



Merrick County Board Minutes



November 25, 2014

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 10:15 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Kucera, Hahn, Weller, Kreachbaum, and Wiegert present. Helgoth was absent. Also present was County Attorney Lynelle Homolka.

Moved Kucera, second Graves to convene as Board of Supervisors at 10:15 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 10:15 a.m.

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

Minutes: Moved Hahn, second Kucera to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2014 meeting as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Graves attended a NIRMA meeting in Lincoln on November 17, 2014 and a hospital meeting on November 19, 2014. Weller, Kucera, Wiegert and Graves attended County Government Day on November 20, 2014. Wiegert attended the 4H Building Project meeting this morning.

Official's reports: Sheriff Campbell said he and the County Attorney had a mock trial for County Government Day. He also applied for and was approved for the highway safety grant for two new cameras; they have seven inmates and have had 346 calls for service for the month so far. They had a criminal mischief call at the Palmer School and will be reviewing tapes for this case. They have also had three felony arrests. Saturday they had the Heartland Food Bank and served 160 households and 452 individuals. Van Galusha is working on bids for the generator at the Sheriff's Office and Herk's Welding is working on handrails. County Clerk Wichmann said she wanted to make a clarification concerning the manual election audit. There are 25 counties that have been randomly selected and 31 precincts. The Counties are told what races and what precincts are to be audited. There is one Federal race - U.S. Senate, one State race - Governor, and one County race - County Treasurer. These audits are done after all elections and this is the third time for Merrick County since Wichmann has been in office. County Attorney Homolka said she is working on a felony case and she participated in County Government Day.

Architect contract for 4H Building Project: Extension Educator Tammy Stuhr presented the contract from the architect Joseph R. Hewgley & Associates, Inc., North Platte, Nebraska to the Board for the Board to approve to have the Chairman sign for the 4H Building Project. Stuhr said she and County Attorney Homolka had gone over the contract and all changes that were requested were made. Moved Graves, second Weller to approve the Chairman signing the 4H Building Project contract with Joseph R. Hewgley & Associates, Inc. Roll Call: All Ayes.

4H Building Project Bond Resolution, Agreement, and Lease: County Attorney Homolka said she did not get the bond resolution until late yesterday and did not have time to review it. Homolka said that D.A. Davidson was paying for all the bond council fees and Bond Council is Mike Rogers. Andy Forney with D.A. Davidson said the bonds will authorized that the bonds not exceed 15 years, not exceed 3% interest and not to exceed \$2 million. In order to sell the bonds there would have to be a bond purchase agreement. The bond resolution the County Attorney is looking at is the parameters. Extension Educator Stuhr handed out a draft of the new building and agreement. County Attorney Homolka said they need to know the site of where the building will be ahead of time. There are a lot of questions that need to be answered before an agreement can be done; such as leasing, rent, utilities, if the Extension Office will move out there, insurance, rental fees, who will set fees, and who will endowments go to. Moved Weller, second Kucera to table the signing of the bond resolution until the first board meeting in December to give time to the County Attorney to look over and review and to also table the agreement between the County Board and the Ag Society showing the County will own the new 4H Building until it is paid for and to also table the approval of a lease for the new 4H Building to be built on Ag Society property. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Brite Express: Randy Ward with Brite Express presented their bid for redoing the floors of the courthouse for a total cost of \$3,587.68. The price is the same as when they did the floors before and is for stripping, sealing, and waxing with protective coating and six month later recoat. Moved Weller, second Kucera to approve the bid from Brite Express to redo the floors of the courthouse for a total cost of \$3,587.68 for stripping, sealing, and waxing with protective coating and six month later recoat. Roll Call: All Ayes.

South Central Economic Development: Weller said that City Administrator Chris Anderson had brought up the idea of Anderson representing the County on the South Central Economic Development Board when Weller retires in December. The SCEDD Board has businessmen and elected officials. Weller said that Anderson is not an elected official but feels he



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would be very knowledgeable and Sharon Hueftle with SCEDD was in favor of this. Weller said that this is decided in January by the County Board. County Attorney Homolka said the problem she saw with it is that Mr. Anderson is not an elected official and he is not a County employee. Weller said that the new Board can do what they want but he just wants them to know that he supports appointing Anderson to the SCEDD Board.

Interlocal agreement: County Clerk Wichmann presented an interlocal agreement between the City of Central City and Merrick County for dirt work and snow removal. This is done every year. Moved Hahn, second Graves to approve and have the Chairman sign the interlocal agreement between the City of Central City and Merrick County. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Weller, second Kreachbaum to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk