

December 12, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Kucera, Wiegert. Weller present. County Clerk Strobel, Brad Wells, Lori Sautter, Police Chief Mark Dreher, Sheriff Westman, Captain Bauer, Tanner Maw, John Friedrichsen, Kent Carlson, Emergency Manager Clark 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 Placker to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the minutes from November 28, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter-SCEDD, Hastings November 30, Merrick County Economic Development December 1, Safety Committee meeting December 5, conference call with Eli Hunter-Hamilton Telecommunications regarding Cybersecurity grant on December 6th; Wiegert-Midland Area on Aging December 7; Jarecke and Wiegert November 28-interview with Planning & Zoning applicant.

Officials: Planning & Zoning interim Placke stated she had a Planning Commission meeting December 11 and Village of Palmer the evening of December 13. Placke also stated she would be willing to stay on once a new employee has been hired to help when needed.

Highway Superintendent Kunze started December 11th on one of the 1- & 6-Year Plans, #243 and placing culverts back in and should be open tomorrow December 13. Kunze is also working on getting the Federal Motor Clearing House set up. Randy Fuehrer and Chris Huston will be retiring, Fuehrer's last day will be Monday, December 18 and Chris Huston January 15. Kunze and Kris Erickson will be participating in the Suspicion Training to be able to recognize if someone is under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

Clerk Strobel informed the board the dividend check in the amount of \$3,338.00 from NIRMA was received.

County Attorney Kunz present at 9:11 a.m.

Juvenile Diversion officer, McNeff approached the board regarding the grant and interlocal agreement. McNeff stated Polk County will now be in the York County Interlocal. The Interlocal stays the same with the exception of the dates and with Polk County being omitted this year. High Plains will continue to be served in this Interlocal.

Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve the Chairman to sign the Juvenile Diversion grant and the Interlocal as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the surplus of a computer and keyboard as the clerk sees fit. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Kucera to approve the Interlocal Agreement with City of Central City for dirt work and snow removal. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-32 directing the treasurer to transfer of \$400,000.00 from Inheritance Fund to the General Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve the Long-Term Care Pre-Construction Service contract with CMBA Architects. Roll Call: Ayes-Kucera, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Kreachbaum, Wiegert; Nays-Weller. Motion carried with a 6-1 vote.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to the Bader Park Road project contract with Vontz Paving. Roll Call: All Ayes

Supervisor Dexter provided quotes from 1 to 1 Technologies and Simply Safe for security cameras and panic buttons for the 4-H Extension Building. Moved Placke, second Kreachbaum to accept the quote from 1 to 1 Technologies for the two security cameras and Simply Safe for one panic button for the Extension Office. Roll Call: All Ayes

Supervisors Jarecke and Wiegert along with County Assessor Myers set in on the interview for the applicant of Planning & Zoning Administrator. Personnel Committee recommended offering the position to the applicant. Moved Jarecke, second Weller to offer the position of the Planning & Zoning Administrator to Barbara Quinn. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to table the County Administrator position until December 26, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to recess at 9:50 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to reconvene at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to open the 10:00 a.m. Public Hearing to amend Future Land Use Map. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion to amend the Merrick County Comprehensive Plan to allow rezoning for the following property from Agricultural Preservation District to Light Industrial District in Section 25, Township 14, Range 6. The area will be used for a car repair facility.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to close the 10:00 a.m. Public Hearing at 10:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Weller to amend the Future Land Use Map. Roll Call: Ayes-Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Dexter, Kucera, Weller and Wiegert. Nays-None, Abstain: Placke. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0-1.

Moved Kucera, second Jarecke to open the Public Hearing at 10:08 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to close the Public Hearing at 10:09 a.m. due to no comments from the public. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-31 approving the request to amend the Merrick County Comprehensive Plan to allow rezoning for the following property from an Agricultural Preservation District to Light Industrial District. Section 25, Township 14N, Range 6W pt tract in se ¼. Roll Call: Ayes-Dexter, Weller, Kucera, Jarecke, Kreachbaum and Weigert; Nays-none; Abstain-Placke. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0-1

Brad Wells provided a recap of his address to the board regarding the county communications radio and towers from the previous meeting. Sheriff Westman spoke to the board to explain how the radio system works with other Merrick County emergency responders. Captain Bauer presented a video showing how the radios in the deputies' vehicles work. Discussion continued between first responders of Merrick County highlighting the need for better communication. No action required.

Moved Kucera, second Jarecke to move into Executive Session for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual at 11:34 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to move out of Executive Session at 11:49 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to move into Executive Session for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual at 11:50 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to move out of Executive Session at 12:36 p.m. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the November fees as presented by District Court, County Sheriff and the County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

GENERAL	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECH	MAINTENANCE	\$271.67
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICES	\$1,082.24
	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$208.80
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$28.43
	BUTLER COUNTY CLINIC PC	PRISONER CARE	\$172.00
	BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	HOUSING FEES	\$450.00

CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$2,105.02
CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$15.16
CENTRAL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$7,000.00
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	WEED SUPPLIES	\$19.95
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$52.95
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$2.49
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	BLDG REPAIRS	\$32.42
CENTURY LINK	E911 SERVICES	\$278.24
CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$216.66
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,911.90
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,287.58
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.22
CLARKS PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$1,000.00
COMFORT INN	LODGING	\$229.90
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$254.00
CVSOAN	REGISTRATION	\$100.00
ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$58.55
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$83.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$108.54
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$120.70
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$778.38
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$223.54
FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS LTD	PLAT BOOKS	\$280.00
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/TRAVEL	\$139.12
KELLY FEEHAN	MILEAGE	\$56.33
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP	CYBERSECURITY	\$5,689.19
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	CAR REPAIR	\$157.09
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$72.78
SHARON GILG	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING/MEDS	\$2,674.79
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$3,300.00
HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK	INTERLOCAL	\$41,250.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$4,625.74
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$255.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP. REPAIR	\$245.87
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$23.58
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	UNIFORMS	\$179.89
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$206.72
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$224.47
DENNIS JARECKE	MILEAGE	\$106.76
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$19.89

JOHNSON CONTROLS SECURITY SOL	SECURITY	\$70.83
KEARNEY & DESIMONE LAW, LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$2,866.38
KENDRICK WINDSHIELD REPAIR	CAR REPAIR	\$50.00
LA QUINTA INNS & SUITES	LODGING	\$114.95
BILL MACK	FUEL	\$7.18
DOUG MAW	MISC EXPENSES	\$220.34
MCILNAY & CO	SUPPLIES	\$325.00
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$301.08
MERRICK CO. CLERK	FILING FEE	\$26.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	ATTORNEY FEES	\$366.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	SERVICE FEES	\$432.24
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$258.45
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$399.00
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIPMENT RENT	\$35.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	DISPOSAL	\$181.20
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	PRISONER TRANS	\$214.60
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$3,675.77
JENNIFER MYERS	PNONE/TRAVEL	\$185.89
NACO	REGISTRATIONS	\$150.00
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	REGISTRATION	\$150.00
NNTC	E911 PHONE	\$132.85
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$440.94
PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$1,000.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHRED	\$93.00
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY, PC	CORONER	\$271.00
PINNACLE BANK CC	SUPPLIES	\$207.26
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$149.59
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$342.79
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$560.13
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$795.51
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$434.65
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$517.20
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$547.95
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$100.51
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$3,630.14
PLATTE CO SHERIFF	SERVICE FEES	\$18.69
PLATTE PEER GROUP	SUPPORT	\$6,000.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$3,200.65
POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOC OF NE	DUES	\$20.00
SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION	ELEVATOR EXP	\$4,078.07
NE SECRETARY OF STATE	TRAINING	\$60.00

	SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$1,000.00
	EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$169.51
	SPARROW PUBLICATIONS LLC	PUBLICATION	\$170.20
	STATE OF NEBRASKA	TELETYPE	\$1,025.60
	STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$337.50
	STROMSBURG SOFT WATER	SUPPLIES	\$62.40
	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$438.79
	THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	COURT EXPENSE	\$18.65
	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$477.54
	TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$74.09
	TROUBA LAW OFFICE	ATTORNEY FEES	\$343.75
	UNL PARKING & TRANSIT	PARKING FEE	\$40.00
	PINNACLE BANK	SUPPLIES/DUES	\$104.25
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES/REPAIR	\$463.93
	CHRISTY WANDFLUH	MILEAGE	\$144.10
	KARA WELLS	MILAGE/SUPPLY	\$444.56
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$20,573.50
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	EQUIPMENT	\$2,799.92
TOTAL			\$243,120.74
ROADS	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	SUPPLIES	\$1,568.03
	AKRS EQUIPMENT	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$724.00
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$14,251.75
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$106.01
	BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$415.26
	BOSELMAN ENERGY INC	GREASE/FUEL	\$805.37
	BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	LANDFILL SERVI	\$30.00
	PAUL CUNNINGHAM	INS REIMBURS	\$182.81
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLIE	\$464.34
	FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$184.80
	FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	DIESEL	\$23.27
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$2,660.11
	RANDY FUEHRER	INS REIMBURS	\$14.41
	GRAND ISLAND CLINIC	DRUG TEST	\$35.00
	GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	REPAIR	\$32.63
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$154.99
	HERK'S WELDING SHOP	SHOP REPAIR	\$671.46
	BUCKY HERMAN	LAND RENTAL	\$720.00
	HUSKER STEEL	STRUCTURE/REPR	\$14,871.00
	JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$91.51
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$266.08
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$67.40
	MIDWEST PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT	FUEL	\$3,574.63

	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO.	GRADER BLADES	\$31,774.60
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRES	\$8,076.83
	MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$136.23
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	LABOR/REPAIR	\$4,193.01
	NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL	FEE	\$120.00
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NORFOLK CONTRACTING, INC	LABOR/MATERIAL	\$19,000.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE	\$78.89
	OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	ENGINEER FEES	\$2,750.00
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$662.42
	PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$64.93
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$6,878.18
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRE REPAIR	\$461.90
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$284.99
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC	ELECTRICITY	\$43.20
	SACK LUMBER CO	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$72.27
	SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	DIESEL	\$13,757.94
	SIGN DESIGN	EQUIPMENT	\$398.75
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$546.36
	SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS	ENGINEER	\$14,580.00
	STATE GLASS, INC.	REPAIR/LABOR	\$267.80
	T & R AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$115.99
	VERIZON	MONTHLY SERVIC	\$560.59
	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE	\$110.16
	VONTZ PAVING INC	SAND/GRAVEL	\$16,868.80
	CLIFFORD YRKOSKI	LAND RENTAL	\$360.00
	TOTAL		\$166,254.41
JUVENILE DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$25.50
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$52.92
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$5.67
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$131.34
	TOTAL		\$215.43
K-9 FUND TOTAL	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9 CARE	\$130.68
			\$130.68
4-H BLDG FUND	CENTRAL PLUMBING LLC	BLDG REPAIR	\$296.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,428.45
	MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY, LLC	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$697.90
	STANEK FIRE PROTECTION	INSPECTION	\$164.00

TOTAL

\$2,586.35

Payroll expense & benefit warrants paid: General \$40,696.02, Roads: \$20,372.78, Juvenile Diversion \$2,664.34. General Gross: \$53,615.30, Net: \$37,716.30, Roads Gross: \$28,128.16, Net \$20,240.93 Juvenile Diversion \$3441.56, Net: \$2,344.45

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

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 12:43 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk