

March 28, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Dexter, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, Weller and Wiegert, County Clerk Strobel, and Deputy County Attorney Kunz present.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil, 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 9:50 a.m.

Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter second Placke to approve the agenda. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the minutes of March 14 and March 20, 2023 as published.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Weller, Dexter, Placke, Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Kucera, Wiegert-NACO Central District meeting in Aurora, March 23; Weller-Central District Health, March 20, Bader Park Board meeting March 21; Dexter, Placke, Kreachbaum--Long Term Care Board and Long-Term Care Committee meetings March 15; Kucera-Mid-Nebraska Individual Services March 15 and Region III, March 24th; Kreachbaum-NE Board of Compliance and Standards March 24;

Emily Triplett provided an update regarding Long Term Care and informed the board renewal of property insurance will be approaching.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign the Electrical Agreement between Merrick County and Michael J. Ritta to install electrical line to irrigation well and center pivot Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve the Chairman to sign Special Designated Liquor Licenses for Prairie Creek Vineyards, LLC at Wild Roots Greenhouse & Market-May 11, 2023 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. and October 8, 2023 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Weller to vote yes or no on ownership of Long-Term Care due to economic stress to the county. Dexter rescinded his motion. No action taken.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve Merrick County to pay 30% and Long Term to pay 70% of the utility bills with City of Central City effective May 1, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to move into Executive Session at 10:48 a.m. to discuss job applications received for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All ayes

Moved Kucera, second Placke to exit Executive Session at 11:14 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to appoint Aaron Kunz as Interim County Attorney effective April 8, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes

Payroll: General Gross-\$68286.19, Net-\$48442.50; General Gross-\$51,576.61, Net-\$37308.53; Roads Gross: \$26848.18, Net: \$19376.73; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3053.68, Net: \$2147.99. Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the March 2023 payroll. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to adjourn at 11:49 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, County Clerk