



# Merrick County Board Minutes



## **April 22, 2014**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, April 22, 2014 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 Hahn, second Kucera to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil and The Palmer Journal and on 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 9:05 a.m.

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

**Minutes:** Moved Kucera, second Jefferson to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2014 meeting as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Meeting Reports:** Graves and Kucera attended the NIRMA meeting in Kearney last Thursday; Weller attended the Bader Park meeting; Helgoth attended the 4-H Building meeting, Central Community meeting in Loup City and met with Kevin Koziol about the weed position; Wiegert attended the Mid Plains Behavioral Health meeting.

**Official reports:** Extension Educator Tammy Stuhr reported they will be looking at the Extension Board budget next month and they have the application for summer help to the paper. They have had 40 new 4-Her's. The Deputy County Attorney attended the NIRMA meeting in Lincoln and County Attorney Homolka said her coroner budget is depleted. Veteran Service Officer Berry said that as of July 1, 2014, Veteran's may have the word Veteran put on their driver license if they chose to. Berry also gave the Board a review of some of the things Veteran Affairs has been involved in.

**Hospital update:** Julie Murray, Litzenberg Hospital Administrator, said by the By Laws the County Board has to approve the hospital acquiring of assets within and outside of the County. The hospital would like to acquire the assets of the Lone Tree Clinic and the Fullerton Clinic. These would be paid for strictly out of operations and no county bonds. Moved Graves, second Weller, to approve of Litzenberg Hospital acquiring the assets of the Lone Tree Clinic and the Fullerton Clinic. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Catering License:** Moved Weller, second Graves to open the hearing on the catering license for Steven Loeffelbein DBA Nite Crawlers Bar & Grill at 9:30 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Loeffelbein told the Board that this license would save him money when he wanted to do events and he would not have a limit as to how many he could do a year. He still will have to come before the Board to get approval for special liquor licenses. Moved Weller, second Hahn to close the catering license hearing at 9:34 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Weller, second Kucera to approve the catering license for Steven Loeffelbein DBA Nite Crawlers Bar & Grill. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Weed Superintendent:** Kevin Koziol told the Board that he would be required to have 20 hours of training a year and that Merrick and Nance Counties are in two different weed districts so he would have to do 20 hours for Nance and 20 hours for Merrick. Helgoth told Koziol that he would have to be a part time employee for Merrick County and not contract. Attorney Homolka said that she had the background results for the applicants and if anyone on the Board wanted to look at them they could. Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to decline the application from Bill Campbell for Weed Superintendent. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to hire Kevin Koziol as interim part time weed superintendent at the rate of \$1,350.00 a month as a salary. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Electrical Agreement:** An electrical agreement was presented for the Board's approval for an irrigation well for Mark Hudnall and Stoltenberg Irrigation between Section 6 and Section 7, Township 12, Range 7. Moved Graves, second Weller, to approve the electrical agreement for Mark Hudnall and Stoltenberg Irrigation between Section 6 and Section 7, Township 12, Range 7. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Merrick County maps:** Assessor Placke would like to put the Merrick County Maps on line and said that she had budgeted \$4,800.00 in her budget and had hoped to get a grant but now did not think that was going to happen. She said there was also \$4,800.00 in the Inheritance Fund for the maintenance of GIS. It would be web based and cost \$4,800.00 to develop the site and an annual fee of \$4,800.00 to maintain the site. Placke said they would use GIS Workshop because they maintain and have the County maps now. Moved Helgoth, to pursue a contract and then Helgoth rescinded his motion.

**Bader Park Agreement:** The Platte Peer Group has not returned a signed agreement with the County so Weller asked this to be tabled until the next Board meeting.

**April 2014 payroll:** The April 2014 payroll was presented to the Board for approval: General: Gross: \$97,660.89 Net: \$70,034.85 Roads: Gross: \$43,944.54 Net: \$28,570.88 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$2,331.33 Net: \$1,535.70.



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Moved Weller, second Hahn to approve the payroll as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Jefferson, Graves, Hahn, Weller, Wiegert. Helgoth and Kucera said Aye to the ones they signed. Nays: None. County Attorney asked Helgoth and Kucera if they had approached the departments whose payroll sheets they did not sign and let them know why they would not sign them. Both said they have talked to the departments and were not getting anywhere. Homolka said that she would discuss this with them and see if that would help.

**Adjourn:** Moved Helgoth, second Jefferson to adjourn at 10:53 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk