

April 23, 2013

The Merrick County Board of Equalization met Tuesday, April 23, 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 Weller, second Jefferson to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Graves, second Hahn to approve the minutes as published for April 9, 2013. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Exemption Hearing: Moved Helgoth, second Graves to open the hearing for an exemption application for the Central City Baptist Church at 9:02 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Assessor Placke said the Baptist Church had purchase a building and it will house equipment, lumber and other things for other churches that may want to build something. Placke recommends the exemption be approved. Moved Weller, second Kucera to approve the exemption application for the Central City Baptist Church. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Weller, second Graves to close the exemption hearing at 9:03 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Tax Corrections: Assessor Placke presented tax correction #3653 for Keith Kallweit Personal Property ID#3082 for equipment that is being sold and the taxes need to be accelerated, tax correction #3654 for Steve Kallweit for equipment that is being sold and the taxes need to be accelerated, and tax correction #3655 for Roy O. Glynn Personal Property #PP3187 for equipment that was assessed twice. Moved Graves, second Hahn to approve tax corrections #3653, #3654, and #3655. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Hahn, second Jefferson to adjourn at 9:06 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, April 23, 2013 at 9:06 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 Graves, second Helgoth to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:06 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 9:06a.m.

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

Minutes: Kucera said that right above the claims the word be had been left out of the sentence, because it should say meals can be reimbursed. Moved Kucera, second Hahn to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2013 meeting with the correction. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Hahn, Graves, and Wiegert attended the Emergency Management meeting. Graves attended the hospital board meeting; Helgoth attended an Emergency Management meeting in Fullerton and was told that the 911 equipment is obsolete and the cost of new equipment would be around \$100,000.00; Weller attended the Bader Park meeting; Kucera attended the Extension Board meeting and Tammy Stuhr is doing an excellent job and she also attended the Region III meeting in Kearney; Kucera and Graves attended the NIRMA meeting in Kearney. Helgoth will attend the NIRMA meeting in Norfolk.

Official's reports: Jeanette Friesen, Extension Educator, gave the board an update on the Extension Office. Helgoth also said that the Extension Office needed to work on the overtime as one in their office has 72 hours of comp time. Helgoth said the ladies were doing a good job but there was just a lot of overtime. Kucera suggested that maybe they could come in an hour later in the morning or leave early to help eliminate the overtime. Both said that overtime that is not used in three months must be paid out to the employee. Weed Superintendent, Corwin Roscoe, told the Board that he had published the notice of weeds in both County papers. County Attorney Homolka and her deputy attended the Emergency Management meeting and she had also attended a DNA seminar held by the Attorney General. Homolka said she will be attending the NIRMA meeting in Norfolk and she is also part of MAPS that is having the Merrick County Community Drug Clean Up at the PAC on Friday,

April 26, 2013 starting at 6:00 p.m. and invited all of the Board members to come.

Public comment: Pat Carlson said that the interlocal agreement for Bader Park is due to end in December, 2013. Carlson said the interlocal is of no benefit to the Platte Peer Group and what they are doing. She has already talked to Hamilton County and she would like to visit each County individually and just forget the interlocal. John Thomas, President in Hamilton County would like to meet within the next two weeks to discuss this.

Midland Area Agency on Aging: Sandi Stevens, the new director since December 2012 for Midland Area Agency on Aging, and Colleen Clayton from the Senior Center came before the Board and presented the 2013-2014 budget proposal of \$6,002.00. This request includes a membership fee of \$1,902.00 to Midland Area Agency on Aging and the other \$4,100.00 stays in Merrick County for the senior services. That is \$1.00 for every person over the age of 60. This is the same amount that was requested last year.

Bader Park house: Pat Carlson said that there have been a lot of repairs made by the Platte Peer Group but the house at Bader Park needs new windows and siding. This is the first thing people see when entering the park and they would like the house to be visually appealing. The Peer Group is painting the old restrooms and they would like the County to pay for the windows and siding. Weller said the house is in need of these repairs. Moved Weller, 2nd Jefferson to have Pat Carlson get three informal bids for windows and siding for the house at Bader Park. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Sheriff report: Sheriff Campbell said they have eight people in jail and two are being housed for Nance County. One inmate was released today from Nance County. Nance County will be billed \$1,000.00 for the housing of that inmate. Campbell attended the jail conference last week and there will be some changes that they will have to make for safety reasons down the line. There will be a DARE graduation at the PAC center on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. They have 100 sixth grade students graduating. The Sheriff will also be part of the Merrick County Community Drug Clean Up at the PAC Center on Friday, April 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Motor Grader Bid Hearing: Moved Hahn, second Graves to open the hearing for motor grader bids at 10:30 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Two bids were received; one from Murphy Tractor and one from Nebraska Machinery. The bids were for one new 2013 articulated motor grader. The first bid from Murphy Tractor was for a John Deere 770GP for \$225,612.00 with VUT Bridgestone 14.00R24 tires as the VKT Tires that were requested are no longer available; less the trade of 1999 Champion 720A for \$22,500.00 for a net difference of \$203,112.00. The delivery time is 45 days. The sales representative, Noland Rockey was present. The second bid from Nebraska Machinery Company was for a Caterpillar 12M2 for \$218,213.00 less trade of 1999 Champion 720A for \$20,000.00 for a net difference of \$198,213.00 plus \$5,000.00 parts credit. The delivery time is 90 to 120 days and Larry Schmidt was the sales representative that was present. Moved Weller, second Graves to purchase the Caterpillar 12M2 with trade in for \$198,213.00 plus \$5,000 parts credit. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Weller, second Graves to go out of the bid hearing at 11:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Electrical Agreement: Highway Superintendent Meyer presented an electrical agreement for David Deichmann to bury an electrical line under the road for irrigation between Section 13 and Section 14, Township 13, Range 7. Moved Jefferson, second Graves to approve the electrical line for David Deichmann between Section 13 and Section 4, Township 13, Range 7. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Tuckpointing: Kucera said she had checked with the Merrick Foundation and they do not give grants to governmental entities. Graves said that water had leaked during the last rain storm into the Mike Meyer's Office on third floor. They passed pictures around of the West corner at the top of the courthouse and said there is a crack that needs to be filled in. Moved Weller, second Hahn to approve the bid from David Scott of Masonry Restoration Company of Nebraska of \$7,020.00 to tuckpoint the new addition and to also have him fill the crack on the west corner of the courthouse for an additional amount. Roll Call: All Ayes. Graves said he would get with John Lesiak and get a bid from him for three areas of drainage.

Payroll: The April 2013 payroll was presented to the Board for their approval: General: Gross: \$97,360.93, Net: \$69,908.33 Roads: Gross: \$46,254.76 Net: \$29,270.47 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$2,331.33 Net: \$2,043.18. Helgoth and Kucera said that Veteran Service Officer Berry needed to start putting his time down when he checks in and checks out for lunch as well as his starting time and quitting time. He may get a set amount every month, but he is a non exempt employee and so he has to fill out a time sheet every month like all other non exempt employees. Kucera had Berry come and she explained what he needed to start doing and he had no problem with that. The sheriff was also called because not all of his employee timesheets came over with the pay sheets.

Moved Weller, second Kucera to approve the payroll as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Hahn, Graves, Jefferson, Kucera, Weller and Wiegert. Helgoth said he approved all of the payrolls that he signed.

Adjourn: Moved Jefferson, second Helgoth to adjourn at 11:56 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk