

## **July 25, 2023**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Kucera, Wiegert, Weller, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz 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

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the agenda as presented after removing Patrick Avila from the agenda. Roll Call: All Ayes.

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

Supervisor meetings: Dexter-July 17<sup>th</sup> zoom call with Hamilton Telecommunications, July 18 NIRMA conference call; Placke-July 18<sup>th</sup> Senior Center, July 24<sup>th</sup> City of Central City regarding utility billing; Kreachbaum-July 21<sup>st</sup> Nebraska Board of Public **Roads** Classifications and Standards (NBCS); Kucera-Mid-Nebraska Individual Services (MNIS) July 19<sup>th</sup>; Dexter, Placke and Kreachbaum-July 19<sup>th</sup> Long Term Care Board; Dexter, Placke, Kreachbaum, Kucera and Wiegert-July 15<sup>th</sup> Final Protest Hearings.

Officials: Highway Superintendent stated his last day will be July 31<sup>st</sup> due to retirement. County Clerk Strobel advised there will be a Special Election, September 12 for Twin River School Bond. Highway Superintendent Mike Meyer stated his last day will be Monday, July 31. Brent Kunze was introduced as the new Highway Superintendent with a starting date of August 14.

Public Comment: Emily Triplett with Long Term Care provided an update. Jared Reimers spoke on behalf of Congressman Adrian Smith.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the surplus of T110 Server computer tower from the Assessor's office. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the SDL application from Overtime Sports Bar & Grill for a wedding reception at Riverside Pavilion on August 19-12:00 p.m. Until 1:00 p.m. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum, to designate the State Print Shop for the printing of the LB644 post cards. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-0019 to amend the Planning and Zoning Fee Schedule. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to open the Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes  
Planning & Zoning Scott Stuhr presented the proposed amendments to the Merrick County zoning regulations. Terry and Dave O'Brien, Jamie and Vickie Sich provided pictures and spoke of their concerns on what is happening near their homes without the proposed amendments and additions.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to close the Public Hearing at 10:04 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Weller to adopt Resolution 2023-0018 to amend sections 2.03, 3.03 and 4.07 and add sections 8.19 with the exception of Item #2 and 8.20 as recommended by the Planning and Zoning  
Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to open the 10:00 a.m. Public Hearing at 10:20 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes  
Highway Superintendent Meyer provided his final One and Six Plan for FY 2023-2024. The Resolution will be presented at the August 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to close the Public Hearing at 10:22 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Emergency Manager Clark discussed possible options for E911 signage. Clark also handed out registration information for the EM Workshop for Local Elected and Appointed Officials on August 17 in Grand Island.

Ed Thompson and Terry Thompson presented a new Addendum to the Agreement between IBEW and the County of Merrick. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the addendum for the IBEW contract adding Juneteenth as a holiday beginning in June 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

IBEW submitted a grievance regarding the Juneteenth 2023 holiday. No action taken at this time  
Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to purchase pt Tax Lot 14, Section 21, Township 14, Range 7, Archer for \$3000.00 from Archer Supply, Inc for a motor grader building. Roll Call: All Ayes

Mike Meyer approached the board with a proposal to continue to do bridge inspections. \$100/large bridges, \$50/box, \$50/small bridge and \$350/Prairie Island Bridge as needed. Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to accept Meyer's bridge inspection proposal. Roll Call: All Ayes

Planning & Zoning Administrator position was discussed due to the Interlocal with Hamilton County being terminated effective July 24, 2023. The 90-day notice requirement will be October 22, 2023 as being the last day Hamilton County will provide zoning services for Merrick County unless the board chooses to terminate prior to October 22.

Discussions continued regarding FY 2023-2024. Moved Placke, second Jarecke to approve the payroll budget that was previously submitted by the Sheriff's Department. Roll Call: All Ayes.

June 28<sup>th</sup> Payroll: General Gross: \$55,558.54, Net: \$39,425.18; Roads Gross: \$27,979.86, Net: \$19,940.13; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3456.00, Net: 2339.97

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the July 28<sup>th</sup> payroll with the change of using the previously submitted payroll budget from the Sheriff's Department. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to adjourn at 1:15 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk