

October 22, 2024

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Dexter, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, Wiegert, Weller, County Attorney Kunz and County Clerk Strobel present.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil, The Palmer Journal and the Merrick County Website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed 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 Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
Agenda: Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the agenda. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the minutes as published for October 8, 2024 with the correction of Brent Kunz name being misspelled. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Weller-October 15 Bader Park; Dexter-October 11 SCEDD Housing zoom, October 16th Long Term Care Board and SCEDD Housing zoom; Placke-October 15 Central Nebraska Community Action Partners Loup City; Jarecke-CNCAP zoom; Kreachbaum-Central City Council and Long-Term Care Board October 16.

Officials reports: Sedlacek with Zelle reported on the DMV Clearing House.

Treasurer Gilg has a new employee starting Thursday. Highway Superintendent Kunze will have his One- & Six-Year Plan for the board meeting on November 12. Clerk Strobel stated the levy certifications were sent to the necessary counties. Ballots were mailed Wednesday; October 16 and the office will remain open until 6:00 p.m. for voter registration. Assessor Myers mentioned once all the levies were received in her office the overall district levies actually decreased despite the county's political subdivision decreasing. Captain Bauer shared his gratitude with the board from he and his wife for all of the support from everyone in the community. He is back on light duty for four hours each Tuesday and Thursday.

Two recruits at the training center are set to graduate in December. Attorney Kunz helped an individual LeaAnne Yokum with SCEDD provided a map regarding the need for broadband in the county.

Jared Reimers, District Coordinator for Congressman Adrian Amith's office to provide updates.

Long Term Care discussion continued with Dexter stating he made contact with RDG to provide quotes on remodeling but has yet to hear back from them. Stage I would consist of boilers, plumbing, etc.

Discussion regarding the possibility of acquiring a vehicle for county official use involved the possibility of purchasing an older vehicle from the Sheriff's department. This will potentially be discussed further for the next fiscal year.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter for the clerk to look into either a Sam's credit card or apply for another Pinnacle Visa for building and grounds usage. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to surplus seven cases of toeless floor trim. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve the clerk to surplus of an HP LaserJet 400 printer. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for Scotty's LLC for November 20 at the Merrick County Fairgrounds 5:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve Resolution 2024-23 directing the treasurer to transfer \$800,000.00 from Inheritance Fund to the General Fund per Fiscal Year budget. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Wiegert to approve the chairman to sign Resolution 2024-24 of the Year-End certification of County Highway Superintendent. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding townships. No action taken.

Discussion regarding the 2025-2026 budget preparation. Clerk Strobel stated she would look into training and also discuss with Deputy County Clerk Crouch as well as Nance County Human Resource Directory, SuAnn Engel.

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to approve the payroll. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, County Clerk