

Merrick County Board Minutes



February 23, 2017

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Weller, Kreachbaum, Carlson, Helgoth, Kucera, 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 9:30 a.m.

Moved Weller, second Kreachbaum to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:30 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

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

Minutes: Moved Carlson, second Kucera to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Carlson attended the Merrick County Economic Development meeting and toured the jail facility in Buffalo County on February 16, 2017; Graves attended the hospital meeting on the 15th and Graves and Kreachbaum toured the jail facility in Buffalo County on February 16 2017; Kreachbaum attended the Ag Society meeting on the 16th and had a CERT meeting with the Emergency Manager on the 18th, and Helgoth had a meeting in Loup City on the 21st for the Central Nebraska Action Partnership.

Official's reports: Sheriff Westman, County Attorney Homolka, and Veteran Service Officer Reimers gave brief updates on their offices.

Hospital update: Julie Murray gave the Board a brief update on the hospital saying that they were working on the definitive documents and that the documents had been emailed to the County Attorney. At one of the March meetings the Good Samaritan Representatives will come and meet with the County Board. Attorney Paul Clark representing the Litzenberg Hospital said the Board should focus on the lease in the definitive documents. The County will continue to own the current hospital building but it will be leased partly by Bryan Memorial and part by Good Samaritan. While the new hospital is being built, Bryan will lease the hospital part for \$1.00 a year and pay for any other costs, including insurance, maintenance, etc.

4H Proclamation: Haley Hostler, Matt Wattier, Consey Bader, and Grant Stuhmer read presentations to the Board. Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum, to have the Chairman sign the 4H Proclamation proclaiming March 2017 as 4H month in Merrick County. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Sheriff deputy wages: Moved Kreachbaum, second Graves to table removing the Sheriff Deputy wages from RESOLUTION 2013-37 until the next Board meeting on March 14, 2017. Roll Call: All Ayes.

One and Six Hearing: Moved Helgoth, second Graves to open the One and Six Year Road Plan Hearing at 10:02 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Highway Superintendent Meyer said there was one addition to the plan and that was C61-251 which is four miles of grading and asphalt work on "Z" Road between 25th and 29th Road for \$950,000.00. Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to close the One and Six Year Road Plan Hearing at 10:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Weller, second Graves to approve the One and Six Year Road Plan as presented in RESOLUTION 2017-3. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2017-3 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Bids and service contracts for generator at 4H Building: Bids for service on the generator at the 4H Building were submitted by 3E, Windsor Heights, IA, and BJ Harris, Inc., Greeley, Nebraska. 3E already services the generator at the Sheriff's Office and turned in a bid to service the Sheriff's Office and the 4H Building for \$900.00 for a year and BJ Harris' bid was for \$1,300.00 for a year for just the 4H Building. Moved Kucera, second Weller to accept the generator preventive maintenance agreement from 3E. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Interlocal Agreement for Correctional Services: Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve and sign the Interlocal Agreement for Correctional Services between Merrick County and Buffalo County. Roll Call: All Ayes.

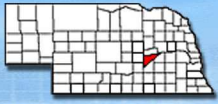
Statewide Radio System: Sheriff Westman said that he was going to have Mike Jefferies with the State OCIO office and Mike Eppley from Platte Valley Communications come to the March 28, 2017 Board meeting to explain the statewide system to the Board.

February 2017 payroll: The February 2017 payroll was presented for approval: General: Gross: \$132,440.21 Net: \$90,339.42 Roads: Gross: \$50,449.48 Net: \$35,189.51 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$5,455.73 Net: \$3,951.14. Moved Helgoth, second Weller to approve the February 2017 payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Jail inspection: County Board did their quarterly jail inspection.

Adjourn: Moved Helgoth, second Graves to adjourn at 12:40 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman



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/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk