

April 23, 2024

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present. Weller absent.

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 Kucera 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

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the minutes from April 9, 2024 with the correction of township updates being held at the May 14 meeting and not April 30th Roll Call: Ayes-Placke, Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Dexter, Kucera. Abstain-Jarecke. Motion carried.

Meeting Reports: April 11th NIRMA in Kearney-Dexter, Placke, Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Kucera. Senator Pete Ricketts presentation in Central City April 12th-Placke, Jarecke, Kreachbaum; April 12th Microsoft zoom meeting with Five Nines-Dexter; Senior Center meeting April 16th-Placke; April 17th Long Term Care Board-Dexter, Jarecke and Kreachbaum; CNBA zoom meeting April 17th-Jarecke, Dexter.

Officials Reports: Highway Superintendent Kunze informed the board he had taken the Superintendent exam on April 5th with test results becoming available on May 3rd. A representative from LTAP was available for sign tech training and Bader Park resurfacing has been completed. Digital software is being looked into to keep inventory of signs and culverts. NIRMA \$10,000.00 assist grant was received and will be used toward the purchase of a mulcher. Kunze is also starting to look at the One- and Six-Year Plan. Clerk Strobel stated the ballots for the Primary Election will be mailed out Wednesday, April 24th.

Planning & Zoning Placke informed the board she is working on long term actions.

Public Comment: Randy Zmek appeared before the board on the subject of water testing.

Deb Sherlock and Kevin Armstrong with Colonial Life presented options regarding life insurance for employees.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the Special Designated Liquor Application for Prairie Creek Vineyards at wild roots Greenhouse & Market on May 9, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Sharon Hueftle with SCEDD provided the board with the 2023 annual report brochure.

Moved Placke, second Wiegert to allow the Sheriff's department to dispose of the jail dryer at their discretion. Roll Call: All Ayes

Captain Bauer notified the board the Countywide CPR Training will be held, Thursday, May 23rd. Employees who would like to receive a certified card will have the option of purchasing for \$20. The training will be held at the 4-H building with a morning and afternoon session.

Resolution 2024-6 creating the Merrick County Road Department Sinking Fund 801-tabled until next board meeting.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the Chairwoman to sign the Interlocal Agreement between Hamilton County and Merrick County for Bridge No. C004101505P. Roll Call: All Ayes

Townships were briefly discussed with updates from all Supervisors regarding their respective townships at the May 14th board meeting.

Payroll General Gross: \$80,474.64, General Net: \$56,165.73; Roads Gross: \$35,379.73, Roads Net: \$25,529.74; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3,511.14, Juvenile Diversion Net: \$2,405.31; Total Gross: \$119,365.51, Net: \$84,100.78.

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

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to adjourn at 10:59 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman
/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk