

# Merrick County Board Minutes



**January 10, 2023**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Weller, Kucera 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 9:00 a.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors and to reorganize at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Weller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Minutes:** Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve the minutes from December 27, 2022 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes:

**Chairman:** Moved Weller, second Dexter to nominate Roger Wiegert as Board Chairman for 2023. Roll Call; Ayes: Kucera, Weller, Placke, Dexter, Jarecke, Kreachbaum. Abstain: Wiegert. Motion: Carried

**Vice Chairman:** Moved Dexter, second Weller to nominate Caroline Kucera as Vice Chairman for 2022. Roll Call: Ayes: Placke, Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Dexter, Weller, Wiegert. Abstain: Kucera. Motion: Carried.

**Appointment of Supervisors as the Board of Equalization:** Moved Placke, second Dexter to appoint the Board of Supervisors as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**2023 meeting schedule:** Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the 2023 meeting schedule with the Board of Supervisor and Board of Equalization meetings being the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month to be held at the Merrick County Courthouse at 1510 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Central City, NE Roll Call: All Ayes

**Holidays:** Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the holidays for 2023 as presented for all non-union employees. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Official means of publication:** Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the Palmer Journal, Republican Nonpareil, and the County Website as the official means of publication for 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**County Depository Banks:** Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to designate the Bank of Clarks located in Clarks, NE, Farmers State Bank, a branch of the Bank of Clarks, located in Silver Creek, Citizens Bank, Cornerstone Bank, and Pinnacle Bank Central City, located in Central City, and Pinnacle Bank Palmer, located in Palmer as the county depository banks and NPAIT as a depository for Merrick County. Roll Call: All Ayes

**County NIRMA Bond:** Moved Kucera, second Placke to adopt the blanket bond of Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) insured under Certificate of Insurance Master Policy #N-CR0607-46, Producer NIRMA, Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association, a Risk Management Pool, at Lincoln, NE. Said blanket bond continues as long as Merrick County is a member county of NIRMA and said Master Policy #N-CR0607-46 remains in effect. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Pre-designated Grievance Board:** Moved Placke, second Kucera to approve all officials to the Grievance Board as stated in the handbook. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**NIRMA contact:** Moved Kucera, second Placke to appoint the County Clerk as the 2023 NIRMA contact person. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Highway Superintendent:** Moved Kucera, second Jarecke to appoint Mike Meyer as the interim Merrick County Highway Superintendent and to designate him to negotiate the Right of Way Agreements for Merrick County for 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**NRD Advisory Committee:** Moved Jarecke, second Kucera to appoint Mike Meyer to the advisory committee for the NRD for 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Emergency Management & Homeland Security Program:** Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to appoint Jenna Clark to the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program of the East Central Region for Planning, Exercise, Training, and Interoperable Communications. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**E-911 surcharges:** Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to set the E-911 surcharge rates at \$1.00. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Committees:** Board Chairman appointed board members to committees. All members serve on the budget, road and weed committees as well as board of corrections.

**Meeting Reports:** Weller, Dexter, Kreachbaum and Wiegert attended the Problem-Solving Graduation on January 9. Dexter-met with Five Nines January 4, Merrick County Economic Development Board, Tabitha Healthcare January 9;



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Placke met with Chris Anderson, City Administrator and Jeff Trumble regarding the utility billing at the old hospital and Long-Term Care.

Kreachbaum Central City Council meeting; Placke, Dexter, Kucera, Kreachbaum, Wiegert attended the Meet and Greet for Emily Soll January 5; Weller, Kucera and Wiegert January 4<sup>th</sup> conducted interviews for Highway Superintendent/Surveyor. Jarecke zoom meeting with Pam Bourne of NIRMA. All board members were sworn in on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Official Reports:** Treasurer Gilg reported all of the license plates have been received.

**Long Term Care:** Discussion was held regarding the upcoming Town Hall meeting. No action required.

**Surplus:** Moved Placke, second Dexter to allow the roads department to surplus a 48x60 floor mat. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to recess at 10:21 a.m. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Placke to reconvene as Board of Supervisors at 10:24 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

**Resolution 2023-1:** Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-1 directing the Treasurer to transfer \$300,000.00 from Road Fund to Inheritance Fund for money borrowed. Roll Call: All Ayes

**Resolution 2023-2:** Moved Jarecke, second Kucera to approve Resolution 2023-2 directing the County Treasurer to transfer from Inheritance Fund to General Fund to cover any necessary payroll/claims when/if needed. Roll Call: All Ayes

**Sheriff:** Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve the Deputy Sheriff's salary changes as budgeted for 2022-2023. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Jarecke absent 10:37 a.m.

**Executive Session:** Moved Kucera, second Dexter to move into Executive Session for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual at 10:48 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

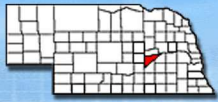
Moved Kucera, Second Placke to adjourn from Executive Session at 11:29 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**County Administrator/Human Resource:** Discussion was held regarding a possible Human Resource or County Administrator position. No action taken.

**Fees:** Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the December 2022 fees as presented by the County Sheriff, District County Clerk and the County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes

## January Claims:

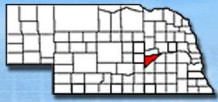
<b>GENERAL</b>	AB TREE & LAWN	LAWN CARE	\$1,955.52
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,080.92
	AXON ENTERPRISE, INC	CONTRACT FEE	\$1,710.00
	BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	CAR REPAIR	\$601.85
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$107.66
	BRADLEY LAW OFFICE, PC	COURT COSTS	\$3,234.75
	CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT	CONTRACT	\$7,169.40
	CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$270.36
	CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$212.72
	CITIZENS BANK & TRUST COMPANY	RENTAL	\$8.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$20,570.73
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.00
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$235.52
	CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	LODGING	\$1,169.55
	ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$88.63
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$132.22
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$201.60
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	EQUIP/SUPPLIES	\$252.31
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	SUPPLIES	\$177.97
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$331.42
	TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	TRAVEL/SUPPLY	\$286.90
	FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	AGREEMENT	\$11,111.10
	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17



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GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$364.15
SHARON GILG	PHONE/TRAVEL	\$124.71
ROYCE GONZALES	REGISTRATION	\$125.00
THERESA GOOD	MILEAGE	\$97.50
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$95.88
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$1,550.00
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$235.38
HEINS LAWN & LANDSCAPE INC	ICE REMOVAL	\$85.00
HERK'S WELDING INC	BLDG REPAIR	\$23.75
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS OMAHA SOUTH	LODGING	\$98.00
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS	LODGING	\$1,559.35
HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY	LODGING	\$129.95
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	\$370.65
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$17.15
JACKSON SERVICES	SUPPORT SRVC	\$216.60
DISTRICT COURT JURY	JURY DUTY	\$3,786.27
RUSSELL KREACHBAUM	MILEAGE	\$97.37
LA QUINTA INNS & SUITES	LODGING	\$839.65
BILL MACK	FUEL	\$8.50
MARLIN LEASING CORPORATION	EQUIPMENT	\$2,041.66
DOUG MAW	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
MCILNAY & CO	HOSPITAL INSPE	\$300.00
MCILNAY AND COMPANY	BLDG REPAIR	\$434.51
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$120.62
MERRICK CO. CLERK	RECORDING FEES	\$22.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$115,696.53
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT COSTS	\$269.75
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$209.02
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	TRANSPORTATION	\$470.75
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$4,590.27
JENNIFER MYERS	MILEAGE/PHONE	\$316.88
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$250.00
NE HEATING & AIR	BLDG REPAIR	\$75.00
NEBR. SUPREME COURT PUBLICATIONS	STATE STATUTES	\$195.70
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	'23 MEMBERSHIP	\$135.00
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$132.85
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$64.14
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	DISPOSAL	\$35.00
JAN PLACKE	MEALS/MILEAGE	\$96.46
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$95.00
TOM REIMERS	MILEAGE/MEALS	\$118.57
THE CITY OF HASTINGS	2023 DUES	\$1,000.00
	MEMBERSHIP	
SCEDD	DUE	\$2,000.00
DALE M SHOTKOSKI	PHONE/TRAVEL	\$119.50
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM	TELETYPE	\$580.00



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## SRVC

STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,491.50
SURVEY RECORD REPOSITORY	SUPPLIES	\$27.50
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$582.61
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$454.80
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$62.16
U.S. BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$3,666.63
US FOODS DIVISION #2365	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$1,967.74
PINNACLE BANK	REGISTRATION	\$14.99
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	BLDG REPAIR	\$134.21
VYVE BROADBAND	PHONE SERVICE	\$379.51
WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERVICES	EQUIPMENT	\$110.00
WEX BANK	TRANSPORT FUEL	\$4,956.36
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$25,764.00
ROGER WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$69.75

## TOTAL

**\$229,891.13**

## ROADS

AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$1,155.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$219.88
BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$496.58
BOSELMAN ENERGY INC	FUEL	\$1,176.26
CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$415.09
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$25.16
CINTAS CORPORATION	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$304.35
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$84.11
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$2,064.38
GARRETT TIRES & TREADS/GI	TIRES	\$12,158.40
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$51.30
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	\$34.95
INHERITANCE FUND	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$300,000.00
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$276.51
JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$88.54
MENARDS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$21.65
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$15.39
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$64.80
NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$300.00
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$136.23
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/EQUIP	\$722.98
NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN COMPANY	GRAVEL	\$4,841.12
LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$76.87
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$934.79
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	\$2,534.10
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRES	\$692.00
PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71





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	POLK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT	AGREEMENT	\$375.00
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER		
	DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$116.03
	SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$1,806.20
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$734.05
	TOTALSIR	FUEL	\$21.00
	VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$165.56
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/EQUIP	\$330.19
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$334,864.18</b>
<b>P &amp; I FUND</b>	EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$646.89
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$646.89</b>
<b>JUVENILE</b>	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$39.99
<b>DIVERSION</b>	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$114.88
	JORDANNE MCNEFF	MILEAGE	\$78.13
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUV DIV-POSTAL	\$34.20
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$130.65
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$397.85</b>
<b>K-9 CARE</b>	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9 CARE	\$245.00
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	K-9 CARE	\$80.74
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$325.74</b>
<b>SR TEAM</b>	PINNACLE BANK	RESPONSE TEAM	\$152.95
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	RESPONSE TEAM	\$208.61
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$361.56</b>
<b>COMMISSARY</b>	KEEFE SUPPLY COMPANY	COMMISSARY	\$472.28
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$472.28</b>
<b>4-H BUILDING</b>	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,878.86
	NE HEATING & AIR	BLDG REPAIR	\$458.25
	NEBRASKA FIRE SPRINKLER	INSPECTION	\$335.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$2,672.11</b>

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the January 2023 claims as submitted. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Payroll:** General Gross: \$88,713.17, Net: \$62,234.39; Road Gross: \$43,614.29, Net: \$31,458.40; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$4,669.50, Net: \$3,292.12. Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the payroll for December 16 thru January 7<sup>th</sup> payroll. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the January 2023 claims as submitted.

**Adjourn:** Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 11:31 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk