



Merrick County Board Minutes



October 8, 2013

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 9:13 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Helgoth, Hahn, Jefferson, Kucera, and Wiegert present, Weller was absent. 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 9:13 a.m.

Moved Hahn, second Jefferson to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:13 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Hahn, second Helgoth to approve minutes for September 24, 2013 as presented. Roll Call: Ayes, Graves, Kucera, Hahn, Helgoth. Nays: None. Abstain: Jefferson

Meetings Report: Graves attended the Hospital Board Meeting, NIRMA meeting on Wednesday and the NIRMA workshop on Thursday & Friday. Helgoth and Jefferson went to the NPPD meeting in Clarks. Jefferson also attended the Farm Bureau meeting. Wiegert and Kucera attended the NIRMA workshop in Kearney Thursday and Friday.

Official Report: Tammy Stuhr, Extension Agent, came before the board to address bulbs and ballasts that need replaced and whether the filters had been changed in the courthouse recently. The Extension Office will be doing some moving around in the office, possibly moving inventory to other offices or out to the 4H building. Stuhr also asked the board if the Extension and 4H Boards could have their meetings in the Supervisors Room, rather than the Hearing Room. The Supervisors Room would be more compatible with the tables that are in place. The Board did not feel there would be an issue for the Extension Board & 4H Board to hold their meetings in the Supervisors Room. Tammy Stuhr mentioned she will be attending a neuro science conference in Boston, MA in November. Extension Board has an opening as one position has become available. County Attorney Homolka and Deputy Kunz attended the County Attorney Conference in Lincoln.

Public Comment: Bill Welch, Interim CEO with Litzenberg Hospital and introduced himself to the board.

Surplus Items from Planning & Zoning: Assessor Placke spoke for Planning & Zoning Myers that there are (2) 4 drawer filing cabinets that have been replaced to be surplus from the Planning & Zoning office. Moved Kucera, second Helgoth the approval to surplus (2) 4 drawer cabinets from the Planning & Zoning office. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Surplus of Sheriff's Dept.: Deputy Bullis and Xena went to the Nebraska State Patrol Academy and were not successful. The canine was free to the county except for a few vet bills. Deputy Bullis is interested in keeping Xena as his own. The original handler is not interested. The Sheriff's Dept will continue to have fund raisers in order to eventually one day having a younger K9. Moved Graves, Second Jefferson to approve of the surplus of Xena to Deputy Bullis. Roll Call: All Ayes.

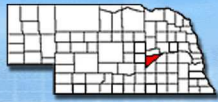
Brite Express Contract: Kucera has spoken with the offices in the courthouse and the consensus was that Brite Express was doing a very good job with the cleaning. Kucera moved to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining as it pertains to the cleaning contract at 9:40 a.m., second, Graves. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to go out of executive session at 9:53 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Graves to renew Brite Express contract for an additional term of 30 days. Roll Call: Ayes Hahn, Kucera, Graves, Jefferson, Wiegert. Nays: None. Abstain: Helgoth.

Equipment Cost Report: County Highway Superintendent, Meyers presented his equipment cost report for last year and this year.

Resolution 2013-34: Transfer \$270,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the Road Fund to pay for the second half of the overlay project. Moved Graves, second Jefferson to approve the transfer of \$270,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the Road Fund to pay for the overlay project. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Yard Maintenance: Heins Lawn Care would like to fertilize and apply chemicals for weeds as soon as possible. The cost would run approximately \$400. Heins would also like to edge and this would take longer than first anticipated, they believe it would take around 2 to 3 hours at \$45/hr. Moved Helgoth, second Jefferson to approve Heins Lawn Care to apply fertilizer/chemicals and to also move forward in edging the courthouse lawn. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Resolution 2013-35: Transfer \$995,000 from General Miscellaneous Fund to the Road Fund in 12 equal payments as adopted in the 2013-2014 budgets. Moved Graves, second Kucera to approve the chairman to sign Resolution 2013-35 to transfer \$995,000.00 from the General Miscellaneous Fund to the Road Fund in 12 equal payments as was adopted in the 2013-2014 budgets. Roll Call: All Ayes.



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Agreement for Nance County Project: Merrick County does not need to sign the agreement. Nance County is signing Agreement today and then Merrick County will look it over, then it will be sent into the state.

Road "R" Repairs: Highway Superintendent Myers presented copies of aerial maps of Road "R" to the board members.

Cooperative Agreement for District 5: County Attorney Homolka stated the York County Attorney has not drafted an agreement to date. Moved Hahn, second Kucera to table the Cooperative Agreement discussion until the next board meeting, October 22, 2013. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Resolution 2013-33: Approval to sign Resolution 2013-33 in support of keeping the Veterans Home in Grand Island. Moved Jefferson, second Hahn to sign Resolution 2013-33 in support of keeping the Veterans Home in Grand Island. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Ballasts and Bulbs: There are approximately 40-50 ballasts/bulbs that need to be replaced throughout the courthouse, possibly have bulbs on hand. There has been an estimate provided Anderson Brothers Electric, Plumbing & Heating, Inc. Moved Graves, second Kucera for Helgoth Electric to fix the bad bulbs in the Extension Office and the courthouse and then bid on replacing 10 or more ballasts/bulbs of each style throughout the courthouse. Roll Call: Ayes, Jefferson, Hahn, Kucera, Graves, Wiegert. Nays: None. Abstain: Helgoth.

Certification of Cost Allocation Plan: Approval needed for the Chairman to sign the Certification of Cost Allocation Plan from Maximus. Moved Graves, second Hahn to approve the Chairman to sign the Certification of the Cost Allocation Plan from Maximus for the Clerk of the District Court and the County Attorney. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Water Permit: Bob Husmann asked the board about the water permit that was requested by the Merrick Foundation. Husmann stated he read in the minutes that the head of the Merrick Foundation had requested a water permit on 80 acres of the park ground north of the park. Graves said what he wanted was an easement to the Wood River. Husmann also wanted to voice his disappointment with the board for not filing a protest regarding the moving of the Veteran's Home in Grand Island before now.

October Claims: The October 2013 claims were presented to the Board for approval:

FUND	NAME	INVDESC	TOTCLAIMS
GENERAL			
	JOHNROSS ABOLD	CELL PHONE	\$ 30.00
	AMSAN LLC	SUPPLIES	\$ 710.61
	AS CENTRAL SERVICES OCIO	OFFICE EQUIP	\$ 26.00
	DOROTHY D BENTON	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 2,873.75
	GARY BERRY	DUES/MILEAGE	\$ 176.50
	BILL NESIBA SIGN STUDIO	EQUIPMENT	\$ 450.00
		PRISONER	
	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	BOARD	\$ 697.62
	PATRICIA BOLTE	MILEAGE	\$ 76.84
	BOONE COUNTY TREASURER	EQUIPMENT	\$ 937.34
	BRITE EXPRESS	CLEANING SRVC	\$ 1,225.00
	TYSON BULLIS	CELL PHONE	\$ 30.00
	KEVIN CAMPBELL	CELL PHONE	\$ 30.00
	CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/SHERIFF ACT	CAR REPAIR	\$ 2.49
		PRISONER	
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	BOARD	\$ 364.11
	CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT	CONTRACT	\$ 2,307.10
	CENTRAL NE CREMATION & MORTUARY	CORONER	\$ 560.00
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$ 748.57
	RYLLIE CHRISTENSON	PT JANITOR	\$ 180.00
	TODD CHURCH	CELL PHONE	\$ 30.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$ 3,587.90
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	JAIL UTILITIES	\$ 156.47
	CLARK BROS SANITATION, INC	GARBAGE SRVC	\$ 129.52



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CLARKS VILLA	RENT ASSIST	\$	304.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$	570.10
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	MEALS	\$	9.50
	MEMBERSHIP		
CVSOAN TREASURER	DUE	\$	30.00
DISTRICT 5 PROBATION	SUPPORT	\$	6,061.00
RYAN DUNCAN	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
ECO WATER SYSTEMS	WATER SERVICE	\$	144.00
EGAN SUPPLY CO.	SUPPLIES	\$	127.20
ELITE COURT REPORTING SERVICE, INC	COURT EXPENSE	\$	134.30
FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS LTD	PLAT BOOKS	\$	109.50
FLEET SERVICES/WEX BANK	FUEL	\$	2,587.74
GALUSHA ELECTRIC	BLDG REPAIR	\$	45.00
DAVID GALVAN	LAWN CARE	\$	40.00
THERESA GOOD	MISC EXPENSES	\$	269.26
JIM L GRAVES	MILEAGE	\$	93.22
GREEN FIFTH & EDDY SHOPS	CAR REPAIR	\$	314.00
LINDA GREGER	SOCIAL SERVICE	\$	135.00
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	COURT COSTS	\$	27.52
LYNELLE HOMOLKA	MISC EXPENSES	\$	80.00
	PRISONER		
HOST COFFEE SERVICE	BOARD	\$	132.00
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$	161.50
JENSEN PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$	34.53
JENSEN PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$	455.50
JENSEN PUBLISHING	SUPPLIES	\$	87.50
JENSEN PUBLISHING/P&Z	PRINTING	\$	15.21
JOE WATT AUTO SALES	CAR	\$	5,500.00
JOHNSON HARDWARE CO	SUPPLIES	\$	552.57
JOURNAL PRINT SHOP/P&Z	PRINTING	\$	135.12
JOURNAL PRINT SHOP	PUBLICATION	\$	453.95
JIM LAUDENKLOS	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
LAURITSEN,BROWNELL,BROSTROM,STEHLIK	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	2,191.84
LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS INC.	INVESTIGATIVE	\$	382.00
LEXISNEXIS	LAW LIBRARY	\$	250.00
LITZENBERG/HOSPITAL OPERATING	SUPPORT	\$	8,333.33
LITZENBERG CO. HOSPITAL	PRISONER MEDS	\$	2,339.64
LITZENBERG MEMORIAL CO HOSPITAL/EXP	CORONER	\$	99.90
LONE TREE MEDICAL ASSOCIATES	MISC EXPENSE	\$	108.00
	PRISONER		
LONE TREE MEDICAL ASSOCS.	BOARD	\$	108.00
LYNN PEAVY COMPANY	INVESTIGATIVE	\$	58.40
MAXIMUS CONSULTING SERVICES, INC	CONSULTANT	\$	3,105.30
MAYER, BURNS, KOENIG & JANULEWICZ	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	210.00
MCI	TELEPHONE	\$	50.95
MERRICK CO. CLERK	SUPPLIES	\$	10.00



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MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT COSTS	\$ 311.00
MERRICK CO. EXTENSION SERVICE	MISC EXPENSES	\$ 1,863.81
	TRANSFER	
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	FUNDS	\$ 83,390.01
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$ 270.33
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	MICROFILMING	\$ 35.00
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS,INC	MISC	\$ 1,192.77
MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING	SUPPORT	\$ 6,002.00
MIDWEST MAILING SYSTEMS INC	POSTAL	\$ 240.00
MIPS INC.	MICROFILMING	\$ 1,541.35
MIPS INC.	INT SUPPORT	\$ 3,543.52
MYERS & DAUGHERTY, PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 1,050.75
JENNIFER MYERS	MILEAGE	\$ 248.60
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$ 240.00
NACO/NAT'L ASSOC. OF COUNTIES	NATIONAL DUES	\$ 450.00
NE INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES	CORONER	\$ 1,800.00
NPZA CONFERENCE	REGISTRATION	\$ 25.00
NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	D&A TESTING	\$ 105.00
NEBRASKA HEATING & AIR, INC	MAINTENANCE	\$ 380.00
KAREN NELSON	MISC EXPENSE	\$ 53.48
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 36.41
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 51.61
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 71.95
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 71.95
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 78.56
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 62.26
NT&T	DC FAX	\$ 44.86
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 110.24
	COURTHOUSE	
NT&T	FAX	\$ 47.06
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 62.12
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$ 110.90
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$ 393.06
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$ 615.46
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$ 413.84
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$ 225.69
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$ 181.23
OFFICENET,INC.	SUPPLIES	\$ 225.93
PULLMAN-HOLT CORPORATION	EQUIP REPAIR	\$ 38.56
REGION III BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH SERV	SUPPORT	\$ 4,071.84
CORWIN A ROSCOE	CONTRACT SRVC	\$ 1,241.67
SAM'S CLUB DIRECT	MISC EXPENSES	\$ 276.73
SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORPORATION	SUBSCRIPTION	\$ 310.00
STANARD APPRAISAL SERVICE, INC.	REAPPRAISALS	\$ 3,150.00
	MAINTENANCE	
STROMSBURG SOFT WATER	AG	\$ 1,460.75



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SURVEY RECORD REPOSITORY	SUPPLIES	\$	50.00
SVEHLA THOMAS RAUERT & GRAFTON PC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	1,331.00
TEXT & DATA TECHNOLOGIES INC.	VINE SOFTWARE	\$	2,100.00
THE THOMPSON CO	BOARD/SUPPLIES	\$	2,176.25
U.S. BANK	MISC EXPENSE	\$	27.82
USA COMMUNICATIONS	3.01E+08	\$	341.13
VERIZON WIRELESS	9.71E+09	\$	25.04
VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$	829.66
REX WELLER	MILEAGE	\$	33.90
JOHN WESTMAN	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
MARCIA WICHMANN	MISC EXPENSES	\$	720.79
ROGER WIEGERT	DUES/MILEAGE	\$	152.83
ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE CO.	MEDICAL KIT	\$	43.79
TOTAL		\$	175,203.91

ROADS

ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$	10,990.68
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$	2,787.30
BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	36.23
BOSELMAN INC/ROADS	OIL & GREASE	\$	261.73
CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$	78.95
CENTRAL SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$	3,634.72
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE/ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$	21.67
DINKEL IMPLEMENT CO	EQUIP RENTAL	\$	1,546.98
EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC/ROADS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$	87.57
FASTENAL CO	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	1,163.64
GILBARCO INC	FUEL	\$	17.00
GREEN LINE EQUIPMENT OF CC/ROADS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	7.50
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	5.76
HANSEN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK INC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	267.70
HERK'S WELDING SHOP	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	247.28
HILDER IMPLEMENT	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	32.96
HUSKER CO-OP	FUEL	\$	1,285.24
INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	REPAIR/LABOR	\$	632.24
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	60.58
J.I.L. ASPHALT PAVING CO.	ASPHALTIC TYPE	\$	263,235.23
JACKSON LINEN SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	74.58
JENSEN PUBLISHING/ROADS	PUBLICATION	\$	32.30
JOURNAL PRINT SHOP/ROADS	PUBLISHING	\$	32.42
KRIZ-DAVIS CO	BLDG REPAIR	\$	3,122.12
	DRUG/ALCO		
LITZENBERG HOSPITAL/ROADS	TEST	\$	79.95
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	30.58
	DRUG/ALCO		
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	TEST	\$	93.00
MICHAEL MEYER	MILEAGE	\$	737.33
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS, INC	INS DEDUCTIBLE	\$	336.61



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MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO.	STEEL PRODUCTS	\$	9,938.00
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/EQUIP	\$	13,681.22
NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$	1,057.00
NEBR. PETERBILT - FORD	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	10.24
LEE NEEL	UTILITY AGREE	\$	50.00
NT&T/SHOP	TELEPHONE	\$	51.97
NT&T/ROADS	TELEPHONE	\$	58.10
OFFICENET	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$	143.38
OLSSON & ASSOCIATES	ENGINEER FEES	\$	2,430.00
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$	9,669.33
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRES	\$	128.25
	PAVEMENT		
POGUE CONSTRUCTION INC	MARK	\$	458.00
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$	34.99
JOHN E PROSOSKI	LAND RENTAL	\$	120.00
SACK LUMBER CO./ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	36.00
SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$	32,504.02
SOURCEGAS,LLC	GAS SERVICE	\$	104.47
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$	424.15
STATE GLASS, INC.	REPAIR & LABOR	\$	45.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	\$	84.69
WELDON PARTS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	101.56
XEROX CORPORATION	SHOP SUPPLY	\$	67.90
YANT EQUIPMENT	FUEL	\$	17.00
ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE CO.	125-024126	\$	28.85
TOTAL		\$	362,183.97

LODGING

	VISITORS		
ABC CLUB	PROMO	\$	150.00
CC AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	LODGING TAX	\$	1,800.00
	VISITORS		
CHAPMAN C.I.A. C/O LARRY COATES	PROMO	\$	150.00
	VISITORS		
CLARKS BEAN DAYS	PROMO	\$	150.00
JENSENS PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$	4.15
	VISITORS		
PALMER COMMERCIAL CLUB	PROMO	\$	150.00
	VISITORS		
RIVER RATS JEEP JAMBOREE	PROMO	\$	100.00
TOTAL		\$	2,504.15

JUVENILE DIVERSION

JULIE BEYER	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE-JD	\$	10.82
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$	63.15
TOTAL		\$	103.97

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CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	CANINE CARE	\$	49.53
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VISA	SUPPLIES	\$	41.40
TOTAL		\$	90.93
INHERITANCE			
CENTRAL PLATTE RESOURCE	MOORES CREEK	\$	1,707.01
USA COMMUNICATIONS	INTERENT SRVC	\$	194.95
TOTAL		\$	1,901.96
E911			
AS CENTRAL SERVICES OCIO	835937	\$	448.00
CENTURY LINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	241.24
CENTURYLINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	412.79
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILTITIES	\$	7.00
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	67.47
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	61.91
NNTC	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	139.14
NT&T	E911 PHONE SRV	\$	150.85
TOTAL		\$	1,528.40

Moved Graves, second Hahn to approve the October 2013 claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

October Fees: Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve the October 2013 fees from the Sheriff, Clerk of District Court and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to adjourn as Board of Supervisors pending the inspection of the jail. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, Deputy County Clerk