Resource. Personnel Committee will work on developing a job description and the officials on what benefits they may gain having someone at that position. No action required.

Long Term Care: Paul Ryan with Prochaska & Associates informed the board that at the Bid Opening for the Litzenberg Memorial Long-Term Care Utility Separation Project was held on December 20th at the courthouse, there was only one bid submitted. Rutt's Heating & A/C, Inc base bid for the project was \$2,405,400.00 with an allowance of \$18,000.00 for sanitary sewer cleaning and inspection. Total bid price: \$2,423,400.00 with a proposed start date of April 1, 2023 and proposed completion date of September 30, 2023. The bid is good for 60 days. The board concluded to hold a Special Joint Town Hall Meeting with the board from Long Term on January 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Merrick County Fairgrounds. The purpose is to allow the boards to listen to any concerns and/or suggestions from constituents. The meeting is open to the public and Paul Ryan with Prochaska & Associates will also be in attendance.

December 2022 Payroll: December 2022 payroll was presented to the board for approval. General Gross: \$165,579.06, Net: \$117,508.28; Roads Gross: \$61,260.48, Net: \$44,852.94; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$6,646.86, Net: \$4,690.40 Total Gross: \$233,486.40, Net: \$167,051.62

Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the December 2022 payroll. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Placke, second Kucera to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trish Fate-Strobel, Merrick County Clerk