

April 25, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Kucera, Wiegert, Weller and County Clerk Strobel present. Also in attendance were Travis Kuchar, Mary Santin, Norman Balliet, Dick Johnson and Katie Benner.

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 Placke to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the minutes from April 11, 2023 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes

Supervisor meetings: Dexter and Placke April 18th Community Discussion at the high school, April 19th Long Term Care, April 20th NIRMA in Kearney. Jarecke, Kreachbaum and Wiegert-Personnel meeting for interviews April 18th & 19th, NIRMA in Kearney April 20th. Kreachbaum-Long Term Care April 19th. Kucera-Mid-Nebraska Individual Services Executive Board meeting April 19th and NIMRA April 20th in Kearney.

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers stated there is still a TERC case pending with the Ethanol Plant.

Emily Soll with Extension provided a handout with programs that will be offered as well as enrollment dates, monthly schedules and the pre-Fair activities and 2023 Merrick County Fair calendar.

Captain Bauer attended NIRMA training April 20th along with Sheriff Westman. Jail staff also went to the jail conference training. Highway Superintendent Meyer stated a bridge on 4th & K Road is now closed. Katie Benner, Travis Kuchar, Mary Santin and Norman Balliet appeared before the board during public comment regarding the future of Long-Term Care.

Emily Triplett provided an update on Long Term Care.

Judd Allen with Blue Cross/Blue Shield discussed the health insurance renewal as well as the 3.98% increase in cost.

Gwen Jensen and Bill Bebb with Envirotech came before the board to discuss possibilities of using the DuraBlend application for dust control on a few county roads. Sales quotes were submitted. No action taken.

Dick Johnson voiced his concerns regarding L Road safety and dust control.

Moved Placke, second Kucera to open the 10:00 bid opening at 10:07 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. 2023 Asphalt Resurfacing bids were opened as follows: Gary Smith Construction-Mobilization Bid Price: \$31,500.00, Traffic Control Bid Price: \$18,000.00, Tack Cost: \$2.86/gal-6500 gal=\$18,590.00, Class 3 Cold Milling 160 STA: \$215.00/STA=\$34,400.00, Bridge Deck Mill & Overlay:95 sq yd: \$50/sq yd=\$4750.00; Asphaltic concrete for patching (if needed) 50T: \$200/T=\$10,000.00; Asphaltic Concrete, Type SPR 5,280/T: \$81.90/T=\$432,432.00; Placement of Asphaltic Concrete for Returns & Driveways-1787 sq yd: \$10/sq yd=\$17,870.00; Temp Pavement Marking-Broken Lines 326 STA: \$10/STA=\$3250.00; Temp Pavement Marking-Solid Lines 650 STA: \$10/STA=6,500.00. Total Bid Price: \$577,292.00

Vontz Paving, Inc-Mobilization Bid Price: \$12,000.00, Traffic Control Bid Price: \$6,200.00, Tack Cost: \$2.75/gal-6500 gal=\$17,875.00, Class 3 Cold Milling 160 STA: \$150.00/STA=\$24,000.00, Bridge Deck Mill & Overlay:95 sq yd: \$70/sq yd=\$6,650.00; Asphaltic concrete for patching (if needed) 50T: \$135/T=\$6,750.00; Asphaltic Concrete, Type SPR 5,280/T: \$82.82/T=\$437,289.60; Placement of Asphaltic Concrete for Returns & Driveways-1787 sq yd: \$7/sq yd=\$12,509.00; Temp Pavement Marking-Broken Lines 326 STA: \$10/STA=\$3250.00; Temp Pavement Marking-Solid Lines 650 STA: \$10/STA=6,500.00. Total Bid Price: \$533,023.60

Werner Construction-Mobilization Bid Price: \$41,000.00, Traffic Control Bid Price: \$21,000.00, Tack Cost: \$2.65/gal-6500 gal=\$17,225.00, Class 3 Cold Milling 160 STA: \$221.00/STA=\$35,360.00, Bridge Deck Mill & Overlay:95 sq yd: \$37/sq yd=\$3,515.00; Asphaltic concrete for patching (if needed) 50T: \$145/T=\$7,250.00; Asphaltic Concrete, Type SPR 5,280/T: \$78.72/T=\$415,641.60; Placement of Asphaltic Concrete for Returns & Driveways-1787 sq yd: \$7.50/sq yd=\$13,402.50; Temp Pavement Marking-Broken Lines 326 STA: \$8.00/STA=\$2,600.00; Temp Pavement Marking-Solid Lines 650 STA: \$9/STA=\$5,850.00. Total Bid Price: \$562,844.10

Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to close the 10:00 bid opening at 10:32 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to accept the bid from Vontz Paving, Inc. Roll Call: All Ayes

Justin Wolf, CEO of Memorial Community Health in Aurora requested the purchase of the receptacle outlet in which the MRI truck had previously used at the old hospital. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to sell the receptacle outlet for \$2,000.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Tyson Benner with the Long-Term Care Board presented the Opinion of Construction Cost for a Merrick County Long-Term Care Replacement Facility. The total construction cost of \$12,000,000.00 would be for a 46 Bed Long-Term Care Facility, this does not include costs for land acquisition and financing. Discussion continued with the possibility of a Special Bond as well as a countywide Special Election seeking the approval from the Merrick County residents.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to stay involved in Long Term Care. Roll Call: Dexter, Kucera, Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Placke, Wiegert-Ayes. Weller-Nay. Motion Carried with a vote of 6-1.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign the Extension of Term Addendum Management Agreement to extend one year through and until June 1, 2024. Roll Call: Placke, Jarecke, Kucera, Kreachbaum, Dexter, Wiegert-Ayes. Weller-Nay. Motion Carried with a vote of 6-1.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the \$1,500.00 quote from Jordan Masonry, LLC for tuckpointing the back steps of the courthouse. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-9 for the Final Acceptance of Project Construction for Palmer Northwest. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign the Electrical Agreements between Merrick County and Stoltenberg Irrigation for Mark Hudnall Sections 7 & 6, Township 12, Range 7. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to approve the Chairman to sign the Electrical Agreements between Merrick County and Southern Power District Section 18 & 19, Township 12, Range 7 and Sections 19 & 20, Township 12, Range 7. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the Chairman to sign the Irrigation Pipe Line Agreement between Merrick County and Christensen Cattle Co, Inc-Sections 25 & 19, Township 14, Ranges 6. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve the Chairman to sign a Water Line Agreement between Merrick County and Dana Samuelson to allow use of stock well in NE1/4NE1/4 Section 33, Township 15, Range 8 and W ½ Section 34, Township 15, Range 8. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the special purchase of a 2022 Chevy Silverado 4500 HD pickup from Dillon's Auto-Lincoln for \$66,998.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to approve the Change Order received from Young Gun Handyman/Josh Trumlee for \$400.00. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Kucera to accept the suggested changes from Kreachbaum and no longer having exemptions for rental fees for the 4-H building. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to move into Executive Session for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual at 12:33 p.m. Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to move out of Executive Session at 1:06 p.m. Roll Call; All Ayes. Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to offer the appointed County Attorney position to Aaron Kunz. Roll Call: All Ayes. Aaron Kunz accepted the position.

April Payroll: General Net: \$39,886.39, Gross: \$56,240.00, Roads Net: \$4095.54, Gross: \$5367.68.

General Net: \$40794.89, Gross: \$57,049.86, Roads Net: \$19,011.27, Gross: \$26,350.76, Juvenile

Diversion Net: \$2,128.35, Gros: \$3,024.31

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to adjourn at 1:17 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk