

### **January 22, 2013**

The Merrick County Board of Equalization met Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Helgoth, Kucera, Jefferson, Hahn, Weller and Wiegert present. Also present was County Attorney Lynelle Homolka.

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 mailed 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 9:00 a.m.

Moved Jefferson, Second Graves to convene as Board of Equalization at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Helgoth led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Agenda:** Moved Graves, Second Jefferson to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Minutes:** Moved Weller, Second Graves to approve the minutes as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Hahn, Second Kucera to adjourn as Board of Equalization at 9:03 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, Deputy County Clerk

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The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Helgoth, Jefferson, Kucera, Hahn, Weller and Wiegert present. Also present was County Attorney Lynelle Homolka.

Moved Weller, Second Graves to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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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.

**Agenda:** Moved Helgoth, Second Graves to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Minutes:** Moved Helgoth, Second Graves to approve the minutes as presented for January 8, 2013. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Hospital Update:** Tad Hunt gave an update on the hospital.

**4-H Proclamation:** 4-H Members Anna Garrett, Brittney Jefferson and Courtney Root, Tammy Stuhr gave a short presentation of the 4-H Proclamation. They then asked the Board to approve and sign the 4-H Proclamation declaring Nebraska 4-H Month for Merrick County. Moved Hahn, Second Helgoth to have the board approve and sign the 4-H Proclamation. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**4-H Display:** Tammy Stuhr, Extension Educator asked the board if the 4-H could put up a display on the first floor for Nebraska 4-H Month. Stuhr mentioned that by the elevator on the first floor would get the most traffic. Moved Weller, Second Kucera to approve of the 4-H Display on the first floor for the Nebraska 4-H Month. Roll Call: All Ayes. Stuhr also mentioned they will be having an Open House at the 4-H Building on the last Sunday of the month of February (24<sup>th</sup>) from 11-2 and will be serving hotdogs, chips and a drink.

**Electrical Agreement:** County Highway Superintendent, Mike Meyer, came before the board for the approval of an Electrical Agreement for Douglas Retzlaff for property owner, Carol Wegner for an electrical line between Section 22, and Section 15, Township 14, Range, 8. Moved Weller, Second Graves to approve of said Electrical Agreement for Chairman Wiegert to sign. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Overlay Project:** Highway Superintendent, Meyer also brought before the board a letter of intent from the State to proceed with the Merrick/Nance Overlay Project. Moved, Helgoth, Second Jefferson for Chairman Wiegert to sign the letter of intent for the Merrick/Nance Overlay Project. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Correspondence regarding the Sheriff:** Graves moved to go into Executive Session at 9:42 a.m. to discuss the correspondence regarding the sheriff concerning the potential investigation and litigation to protect the public interest, Second Jefferson. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Weller, Second Graves to go out of Executive Session at 10:38 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Planning & Zoning Board:** Approval needed to reappoint George Ruten to the Planning & Zoning Board. Moved Weller, Second Graves to reappoint Ruten to the Planning & Zoning Board. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Recording Work Time:** Kucera asked the board why the county does not implement time clocks. Graves mentioned that employees with the road department start work in Palmer, Clarks, etc and do not have one designated place to clock in. This type of recording work time is the honor system. Helgoth asked if NIRMA had a uniform time sheet for every departments

use. Kucera agreed that there should be research and talk to other counties throughout the state. Jefferson absent at 10:50 a.m.  
**Juvenile Diversion Surplus:** County Attorney Homolka stated with the renovations to the Juvenile Diversion office there is no room for the large wooden table. Homolka mentioned The Historical Society would take the desk if the board so chose. Moved Graves, Second Hahn to surplus the large wooden table from the Juvenile Diversion office to The Historical Society. Roll Call: All Ayes. Jefferson present at 10:57 a.m.

**County Website:** Deputy County Clerk, Trish Fate-Strobel brought up the option in having MIPS provide the county a new website. Zopes has changed and now it's becoming more difficult to add and change information on the website. MIPS will set it up and keep it up to date with all of the information provided to them from all of the offices. There is a \$450.00 One Time Charge to create the website and then the monthly fee would be \$52.50. There are currently 29 counties in the state in which MIPS is maintaining their website. Weller stated they could possibly take the money out of the Inheritance Fund for said cost. He also mentioned this would probably be best discussed during budget talks. Moved Graves, Second Helgoth to discuss this item during budget time. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**January 2013 Payroll:** The January 2013 payroll was presented to the Board for approval: General: Gross: \$107,085.19 Net: \$75,772.55 Roads: Gross: \$46,515.23 Net: \$30,168.62 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$2,331.33 Net: \$2,043.18. Wiegert brought attention to the board regarding two employee's timecards stating they had worked from home. On one day both, Hostler and Root put down as working from home on December 20, in which the Courthouse was closed due to weather. On December 21, Hostler wrote down that she again had worked from home. Hostler came before the board and explained that the office can work on their home computers doing online enrollments, revamping the premium book, etc. She stated on Friday, the 21<sup>st</sup>, she did have a sick child. Asked if she was short on sick leave, Hostler said she was not short. The board decided to not deduct any sick time from Hostler since there was nothing stating in the handbook regarding working from home. Weller stated that he wanted it on next month's agenda to review the handbook regarding sick leave and work from home. Moved Hahn, Second Graves to approve the January 2013 payroll as submitted. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Adjournment:** Moved Kucera, Second Helgoth to adjourn at 11:29 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, Deputy County Clerk