

May 28, 2013

The Merrick County Board of Equalization met Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Helgoth, Kucera, Hahn, Weller, Jefferson, 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 Weller, second Graves to convene as Board of Equalization at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Hahn led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Minutes: Moved Hahn, second Weller to approve the minutes as published for May 11, 2013. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Value Changes: Assessor Placke requested approval from the Board for the changes made to values after March 19, 2013 to the abstract. Some of the changes were due to a boundary dispute and Placke hired Katt Surveying to come in survey, which will cost around \$705.00. Moved Weller, second Kucera to approve the changes to values after March 19, 2013 to the abstract. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Vehicle Exemption: An Application for Exemption was presented for Palmer Public School for a 2013 Carry-On cargo trailer. Moved Weller, 2nd Graves to approve the Application for Exemption for Palmer Public School for a 2013 Carry-On cargo trailer. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Weller, second Graves to adjourn at 9:10 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk

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Moved Jefferson, second Hahn to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:10 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Graves, second Helgoth to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2013 as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Hahn, Kucera, Weller, Helgoth, Graves, and Wiegert. Nays: None Abstain: Jefferson.

Meeting reports: Hahn attended the Senior Center meeting last week; Graves attended the Blue Cross Blue Shield meeting on May 23, 2013, Bader Park meeting on May 21, and on May 22 and May 23 a NIRMA Board meeting; Weller attended the Bader Park meeting on May 21 and the SCEDD at the Venture Center; Helgoth sat in for Kucera at the Extension meeting on May 15, 2013.

Official reports: Weed Superintendent, Corwin Roscoe said there is a lot of leafy splurge in the Silver Creek area and they are trying to get that resolved. Brandon Schnan, with Area 4 Department of Ag will come talk to the Board on June 11, 2013. Kucera said she had received a call from Karen Benner saying that they appreciated the help with water, by the County putting in a new culvert by Tyson's place.

Hospital update: Tad Hunt gave the Board an update on the hospital.

Budget Requests: Laurie Zimbleman with Mid Nebraska Individual Services, requested \$7,845.00 for support for the next fiscal year from Merrick County. This amount is based on the 2010 census and they serve 74 people. That number is down due to another company that has come into Grand Island. This amount is the same as last year's request. Lexann Roach with the Crisis Center requested \$4,000.00 for support and this is also the same as last year.

Budget workshop: Gene Ulmer, with Alvin P. Alms & Company, went through the complete budget process with the Board, explaining to them what restricted funds were, levy limits, receipts, property tax requirements, how the budget process works, and what is needed from the elected offices. Ulmer had mentioned that the Board had probably already told the officials what

kind of an increase they could have for their budgets and Clerk Wichmann said that some of the officials have probably not even started their budgets because they do not like to start them until the end of the fiscal year figures for their department comes out and that the Board had not given the officials any direction as far as what kind of increases they could have.

Moved Weller, second Hahn to allow an 2% increase for all of the offices. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Phone service: Becky Lynch, with USA Communications passed around a proposal for all phones lines and fax lines in the courthouse. Lynch said that the County is currently paying for long distance and USA does not charge for long distance and they do not charge any additional fees. Lynch said they had just signed up Nance County. Lynch also said that with just the courthouse they could save the County at least \$300.00 a month. She is going to meet with the Sheriff about his office and that she would be able to save probably another \$300.00 a month their bill. The fax machine in the courthouse is now an analog and USA's are digital. All incoming faxes on their digital lines come in as email and out going as PDF's. You would be able to fax from your desktop. Moved Weller, second Graves to authorize USA Communications to do a feasibility study of the courthouse. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Health Insurance: The new Blue Cross Blue Shield rates were sent to the Board members in their packets for their review. BC/BS rates went up 12%. Coventry Insurance is slow in paying claims and scrutinize everything and their benefits do not cover near what BC/BS does. Moved Kucera, second Graves to stay with BC/BS for health insurance. Roll Call: All Ayes. Mid American Benefits Inc. handles the County portion of the deductibles and their rate will stay the same at \$7.50 per employee per month. Moved Weller, second Hahn to stay with Mid American Benefits. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Weller, second Hahn to stay with the current deductible of \$1,500.00 and the employees will pay the same amount towards insurance the next fiscal year as they are this fiscal year. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Weller asked the Clerk to put on the next agenda to discuss advertising the Treasurer's position.

RESOLUTION 2013-18: Highway Superintendent Meyer presented RESOLUTION 2013-18 appointing Highway Superintendent Meyer authorization to sign the Federal Funds Purchase Program Supplemental Agreement No. 1 between Merrick County and the Nebraska Department of Roads. Moved Graves, second Jefferson to approve RESOLUTION 2013-18 appointing Highway Superintendent Meyer authorization to sign the Federal Funds Purchase Program Supplemental Agreement No. 1 between Merrick County and the Nebraska Department of Roads. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2013-18 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

RESOLUTION 2013-19: Highway Superintendent Meyer also presented RESOLUTION 2013-19 for the Board's approval for the Chairman to sign the Program Agreement between Merrick County and the Nebraska Department of Roads for the 2013 Fracture Critical Bridge Inspections. Moved Hahn, second Helgoth to approve the Chairman to sign the Program Agreement between Merrick County and the Nebraska Department of Roads for the 2013 Fracture Critical Bridge Inspections. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2013-19 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Outstanding checks: County Clerk Wichmann needs approval from the Board to send outstanding checks to the State Treasurer. Moved Graves, second Hahn to approve the County Clerk sending outstanding checks to the State Treasurer. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Special Liquor License: A special liquor license from Jason Van Hoosen DBA Don't Care Bar & Grill for a wedding reception at the Riverside Pavilion on June 29, 2013 was presented for the Board's approval. Moved Weller, second Kucera to approve the special liquor license from Jason Van Hoosen DBA Don't Care Bar & Grill for a wedding reception at the Riverside Pavilion on June 29, 2013. Roll Call: Ayes: Helgoth, Graves, Hahn, Helgoth, Kucera, and Wiegert. Nays: None. Abstain: Jefferson.

Interlocal Agreement with Chapman: When the State Auditor's were here to do the audit there was no interlocal agreement with the Village of Chapman for snow removal. An interlocal agreement for snow removal between Merrick County and the Village of Chapman was presented for the Board's approval. The interlocal runs from December 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013. Moved Hahn, second Jefferson to approve the interlocal agreement between Merrick County and the Village of Chapman for snow removal for December 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Subdivisions: Planning and Zoning Myers presented the Board with three subdivision applications for their approval. The first one was for Stephen and Vicki VanPelt in the NE1/4 of Section 8, Township 14, Range 7 because of incorporation of farm/ranch operations, next one was for Mike and Joyce Rice in the NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 1, Township 13, Range 8 because they are selling this to their son to build a house and the last one is for Rex and Leanne Luebbe in the SE1/4 of Section 22, Township 14, Range 7 because they are selling the home sight to their son. Moved Weller, second Jefferson to approve the subdivision applications for Stephen and Vicki VanPelt in the NE1/4 of Section 8, Township 14, Range 7 because of incorporation of farm/ranch operations, next one was for Mike and Joyce Rice in the NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 1, Township 13, Range 8 because they are selling this to their son to build a house and the last one is for Rex and Leanne Luebbe in the SE1/4 of Section 22, Township 14, Range 7 because they are selling the home sight to their son. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Helgoth said he had a couple of questions: first question is when is the study of 21st Road and U Road going to be done.

Highway Superintendent Meyer said the guy from Hall County has been very busy but it will be completed. The last question that he is being asked is where is the missing \$5,800.00 and County Attorney Homolka told him that neither she nor the

sheriff had any control over the investigation and it cannot be discussed in open session. If the Board would go into closed session in regards to this they would not be able to discuss what was said with anyone else anyway. Homolka said that she can say that there has been some activity in the last two weeks.

Payroll: The May 2013 payroll was presented for approval: General: Gross: \$96,556.52 Net: \$69,349.31 Roads: Gross: \$46,275.80 Net: \$29,672.51 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$2,331.33 Net: \$2,043.18

Moved Weller, second Graves to approve the May 2013 payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to adjourn at 11:42 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk