

March 26, 2013

The Merrick County Board of Equalization met Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 8:57 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 8:57 a.m.

Moved Jefferson, second Hahn to convene as Board of Equalization at 8:57 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Graves 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 Helgoth, second Graves to approve the minutes as published for March 12, 2013. Roll Call: Ayes: Hahn, Kucera, Jefferson, Graves, Helgoth, and Wiegert. Nays: None. Abstain: Weller.

Adjourn: Moved Hahn, second Jefferson to adjourn at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Vehicle Exemption: An Application for Exemption was presented for the Board's approval and the Chairman's signature for a 2000 United Trailer for Boy Scout Troop #102. Moved Hahn, second Jefferson to approve and have the Chairman sign the vehicle exemption application for the 2000 United Trailer for Boy Scout Troop #102. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Graves, second Kucera to adjourn at 9:02 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk

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The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 9:02 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 9:02 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 9:02 a.m.

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

Minutes: Moved Jefferson, second Kucera to approve the minutes from March 12, 2013 for permanent record. Roll Call: Ayes: Jefferson, Helgoth, Graves, Hahn, Kucera, Jefferson, and Wiegert. Nays: None. Abstain: Weller.

Meeting reports: Hahn, Graves, Helgoth, Kucera, and Wiegert all attended the Wage and Hour Seminar in St. Paul on Monday, March 25, 2013. Graves attended a meeting at the Venture Center concerning the Merrick Manor and also attended a hospital meeting last Tuesday. Kucera attended the Mid Nebraska Individual Services on the 20th.

Official reports: None

Hospital update: Tad Hunt gave the Board a brief update on the hospital. Hunt said that health reform is a big issue.

"H" Road: Amy Lynch who lives on "H" Road across from Rathman Manning said that the speed limit on that road is 35 but the semi trucks and vehicles going to popcorn plant are going way over that. Lynch has small children, who have play friends over, pets and a new driver who is 16 with friends that also come over. She would like to know if the speed limit could be reduced to 25 and Graves said that he did not know if you make that road a 25 mile per hour speed limit because it is not residential but it is gravel. Lynch said she called the Sheriff and asked if they would come out and see if they could come and stop people. Graves did say that they could put up signs say Children at Play and Lynch said she had called Lori Killin at Chapman because she didn't know who else to call. Highway Superintendent Meyer said they could put up signs that say Children at Play and he can also put orange flags on the 35 speed limit signs to bring them to driver's attention. Lynch has called the popcorn plant but has not received a reply. County Attorney Homolka said that they could have the Sheriff and the State Patrol police that road more to get the speed under control. Homolka also told Lynch that if it doesn't stop to let the Board and her know.

Tuck pointing: The courthouse needs some tuck pointing done and Dave Scott and his father from Osceola, Nebraska did it last in 1993. Attempts have been made to contact Scott to come and look at the courthouse because it is in need of some work. Beth Pullen saw Scott in Osceola and asked him to come and give the County Board an estimate. He submitted two estimates; an estimate for repairs to the old courthouse and the new front entrance in the amount of \$22,700.00 and another

estimate for the east side of the new addition for \$7,020.00. Graves said he did not know if they had water proofed the new part or not but the grout between the old part and the new addition is letting water in. Scott had told Graves that the waterproofing they did in 1993 was only good for 10 years. Scott said the courthouse needed to be power washed and regROUTED and it would take a month to six weeks because he is on his own now. On the new addition the walls and windows are stained because of watering the lawn and Scott said he thought he could get the stain off of the wall but not the windows. The windows in the new addition need cement pads under them to get the water away from them. Graves said there are only two drains for the whole new addition. John Lesiak said that he would be able to do the cement work. The southwest corner of the courthouse is in need of some repairs also. Jefferson said they need to watch the roof too. Graves said the east side of the new addition is in worse shape than the north and south. Hahn suggested the Board inspect the outside of the courthouse at the next meeting. Graves asked that the courthouse exterior repairs be tabled until the next board meeting.

RESOLUTION 2013-12: RESOLUTION 2013-12 is for the Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Election Commissioner setting the amounts of their petty cash funds that the County Board approved on March 10, 2009. A resolution was never done but the Board had approved them at their meeting. Moved Weller, second Hahn to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2013-12. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2013-12 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

RESOLUTION 2013-13: RESOLUTION 2013-13 is for the Treasurer to add another \$500.00 to their petty cash in their checking account because there was not enough in there to cover the Recognition dinner. Moved Graves, second Weller to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2013-13 for the Treasurer's Office to add \$500.00 to their petty cash in their checking account. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2013-13 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

RESOLUTION 2013-14: RESOLUTION 2013-14 is for a \$60.00 petty cash for the Clerk Magistrate in the County Court Office. Moved Hahn, second Kucera to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2013-14 for a \$60.00 petty cash fund for the Clerk Magistrate in the County Court Office. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2013-14 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

RESOLUTION 2013-11: RESOLUTION 2013-11 is to give the County Treasurer permission to transfer \$1,246.38 from the Estray Fund to the Fines and Apportionments Fund and was suggested by the State Auditors. Moved Graves, second Jefferson to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2013-11 giving the Treasure permission to transfer \$1,246.38 from the Estray Fund to the Fines and Apportionments Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2013-11 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

RESOLUTION 2013-15: RESOLUTION 2013-15 is giving the Treasurer permission to transfer \$300,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund to cover part of the February expenses and all of the March expenses. Treasurer Dunham said the General Fund is in the hole and that is because the tax sales were down by over \$119,000.00 this year. The balance of the Inheritance Fund is over \$1,000,000.00. Moved Weller, second Kucera to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2013-15 giving the Treasurer permission to transfer \$300,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund to cover part of the February expenses and all of the March expenses. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTON 2013-15 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Weed report: Weed Superintendent Corwin Roscoe reported that Sericea Lespedeza has been passed as a noxious weed in Merrick County for 18 months by the State.

Sheriff's report: Sheriff Campbell said that he had told Amy Lynch to come to the Board about the speed limit on "H" Road. She had contacted him and he sent deputies out to "H" Road but no one had been stopped. Campbell has talked to the popcorn plant and southern power because they were also a problem. Campbell applied for and received a \$1,500.00 grant to be used for DARE. They currently have nine inmates. Campbell said the audit went very well in the Sheriff's Department. They still have a checking account from the previous sheriff because the auditors had asked them to keep it open until they came back this time so that they could finish balancing it. The auditors told Campbell he can close this checking account but it must be done by the end of June. Campbell attended the Sheriff's Continuing Education and Campbell and Westman will be attending the jail conference in Kearney. Campbell also passed around an inmate medical clearance report and a custody authorization form. The custody authorization form is filled out by the arresting officer for every inmate arrested. The medical clearance report is if the Sheriff's Department thinks that the inmate needs to be seen by a doctor and cleared before they will accept them. This is to help the County with liability issues. County Attorney asked who was responsible for paying for a doctor to check an inmate and Campbell said the arresting agency would be. Campbell passed out a list of inventory items that were removed from the Sheriff's Office and taken out to the County shed that he would like to surplus. The surplusing of these items will be put on the next agenda. Campbell has started pricing out a trailer system that has radar on it with a digital read out. The new car is here. Chief Deputy Westman and Campbell have been teaching DARE. The Sheriff's Department has been invited to a Nebraska Danger football game and are to bring their inflatable Sheriff Association mascot with them. Campbell informed the Board that tomorrow the courthouse will be involved in a mock tornado drill between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Van Galusha has given the Sheriff a bid for electrical work at the Sheriff's Office and they are waiting for Randy from Mid Plains Communications to come and give them a bid for the grounding of the towers on the roof of the courthouse.

Weller was absent at 10:49 a.m.

March 2013 payroll: The March 2013 payroll was submitted to the Board for their approval: General: Gross: \$102,731.78 Net: \$73,565.20 Roads: Gross: \$46,669.96 Net: \$30,319.62 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$2,331.33 Net: \$2,043.10. Moved Graves, second Jefferson to approve the payroll as submitted. Roll Call: Ayes: Hahn, Graves, Jefferson, and Wiegert. Ayes with exceptions: Helgoth and Kucera approve all the payroll claims that they signed but not the ones they did not sign. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to adjourn pending annual inspection of the jail at 11: 30 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk