



Merrick County Board Minutes



November 24, 2015

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Kucera, Carlson, Weller, Helgoth, Kreachbaum, 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 9:05a.m.

Moved Kucera, second Graves to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

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

Minutes: Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2015 meeting as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Carlson attended a meeting in Lawrence, NE and a 4H meeting last Wednesday; Graves attended the NRD Platte River Flood meeting, a NIRMA meeting, and a hospital board meeting; Weller attended the Bader Park meeting; Kreachbaum attended the Cert meeting for Emergency Management, and Kreachbaum and Wiegert attended the Merrick Foundation meeting to accept the grant award for the 4H Building from the Merrick Foundation; Kucera and Weller sat in on interviews for a deputy; Kucera attended a Mid Nebraska meeting in Kearney; Wiegert attended the 4H meeting with subcontractors and Rathman Manning.

Official reports: Extension Education Tammy Stuhr told the Board about fund raisers going on for the 4H Building, extension updates, and donations for the 4H Building.

Hospital update: Julie Murray gave a brief update on the hospital to the Board.

2016 Extension Board members: Moved Kucera, second Weller to appoint Shandell Burchfield, Linda Gilson and Mike Siwinski to the Extension Board starting in 2016. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Public Service Commission: Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve the transfer of \$8,050.68 from the Inheritance Fund to the E911 Wireless Service Fund because of an overpayment of the wireless ratio by the PSAP for equipment costs in the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Roll Call: All Ayes.

County burial: Moved Kucera, second Carlson to approve the county burial presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Courthouse bond: Moved Helgoth, second Graves to authorize the issuance of limited tax refunding bonds, Series 2016, for the purpose of paying and redeeming the county's refunding bond, Series 2011. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Health insurance: John Boeder with Strong Financial gave the Board an update on where they are with the renewal of the health insurance and looked at going forward.

Security pledges: The security pledges were presented to the Board for their review.

November 2015 payroll: The November 2015 payroll was presented for approval: General: Gross: \$118,082.06 Net: \$81,157.01 Roads: Gross: \$46,942.66 Net: \$32,673.35 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$3,206.67 Net: \$2,291.69. Moved Graves, second Carlson to approve the November 2015 payroll. Roll Call: Ayes: Kreachbaum, Weller, Graves, Carlson, and Wiegert. Kucera and Helgoth Ayes to the ones they signed. Nays: None

Executive session: Moved Kucera, second Graves to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to threatened and/or pending litigation at 11:02 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Graves to come out of executive session at 11:44 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Kucera, second Weller to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk