



# Merrick County Board Minutes



## **December 23, 2014**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at 9:22 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Kucera, Hahn, Weller, Kreachbaum, Helgoth, and Wiegert present. Also present was County Attorney Lynelle Homolka.

Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:22 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 9:22 a.m.

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

**Minutes:** Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2014 meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Meeting reports:** Hahn attended the Senior Center meeting; Graves attended a courthouse safety meeting on December 16, on December 17 he attended the hospital meeting, December 18 he attended the NIRMA Assist meeting in Lincoln, and Graves, Kucera, and Wiegert attended the three day NACO Convention in Omaha on December 10, 11, and 12, 2014; Weller attended the Economic Development at the Merrick Manor to discuss what to do with that building and also attended the 4H Building Community meeting at Palmer; Helgoth attended the 4H Building meeting in Clarks and Central City and the 4H Building Project Committee meeting; Wiegert attended the 4H Building meetings in Chapman and Central City.

**Official's report:** Extension Education Tammy Stuhr thanked Weller and Hahn for their work in the One of Everything Kids Project. Courtney Root, Cindie Hostler, and Tammy Stuhr will be attending a meeting in January in regards to volunteers. Courtney Root and Tammy Stuhr will be going to a conference in Austin, Texas April 7 through April 9. They will leave on April 6, 2014. Planning & Zoning Myers thanked Weller and Hahn for everything that they have done since she has been with the County. Clerk Wichmann reported for Treasurer Bolte that the County would be wiring out an interest payment on the courthouse bond January 2, 2015 in the amount of \$18,552.50. County Attorney Homolka went to the NACO Convention in Omaha.

**RESOLUTION:** Andy Forney with D.A. Davidson and Mike Rogers with Gilmore and Bell as Bond Council were in attendance by phone because of the weather and road conditions. A lengthy discussion was held regarding financing of the 4H Building with detailed explanation of the legal authority to proceed with either a bond resolution pursuant to Nebraska Revised State Statute 23-120 (3) (b) or, in the alternative lease purchase financing. Moved Hahn, Second Weller to cease the discussion. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Weller, second Graves to go with the bond resolution pursuant to Nebraska Revised State Statute 23-120 (3) (b) and not to exceed 2 million dollars. Roll Call: All Ayes. W

**Merrick Foundation Grant:** Extension Educator Tammy Stuhr presented the Merrick Foundation Grant for the 4H Building Project to the Board's approval of having the Chairman sign it. County Attorney Homolka suggested a few changes the language. Moved Weller, second Hahn to approve the Chairman signing the Merrick Foundation Grant for the 4H Building Project with the suggested changes. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**4H Building Project discussion:** Extension Educator Stuhr said that the community meeting notes were almost done. Stuhr said the 4H Building Project Committee was thinking that anyone making a donation of \$500,000.00 would get naming rights on one of two wings of the building and asked what the County Board thought.

**Agreement between Ag Society, County, and Extension:** Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to table the agreement between the Ag Society, Extension, and the County until the next meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Road Department surplus:** Moved Weller, second Graves to approve of the Road Department surplus two printers, one computer and one old electric typewriter. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Subdivision Application:** Planning & Zoning Myers presented a Subdivision Application for Patricia McMahon for farm grain storage in part of the SW1/4 of 35-13-7 for the Board's approval. Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve the Subdivision Application for Patricia McMahon for farm grain storage in part of the SW1/4 of 35-13-7. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Subdivision Application:** Planning & Zoning Myers presented a Subdivision Application for Doug & Kathy Reeves to separate farm ground from buildings for banking purposes in part of the SW1/4NW1/4 in 27-13-7. Moved Graves, second Helgoth to approve the Subdivision Application for Doug & Kathy Reeves to separate farm ground from buildings in part of the SW1/4NW1/4 in 27-13-7. Roll Call: All Ayes.



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**2015-2016 Juvenile Diversion grant application:** Julie Beyer, Juvenile Diversion Officer presented the 2015-2016 Juvenile Diversion Grant for \$46,110.00 for the Board's approval of the Chairman signing it. Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve the Chairman signing the 2015-2016 Juvenile Diversion Grant for \$46,110.00. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Juvenile Diversion Interlocal Agreement:** Julie Beyer, Juvenile Diversion Officer, presented the Interlocal Agreement between Polk, Nance, and Merrick Counties for Juvenile Diversion services for the Board's approval to have the Chairman sign. Moved Kucera, second Hahn to approve the Chairman signing the Interlocal Agreement between Polk, Nance, and Merrick Counties for Juvenile Diversion services. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Survey:** Randy Gustafson came before the Board to discuss a survey he had done on his land by Bader Park because they are wanting to enroll the land into a Wetland Reserve Easement. He handed out a copy of what has been surveyed for the Board to look over and wanted to know if the Board would agree to have him proceed with establishing the legal boundaries. Gustafson is committed to Bader Park and if the survey and final opinion of the boundaries shows Bader Park has currently been using Gustafson property, Gustafson's will allow, in a written document, Bader Park to continue that use as long as Gustafson's own the property. If the NRCS requires significant tree removal that would detract from the Bader Park use and aesthetics, Gustafson's would either decline to pursue the WRE application or remove that part of the property from under the proposed easement. Moved Graves, second Weller to table the WRE survey proposal until the next meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Boards and Committees:** The Board went over the Boards and Committees they currently are on and discussed with the new incoming Board members when, where, and how often they meet so that when the Board meets to reorganize the new members are more familiar with this.

**Waiver of bidding requirements:** County Attorney Homolka went over the County Purchasing Act with the Board in regards to the bidding requirements and when they could be waived. Moved Graves, second Helgoth to refrain from waiving the bidding requirements for a generator at this time and to authorize the County Clerk to advertise for two weeks and Graves and Helgoth will get with the Sheriff to get the specs to be used in the advertising and bidding. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Generator:** Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to table the purchase of a new generator for the jail until sealed bids are received. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Clerk of District Court surplus:** The Clerk of District Court had a desktop scanner that she is surplusing to the County Clerk's Office. Moved Weller, second Graves to approve of the Clerk of District Court surplusing a scanner to the County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**County Clerk surplus:** County Clerk Wichmann asked to surplus a printer that came with original computers in 2007 and were free. It no longer works at all. Would like to dispose of it. Moved Hahn, second Kucera to allow the County Clerk to dispose of a printer that no longer works. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**December 2014 payroll:** The December 2014 payroll was presented for approval: General: Gross: \$99,728.01 Net: \$71,748.37 Roads: Gross: \$45,290.68 Net: \$30,698.27 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$1,450.67 Net: \$764.54. Moved Weller, second Graves to approve the December 2014 payroll as presented. Roll Call: Hahn, Kreachbaum, Weller, Graves, and Wiegert. Helgoth and Kucera Aye on the ones they signed.

**Job position review and evaluation:** The Board wanted to go over the job description of the Building & Grounds. County Attorney Homolka said that the job description could not be changed until the handbook update was complete. Dennis O'Nele gave the Board his resignation. Mr. O'Nele will be retiring as of January 6, 2014. Moved Kucera, second Graves to table the janitorial job description and evaluation until further notice. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Adjourn:** Moved Hahn, second Weller to adjourn at 1:00 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, Merrick County Clerk