

Merrick County Board Minutes



January 24, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Placke, Dexter, Weller, Kucera, Wiegert. Jarecke absent. County Attorney Shotkoski and County Clerk Strobel present. Hilary Wegner, Dan Monaghan, Chris Anderson, John McHargue, Kerry Rodysill, Tyson Benner, Dan Rezac, Jeremy Wurtz, Brad Wells, Dwight Comer 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 9:05 a.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors 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 Kucera to approve the minutes from January 10, 2023 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes:

Meeting Reports: All board members were present at the Town Hall Meeting on January 11th. Weller: January 17-Bader Park, January 23rd Central District Health; Dexter NIRMA January 11th, Long Term Care Board January 20th; Placke met with Chris Anderson and NPPD on January 5th regarding LTC/hospital utility billing. Kreachbaum: Long Term Care January 20th and January 17th 4H Board; Kucera: January 18th Mid Nebraska Individual Services conference call. Wiegert: 4H Board.

Officials Report: Treasurer Gilg presented the Semi-Annual Report. Clerk Strobel stated she attended the County Clerk orientation in Kearney January 12th and 13th. Doug Maw presented a quote for a new floor cleaner.

Public Comment: Hilary Wegner appeared before the board to voice her concerns over the future of Long-Term Care. Dan Monaghan spoke regarding Long Term Care and the Central City Investment Club.

BOLD, NE: Jane Kleeb and Tom Genung with BOLD, NE provided handouts regarding Carbon Pipeline risks and what counties and the state can do in regards to regulating pipelines. John McHargue former resident of Central City stated his concerns regarding undefined risks with a pipeline. Kucera said the planning & zoning needs to be aware of these regulations. No action was taken.

Heating/Cooling: Heating and cooling issues with the third-floor offices were discussed. No action was taken.

Resolution 2023-2 was presented and signed by the Chairman after passing at the January 10th board meeting.

Hamilton Telecommunications: Adam Jurgens, Eli Hunter and Kelly Bandt appeared before the board to discuss and answer questions regarding their services with Hamilton Communications. No action taken

License Agreement: Moved Placke, second Kucera to approve the Chairman to sign the License Agreement between County of Merrick and Eagle Broadband Investment d/b/a Vyve Broadband. Ayes: Weller, Placke, Kucera, Wiegert.

Nays: Dexter, Absent: Kreachbaum. Motion Carried

SDL Application: Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve the Chairman to sign the Special Designated Liquor License Application for Banana Rams, LLC on February 15, 2023 from 12 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the 4-H Building for Ladies Night. Roll Call: All Ayes

LTC/Old Hospital: Placke presented a spreadsheet of the utility billing for the last year for Long Term and the old hospital to show comparisons. Emily Triplett gave her monthly report. A committee was formed for discussion and possible action regarding Long Term Care. Committee members: Russell Kreachbaum, Ed Dexter, Tyson Benner, Mary Santin, Emily Triplett.

Prochaska & Associates: Paul Ryan with Prochaska & Associates joined the meeting via conference call stating the possibility of renting a boiler for Long Term Care. Ryan will reach out to Rasmussen for possible quotes. No action taken.

Payroll: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the January payroll for officials and the January 8th thru January 21st biweekly payroll. General Gross: \$117,249.62 Net: \$83,397.00; Roads Gross: \$33,506.20, Net: \$24,552.02; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3018.63, Net: \$2,123.31. Total Gross: \$153,774.45, Net: \$110,072.33. Roll Call: All Ayes

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to adjourn at 12:42 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

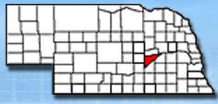
/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk



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