

December 26, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, December 26, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Kucera, Wiegert. Weller present, Placke absent. County Clerk Strobel, County Attorney Kunz, Brad Wells and Sheriff Westman 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 Kucera to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Jarecke, second Kucera to approve the minutes from December 12, 2023 as published.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Weller Bader Park-December 12, NACO meeting in Kearney December 13. Dexter, Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Kucera, Placke and Wiegert NACO-Kearney December 13 thru December 15.

Dexter met with Cody (1 to 1 Technologies) regarding equipment for the Extension building, Kreachbaum and Dexter Long Term Care December 20.

Officials: Veteran Service Officer Tom Reimers informed the board of an update for the VetraSpec user agreement. Extension Officer Emily Soll provided a quarterly update for the board. Highway Superintendent Brent Kunze stated the bridge on 22nd road is repaired and also replaced a bridge last week on Q Rd between 3rd and 4th with new culverts. Both bridges are open to traffic. There is an agreement on principal with Central NE Railroad to remove some of the crossings between Central City and Palmer. Kunze also mentioned NIRMA Assist grants in which the county will receive will be \$10,000.00 for a mulching head for the excavator and \$2800.00 to buy new barricades.

Brad Wells thanked everyone for getting back to him after the last board meeting.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve the Chairman to sign the SDL Application from Banana Rams, LLC-January 12, 2024 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m., Merrick County 4-H Building for Merrick Medical Employee Christmas Party. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve Fiber Optic Agreements with Lumen. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the starting salary for the new Planning & Zoning part time administrator position at \$20.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Hamilton County E911 Dispatch Supervisor, Ryan Shaw appeared before the board to go over how the radio system works between Merrick County, City of Central and Hamilton County.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve the write off of past due surveyor and highway balances as discussed in the Executive Session held during the December 12, 2023 board meeting with the addition of \$409.37 for the Council Township. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve the wage adjustments as presented by Highway Superintendent Kunze for the roads department employees. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the December payroll up to and not over \$170,000.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 10:47 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk