

July 23, 2024

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Kreachbaum, Placke, Kucera, Weller and County Clerk Strobel present. Tyson Benner, Jodi Mohr and Andy Forney 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.

Chairwoman 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 Wiegert 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 July 9, 2024 with the correction of eliminating Jarecke off once and adding Kreachbaum to the roll call. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meetings: Weller-Central District Health Finance Committee-July 18; Dexter- Merrick County Economic Development-July 12, SCEDD zoom meeting-July 18; Kucera-Mid Nebraska Individual Services-July 17. Dexter, Placke-Zoom CMBA July 10; Dexter, Placke, Kreachbaum, Long Term Care Board Meeting July 17; Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Kucera-4H Building Committee July 15.

Officials Report: Treasurer Gilg handed out the Seni Annual Report. Highway Superintendent Kunze stated the culverts had been delivered. Kunze also mentioned he has been receiving calls regarding pivots running on the roadways. One- and Six-Year Plan will be looked into further detail after budget is set, the One-and Six-Year Plan will need to be completed by June 30, 2025. County Attorney Kunz has been in contact with Mark Avery, Assistant Deputy State Auditor regarding the issues with the audit. Dana Cole & Associates is to have the corrected audit draft completed by July 26th.

County Clerk Strobel the office has been working diligently on petitions being received while also getting ready for the General Election.

Captain Bauer stated the hiring process has gone well and expect to be full staffed by next week.

Captain Bauer has been working with Highway Superintendent Kunze regarding the pivot violations. After (if applicable) the third time Kunze speaks to the same individual regarding the violation, he will then contact the Sheriff's Department. A letter will then be sent from the Sheriff's Department explaining possible penalties involved. If it continues on to a fourth violation, potential citations may be issued.

Zelle Consultant Anna Sedlacek mentioned there were applicants for the clerk position in the Treasurer's office in which they interviewed Planning & Zoning Interim Placke stated she is officially done with the position due to the Interlocal Agreement with Hamilton County.

Andy Forney with DA Davidson discussed a financial plan and potential timeline for the potential Long Term Care facility bond. 20 Year Maturity Estimated Valuation:

\$2,017,143,517.00-Bond Proceeds \$16,944,199.00 with projected interest rate 4.30% and estimated annual payment \$1,279,732.00. A 25 Year Maturity Estimated Valuation & Bond Proceeds same as prior. Projected interest rate 4.40% and estimated annual payment

\$1,129,972.00. Tyson Benner stated the new facility would have 52 beds, 10 memory care with 46 rooms. The board could decide if they want to go through with the bond or go by a vote on the General Election ballot.

Chief Deputy Probation Officer Jeff Banholzer provided a booklet for the board outlining the expenses and services provided to Merrick County through probation. The total request from Merrick County for support is \$15,041.65.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the Special Designated Liquor license for Scotty's LLC-Riverside Park Pavilion-September 28, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. For a wedding reception. Roll Call: All Ayes

County Attorney Kunz present at 10:05 a.m. Kunz was asked to look over the Letter of Intent. Highway Superintendent Kunze passed out a pamphlet showing details of bridges that need to be possibly be replaced. Bridge #22410 just east of 22nd and V Road and Bridge UN Y Road between 28th and 29th Road. Lance Harter with Oak Creek Engineering provided an estimate for low water crossing for \$11,000.00 engineering fees.

Interlocal Agreement: Platte County would like to armor coat the Monroe Oil Road going north of the county line. Merrick County shares three and a half miles, Platte County is asking if the county would pay for half of the armor coat cost which would be \$47,800.00. The average traffic count on the Monroe Highway is 1640 vehicles per day.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Platte County and Merrick County, Nebraska Platte County 2024 Armor Coat, C-71 (833) using the Road Buyback Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Highway Superintendent Kunze addressed the board regarding the 2021 lease of a skid steer. The monthly rental fee is \$2350.71 and currently has 920 hours. Moved Wiegert, second Kreachbaum to purchase the leased skid steer for the \$25,000.00 buyout. Roll Call: All Ayes
County Attorney Kunze informed the board he had no issue with the Letter of Intent with Bryan Health.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to direct the County Attorney to pursue a contract with Merrick Medical/Bryan Health Care for Long Term Care Lease. Roll Call: Ayes-Wiegert, Jarecke
Roll Call: Ayes-Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Kucera, Placke, Dexter, Wiegert; Nays-Weller. Motion carried 6-1.

Tyson Benner urged the board to consider other options if they had any hesitation in continuing with the Long-Term Care Bond.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to rescind the prior motion regarding the County Attorney to pursue a contract with Merrick Medical Center/Bryan Health Care. Roll Call: All Ayes
Long Term Care Bond will be placed on the August 13th agenda for further discussion.

Supervisor Kreachbaum stated some changes for the contract rental fees at the fairgrounds. Education Room will remain the same at \$500 for the first day and any extra days will increase from \$50/day to \$150/day. Conference Room will increase from \$100/day to \$150/day with extra days costing an additional \$50/day. Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to approve the new contract rental rates for the 4H Building. Roll Call: Ayes-Wiegert, Kucera, Weller, Dexter, Jarecke, Kreachbaum. Nays-Weller. Motion carried with a 6-1 vote.

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to move into Executive Session at 11:11 a.m. to receive advice from legal counsel on a personnel matter for the protection of the publics interest. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Weller to move out of Executive Session at 11:47 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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| GENERAL | PINNACLE BANK-VISA | DUES | \$671.72 |
| TOTAL | | | \$671.72 |

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| ROADS | BIG IRON | TIRES | \$8,200.00 |
| | PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC | LOADER | \$25,825.00 |
| TOTAL | | | \$34,025.00 |

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the VISA claim for the Sheriff's office. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to approve the Big Iron claim for the Road's department. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moed Jarecke, second Weller to approve the claim to PNC Equipment for the skid steer. Roll Call: All Ayes

Gross General: \$87,621.15, Net: \$61,393.38; Roads Gross: \$33,531.31, Net: \$24,894.53;

Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$ 3890.76, Net: \$2658.99. Total Gross: \$125,043.22, Net: \$88,946.90

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

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to recess at 12:54 p.m. until the conclusion of the Board of Equalization meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to reconvene at 1:37 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding replacing the Child Support Enforcement Officer.

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to adjourn at 1:47 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk