

November 28, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Kucera, Weller and Wiegert present. County Clerk Strobel, Brad Wells and Lori Sautter 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 Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the minutes from November 14, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Weller-Central District Health, Nov 13; Dexter-NIRMA Appreciation Dinner in York, November 13, SCEDD, Nov. 15 and Long-Term Care November 17; Kreachbaum-Mid Plains Center in Grand Island Nov 15, Long Term Care and Dept of Transportation in Lincoln, November 17, 4-H Building Overseer's Nov 20; Kucera-Mid Nebraska Individual Services Nov 15 and Wiegert 4-H Overseer's November 20th.

Officials Report: Veteran's Service Officer, Tom Reimers provided the 1st and 2nd quarterly reports.

Treasurer Gilg provided

Clerk Strobel informed the board new employee, Maria Kohl started November 20th in the Clerk's office. Interim Planning & Zoning Administrator Placke informed the board she will be working with Marvin Planning Consultants until the position is filled.

Emily Triplett provided an update on Long Term Care. Triplett also provided three quotes from engineers regarding fees for pre-construction services for possible future building planning. No action taken. This will be discussed at the next board meeting for possible action.

Emergency Manager Clark provided a quarterly update.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve District Court Clerk Good to dispose of a computer monitor and keyboard as she sees fit. Roll Call: All Ayes

Brad Wells approached the board regarding the communication towers and radios within the county. Lori Sautter voiced her concerns regarding the safety and response times due to the issue of the radios not being able to contact each emergency responder in a timely manner, if at all. Members of the board would like to place this issue on the December 12 meeting agenda as well as having members of surrounding fire departments and the County Sheriff present. No action taken at this time, placed on December 12th agenda for further discussion.

Supervisor Dexter provided a quote from Hamilton Telecommunications for panic buttons and security cameras for the Extension Building. Dexter will get a quote from 1 to 1 Technologies for discussion at the next meeting.

Highway Superintendent Kunze provided a handout from the Bid Letting for Bader Park Road Resurfacing project held on November 22, 2023. Three bids were received: Vontz Paving, Inc: Base bid price: \$499,383.90, alternate bid \$678,212.40 (tack coat and asphaltic concrete, type SPR); Gary Smith Construction: Base bid \$525,882.25, alternate bid \$711,543.25; Werner Construction: Base bid \$575,271.00, alternate bid \$76,413.50. Engineers estimate: Base bid \$566,030.00, alternate bid \$791,355.00. Moved Dexter, second Kucera to accept the bid for \$499,383.90 from Vontz Paving, Inc for the Bader Park Road Resurfacing project. Roll Call: Ayes-Jarecke, Weller, Kreachbaum, Dexter, Kucera and Wiegert. Nays-Placke. Motion carried with a vote of 6-1

Planning & Zoning administrator discussion continued with an interview being held today.

County Administrator position continued and a job description will be written up to be published in the future.

Moved Weller, second Kucera to approve the 2024 Holidays as stated in the Employee Handbook with the addition of closing the courthouse at noon on Christmas Eve Day. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Jarecke to approve the November payroll: General Gross: \$62,823.65, Net: \$44,562.22; Roads General: \$5416.66, Net \$3,585.18; Total Gross: \$68240.31, Net: \$48,147.40

Roll Call: All Ayes

Adjourn: Moved Dexter, second Kucera to adjourn at 11:16 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk