

# Merrick County Board Minutes



## **June 23, 2015**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 9:07 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Kucera, Kreachbaum, Carlson, Weller, Helgoth, and Wiegert present. County Attorney Homolka was also present.

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 9:07 a.m.

Moved Helgoth, second Weller to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:07 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

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

**Minutes:** Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2015 meeting as printed. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Meeting reports:** Carlson, Weller, and Graves attended the County Board Workshop in Kearney on June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015; Graves attended a safety meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>, a hospital meeting on the June 18<sup>th</sup>, Senior Center meeting on the June 18<sup>th</sup> and later that day had a conference call with NIRMA; Weller attended a special meeting of the Development Corp; Kreachbaum sat in on the Ag Society meeting at the Fire Hall on June 19, 2015 and said the local emergency management is have a cert meeting to get the people of the community involved who would like to help in case of an emergency on June 25, 2015 and this is through the Emergency Management; Helgoth attended the Central Community Services meeting in Loup City on June 16 and on June 19, 2015 he attended the 4H Building meeting; Kucera said the Extension Board meeting was cancelled because there was not a quorum and on June 17<sup>th</sup> she attended the Region 3 meeting and Wiegert attended the 4H Building meeting on June 19, 2015.

**Official reports:** Treasurer Bolte reported that she was back to work now.

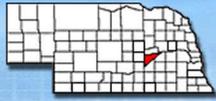
**Public Comment:** Pat Carlson said she has worked hard at creating public spaces for people. She handed the Board pictures that were taken at Stranberg Park with trash laying on the ground around the trash barrels. This is one of the first things people see coming into the county and may even pull off to have a picnic or just visit. She does not know who takes care of the park but knows the County owns it. She said the trash needs to be picked up. Kreachbaum said the River Rats take care of the park and he would address this with them. The Board was not given a date on which the pictures were taken.

**Hospital update:** Julie Murray, Litzenberg Hospital Administrator, gave the Board a brief update saying all of the positions have been filled. They have two interns, Jamie Knight and Val Fousek. The hospital is hitting all of their financial indicators.

**Bond payment:** The bond interest and principal payment are due on July 1, 2015 and the Treasurer needs the Board's approval to make the payments of \$18,552.50 in interest and the principal payment of \$123,552.50 on June 30, 2015 by wire. Moved Kreachbaum, second Graves to approve the payments of \$18,552.50 in interest and the principal payment of \$123,552.50 on June 30, 2015 by wire for the bond. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**4H Building:** Andy Forney with D.A. Davidson came before the Board about the 4H Building bond. Forney said there has been a little run up of the rates. Forney said refunding and combining the bonds at this time does not make sense right now. A potential time line was handed out to the Board. The Resolution that was done is worded as an Ag complex but they can add an arena. After they sell the bonds they lock in the interest rate. Any board member can sign the bond purchase agreement and Forney that the County Clerk could also sign it. The IRS gives you three years to spend the money and the day the bond is signed is the day the funds are wired. You will pay principal and interest payment for fifteen years regardless if they see the bonds now or not. The first interest payment would be January 1, 2016 for \$18,500.00 which is not a full payment. The first principal payment is June 30, 2016 and is for \$115,000.00. A full payment in June 2016 would be \$139,000.00. The board has not received any bids yet and County Attorney Homolka said it would be wise for the Board to wait until the bids were in.

**Public Hearing for gravel bids:** Moved Kucera, second Graves to open the public hearing to open gravel bids at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Graves, second Kreachbaum to open the gravel bids. Roll Call: All Ayes. There are two areas being bid and are as follows: the first bid came from Hook Brothers Sand and Gravel: Gravel: area 1 no bid given, area 2 no bid given; Gravel F.O.B.: area 1 \$10.35 per cubic yard, area 2 \$10.35 per cubic yard; Mud Rock F.O.B. and Screen Mud Rock F.O.B.: no bid given for area 1 or area 2; Fill Sand F.O.B.: \$3.37 per cubic yard for area 1 and area 2; second bid was from Overland Sand and Gravel: Gravel: \$17.70 per cubic yard area 1 and \$15.50 per cubic yard for area 2; Gravel F.O.B.: \$11.75 for area 1 and area 2; Mud Rock F.O.B.: \$16.00 per cubic yard area 1 and area 2; Screen



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Mud Rock F.O.B.: \$38.00 per cubic yard area 1 and area 2; Fill Sand F.O.B.: \$3.85 per cubic yard area 1 and area 2; third bid was from Tri County-Elba: Gravel: No bid given for area 1 or area 2; Gravel F.O.B. and Screen Mud Rock F.O.B.: no bid given for area 1 or area 2; Fill Sand F.O.B.: \$6.37 per cubic yard for area 1 and area 2. Moved Graves, second Kreachbaum approve all bids and to let the Highway Superintendent use whatever location is closest to project. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Graves to close the public hearing to open gravel bids at 10:34 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Veteran Service Board appointment:** Veteran Service Officer Gary Berry needed the Board's approval to appoint Robert Wymann to the Veteran Service Board as of June 30, 2015 to replace Edsel Matousek who is retiring. Berry introduced Mr. Wymann to the Board. Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to approve the appointment of Robert Wymann to the Veteran Service Board as of June 30, 2015 to replace Edsel Matousek who is retiring. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Job review:** Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to go into executive session to do the job evaluation of the Veteran Service Officer for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and Gary Berry has not requested a public meeting at 10:39 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Graves to go out of executive session at 11:08 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Inmate medical program:** Art Rose from Advance Correctional Healthcare gave a presentation to the Board on their inmate medical program. The law requires the inmates have health care and it says that you have to take care of them but you don't have to give them everything they want. There will be three doctors and a doctor will be on call 24-7. A nurse will come to the Jail four hours a week with the doctor coming every three weeks. They will take the liability off of the county. They will train the jail personnel and pay for the medical malpractice and civil liability insurance. Cost is based on an average of 13 inmates (10 in County and 3 out of County). The per diem for in county is 66 cents and out of county is 21 cents. This company takes care of 245 to 250 sites. Merrick County spent \$29,000 on medical inmate costs since July 2014. Sheriff Campbell asked that this be made a budget item on the Jail's 2015-2016 budget. Kucera told Sheriff Campbell to add this line item to his budget and it would be decided later.

**Hepatitis C shots:** Sheriff Campbell asked for the Board's approval to have the county pay for the series of Hepatitis C shots for those employees at the jail that have not had one. The county has paid for the shots in the past. Sheriff Campbell and County Attorney Homolka both said these shots are necessary. Moved Kucera, second Carlson to approve of and having the County pay for Hepatitis C shots for all employees at the jail that have not been vaccinated and from here on new employees not vaccinated for Hepatitis C at the jail will be vaccinated and paid for by the County. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Midland Area Agency on Aging:** Sandy Stevens, with Midland Area Agency on Aging gave an update to the Board and presented their budget request for the 2015-2016 budget in the amount of \$6,002.00 which is the same as last year.

**RESOLUTION 2015-8:** RESOLUTION 2015-8 was presented to the Board for their approval to transfer budget authority from the Reappraisal, Election Commissioner, and Building and Grounds for a total of \$54,000.00 to the Miscellaneous Budget Authority to cover the short fall caused by the changing of health insurance. Moved Graves, second Kreachbaum to approve RESOLUTION 2015-8 to transfer budget authority from the Reappraisal, Election Commissioner, and Building and Grounds for a total of \$54,000.00 to the Miscellaneous Budget Authority to cover the short fall caused by the changing of health insurance. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2015-8 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

**Juvenile Services Community Plan:** Julie Beyer, Juvenile Diversion Officer presented the Juvenile Services Plan to the Board for their approval. Beyer said it addresses truancy, parenting and substance abuse. In order to receive grant money to run the Juvenile Diversion they have to have a three year plan. Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve the Juvenile Services Plan as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**RESOLUTION 2015-10:** Treasurer Bolte needs the Board's approval of RESOLUTION 2015-10 directing the purchase of tax sale certificates. Moved Graves, second Weller to approve RESOLUTION 2015-10 directing the purchase of tax sale certificates. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2015-10 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

**RESOLUTION 2015-9:** RESOLUTION 2015-9 was presented to the Board for their approval for the transferring of \$37,567.05 from the E911 Wireless Service Fund to the E911 Wireless Service Holding Fund. Moved Graves, second Carlson to approve RESOLUTION 2015-9 transferring of \$37,567.05 from the E911 Wireless Service Fund to the E911 Wireless Service Holding Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2015-9 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.



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**RESOLUTION 2015-11:** RESOLUTION 2015-11 was presented to the Board for approval to transfer \$7,324.82 from the E911 Wireless Service Fund to the Communication Office Fund within the General Fund because of a coding error. Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve RESOLUTION 2015-11 to transfer \$7,324.82 from the E911 Wireless Service Fund to the Communication Office Fund within the General Fund because of a coding error. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2015-11 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

**2015-2016 Budget requests:** The 2015-2016 budget requests from the elected and appointed officials were given to the County Board for their review. The Board wants to have a budget meeting and so they will have a budget meeting on Monday, July 20, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

**June 2015 payroll:** The June 2015 payroll was presented to the Board for their approval: General: Gross: \$106,846.67 Net: \$74,868.96 Roads: Gross: \$48,114.05 Net: \$32,855.76 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$2,810.67 Net: \$1,942.63. Moved Helgoth to approve the ones that he signed in the June 2015 payroll, second Graves to approve the June 2015 payroll as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Kreachbaum, Carlson, Graves, and Wiegert. Ayes on the ones they signed: Helgoth, Kucera, and Weller.

**Adjourn:** Moved Kucera, second Weller to adjourn at 12:47 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk