



# Merrick County Board Minutes



## September 23, 2014

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, September 23, 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 Kucera, second Jefferson 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 Kucera, second Graves to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Minutes:** Moved Jefferson, second Helgoth to approve the September 9, 2014 minutes as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Meeting reports:** Hahn attended the Housing Authority meeting in Loup City; Graves attended a NIRMA claims meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>, a safety meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>, and the Fall Central District Meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>; Weller attended the Fair Board Meeting and the Development Corporation meeting; Helgoth attended the Central Nebraska Community Services meeting last Tuesday in Loup City; Kucera attended the Mid Nebraska Individual Services meeting Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup>; Wiegert attended the Central District Health meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> and the Fall Central District meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Official report:** Planning & Zoning Myers informed the Board that for about the last nine months she had been attending meetings every month for a committee that she had been put on to support local control of all county land use and planning decisions through zoning. Myers said that some think that zoning has been in the way of some development. They are moving towards policy development. The Delinquent Tax Listing on personal property and the Delinquent Tax Listing for real estate was presented to the Board.

**Hospital update:** Julie Murray, Litzenberg Hospital Administrator, gave the Board a copy of the presentation that was given to the Board of Trustee meeting in August. They have had a large response from the telephone survey and the Auxiliary gave the hospital a gift of \$28,000.00 to purchase a new surgery cautery unit for outpatient surgery.

**Resignation:** County Clerk Wichmann has received and accepted a letter of resignation from John Jefferson, resigning from the County Board effective September 30, 2014. Wichmann read the letter to the County Board. Hahn wanted to recognize Jefferson for his public and private life achievements and service.

**Resignation:** Weller had submitted a letter from Kathy Wolfe of her intent to resign, effective December 31, 2014 from the Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital Board of Trustees. Moved Kucera, second Graves to accept the letter of intent to resign from the Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital Board of Trustees effective December 31, 2014 from Kathy Wolfe pending the Hospital Board's approval of the same. Roll Call: Ayes: Helgoth, Jefferson, Hahn, Graves, Kucera, and Wiegert. Nays: None Abstain: Weller.

**RESOLUTION 2014-22:** RESOLUTION 2014-22 was presented for approval to direct the County Treasurer to transfer \$16,000.00 from the General Fund to the Juvenile Diversion Fund. Moved Graves, second Helgoth to approve RESOLUTION 2014-22 directing the County Treasurer to transfer \$16,000.00 from the General Fund to the Juvenile Diversion Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2014-22 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

**Grant award:** Julie Beyer, Juvenile Diversion Officer presented a new grant statement and special conditions for a grant that the Board had approve at a previous meeting and the agency now cannot locate the paperwork that Beyer sent in. The paperwork will be signed by the Deputy County Attorney because the County Attorney has a conflict of interest and she has filed paperwork in the Clerk's Office for that because she is on the Youth Council Board. Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to approve the Chairman signing the new grant statement and special conditions for the Juvenile Diversion grant. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Leverage letter:** County Clerk Wichmann presented the Board with a leverage letter from the County Board to approve for Central Nebraska Community Services. This letter helps Central Nebraska Community Services receive funding. Moved Hahn, second Helgoth to approve and have the Chairman sign the leverage letter from the County Board to help Central Nebraska Community Services receive funding. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Electrical agreement:** An electrical agreement for Dorothy and Ronald Glasser in Section 6, Township 14, Range 4. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve the electrical agreement for Dorothy and Ronald Glasser in Section 6, Township 14, Range 4. Roll Call: All Ayes.



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**Flags:** Weller just wanted the Board to know that Miles McGinnis had contacted him and told him that the flags were not lowered in the morning of September 11, 2014 and that as soon as he told Denny O'Nele they were lowered. The City of Central City had not lowered their flag right away either. Weller wanted the Board to know and wonder if there was a schedule of when the flags should be lowered. Clerk Wichmann said that she receives an email from NACO or the state telling her that the flags should be lowered and passes it along to O'Nele, but she had not received anything and when she realized what day it was, Mr. McGinnis and O'Nele were talking outside and the flags were lowered right away.

**4H Building:** Four bid proposals were received for the 4H Building and arena project. Helgoth said he had talked to the Fillmore County Clerk about their 4H Building repair project that they did. He was told that an agreement between the Fair Board and the County Board should be done. The State Auditor said they could have a building fund and Fair Board members Russell Kucera and Brad Wells, and Extension clerk Courtney Root were present. Chairman Wiegert opened the bid proposals as follows: Joseph R. Hewgley & Associates, Inc., North Platte, Nebraska for a probable construction cost of \$2,460,000.00 and a percentage fee of 5.0% of the probable construction cost for their professional services; JEO Consulting Group, Inc. & JEO Architecture, Inc., Lincoln, Nebraska, for the arena building estimated total cost of \$1,875,000.00 to \$2,625,000.00 for 37,500 square feet at \$50.00 a square foot to \$70.00 a square foot and for the education center estimated total cost of \$1,080,000.00 to \$1,440,000.00 for 12,000 square feet at \$90.00 a square foot to \$120.00 a square foot; Professional Associates Ltd., Omaha, Nebraska for an anticipated \$3.8 million to \$4.5 million based on an approximate building site/construction cost of \$91.00 per square foot. They will provide services based on a lump sum fee of \$250,000.00 based on the time and expenses of similar projects. They estimate reimbursable expenses to be approximately \$15,000.00; Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers, P.C., Kearney, Nebraska for probable costs of arena for \$1.8 million at \$37.00 to \$48.00 a square foot for 37,500 square feet, education center for probable cost of \$1.3 million at \$120.00 to \$130.00 a square foot for 10,000 square feet for a total probable cost of \$3.1 million with a fee proposal of 5.8% of total construction costs or \$226,500.00 plus additional services of \$46,700.00. Moved Weller, second Hahn to table these bid proposals until they go before the 4H Building Committee, then the Fair Board and back to the County Board for further discussion. Roll Call: All Ayes. Copies of all bid proposals are available for public inspection in the County Clerk's Office.

**Prairie/Silver/Moores Creek Flood Control Project:** Jess Minton, Project Director for Central Platte Natural Resources District took Milt Moravek's position. Minton went over the Prairie/Silver/Moores Creek Flood Control Project with the Board. Minton said in early 2000 the Central Platte NRD, City of Grand Island, Hall County and Merrick County partnered to investigate the flooding that occurs in the northwest portion of the City of Grand Island and rural Hall County. A feasibility study was completed in 2004 and the estimated cost of the project was \$16 million and it was estimated to eliminate \$59 million in damages from a 100 year flood event. Today the estimated project cost is \$28,224,500.00. The cost is up because of the cost to move dirt.

**September 2014 claims:** There were some claims that were inadvertently omitted from the last meeting. The County does not receive any bills for these claims and it is up to the Clerk's Office to remember to pay these claims to Central District Health, Linda Gregor, and Litzenberg Hospital. There was also a claim for the RESOLUTION 2014-22 for \$16,000.00 for Juvenile Diversion.

### Miscellaneous

Linda Gregor	Social Service Director	\$405.00
Litzenberg Hospital	Operating Support	\$25,000.03
Central District Health Dept	Support	\$6,921.30
Merrick Co. Juvenile Diversion	Funds Transfer	\$16,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$48,326.33</b>

Moved Graves, second Jefferson to approve the September 2014 claims as presented: Roll Call: All Ayes.

**September 2014 payroll:** The September 2014 payroll was presented for approval: General: Gross: \$103,237.11 Net: \$73,649.94 Roads: Gross: \$44,120.41 Net: \$29,549.13 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$2,946.67 Net: \$2,072.21. Moved Jefferson, second Hahn to approve the payroll as submitted. Roll Call: Ayes: Graves, Hahn, Weller, Jefferson, and Wiegert. Nays: None Helgoth and Kucera said Aye to the payroll claims they signed and Nay to the ones they did not sign.

**Adjourn:** Moved Jefferson, second Helgoth to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk



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