

February 25, 2025

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 9:07 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Jarecke, Kucera, Weller, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present. Jeff Gravert, Brad Rice, Hilary Betka 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 9:07 a.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:07 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 Wiegert to approve the minutes from February 11, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter-NACO County Chair Workshop in Kearney February 14, Safety meeting-February 18; Placke, Kreachbaum & Jarecke-Long Term Care February 18; Jarecke, Kreachbaum-Employee Handbook February 11; Kreachbaum Mid-Plains Center for Behavioral Healthcare Services February 19.

Officials Reports: Veteran Service Officer Reimers presented his quarterly report; Clerk Strobel stated the auditors are tentatively scheduled the week of April 7th for the 2023-2024 audit. Human Resources Sedlacek has been working with Highway Superintendent Kunze regarding the annual records for the DOT-CDL drivers. Sedlacek also shared work on the employee handbook will continue after the board meeting and she will be present for the EAP presentation at 11:00. Assessor Myers stated the TERC resolution on the State Theater is it will no longer be exempt. Treasurer Gilg will be holding the tax sale next Monday and has continued to work on the Opioid funding with Region III. Kunz announced the hiring of Danica Carroll for the position of Child Support Enforcer.

Public Comment: Jeff Gravert addressed the board regarding his dissatisfaction with the handling of his late sons' cell phone following a motor vehicle accident. Brad Rice representing the Chapman Township offered to work with anyone on the County Board to organize a meeting to help the townships better understand the operations and benefits.

Melissa VanDewalle with Long Term Care provided an update.

Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the Highway Department to surplus the 6204CP Xerox Copier.

Roll Call: All Ayes

The fourth quarter report was presented for Dean Hartwig, Weed Superintendent.

Flood Plain Administrator Interlocal with Hamilton County was tabled until the March 11 board meeting.

Sharon Hueftle with South Central Economic Development District provided the 2024 Annual Report.

Placke and Weller absent at 10:15 a.m.

Erin Eby, representative for National Insurance Services, was on hand to discuss the benefits of the Employee Assistance Program that is offered to the county at no additional cost and 100% confidential.

General Gross: \$89,139.92, Net: \$63,426.44; Roads Gross: \$32,910.12, Net \$24,604.47; Juvenile

Diversion Gross: \$3,823.29, Net: \$2,674.51. Total Gross: \$125,933.33, Net: \$90,705.42.

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

Moved Wiegert, Kreachbaum second to adjourn at 10:49 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk