

Merrick County Board Minutes



December 26, 2017

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, December 26, 2017 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Carlson, Weller, Kreachbaum, 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 9:05 a.m.

Convene: 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 Graves, second Carlson to approve the minutes of December 12, 2017. Roll Call: Ayes: Kreachbaum, Helgoth, Weller, Carlson, Graves, and Wiegert. Nays: None. Abstain: Kucera.

Meeting reports: Carlson did Santa Cop on December 18, and 22, 2017; Graves attended the Long Term Care meeting on December 20, and on December 21 attended a meeting at the Senior Center and a safety meeting; December 13, 14, and 15 Graves, Weller, Wiegert, and Carlson attended the NACO Convention in Kearney; Weller had Santa Cop December 18, 20, 21, and 22, 2017; Kreachbaum attended the NACO Convention on December 14 and Santa Cop on December 21, 2017; Helgoth attended dinner at the Senior Center on the 14th and did Santa Cop on December 22, 2017; Kucera & Wiegert did Santa Cop on December 18, 21, and 22, 2017.

Officials report: New Planning & Zoning Administrator introduced herself to the Board. Treasurer Bolte presented documentation for the bond payment and the \$15,000.00 was never requested to be paid until now. Sheriff Westman thanked everyone for helping with Santa Cop. Jake and Heidi Bauer would like to donate a sign that says "In God We Trust". County Attorney Homolka heard back about the Assist Grant from NIRMA that was submitted and the County was awarded \$7,364.01.

Long Term Care: Emily Tripplett gave the Board an update and review of the Long Term Care meeting

Communications: Moved Carlson, second Weller to approve the final number of \$157,016.00 to join communications with Hamilton County for dispatching. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Funding request: Moved Graves, second Weller to approve the submittal of the funding request to the Public Service Commission to use already budgeted money received from the Public Service Commission for communications. Roll Call: All Ayes.

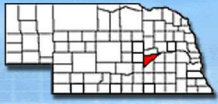
Special Liquor License: Moved Weller, second Kucera to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for Nite Crawlers Bar & Grill for a wedding reception at the 4H Building on January 20, 2018. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Maximus: Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve and have the Chairman sign the Agreement to Provide Professional Consulting Services from Maximus for cost allocation services for child support. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Marlin Financing: Moved Weller, second Carlson to approve the claim to Marlin Financing for the first installment payment for radios, repeaters, and equipment for sheriff deputies. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Electrical agreement: Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve an Electrical Agreement for Richard L. Rieken Jr. for the installation of underground wire to supply power for a pivot between Section 32 and 29, Township 15, Range 5. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Box culverts: Moved Kucera, second Graves to go into the hearing for bids for box culverts at 11:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Matthew Manning a Construction Manager with Mainelli Wagner & Associates opened the bids for project C-61(193) and C-61(206) as follows: C L Construction LLC, Wahoo, NE for a total cost of \$388,697.96 with a start date for C-61(193) of March 1, 2018 and end date of May 15, 2018 & for C-61(206) start date of May 1, 2018 and end date of July 15, 2018; Van Kirk Bros. Construction, Sutton, NE a total cost of \$374,612.97, start date for C-61(193) of May, 2018 and end date July 2018, and C-61(206) start date of July, 2018 and end date of August 2018; Midlands Contracting a total cost of \$397,825.50 with a start date for C-61(193) of July 1, 2018 and end date of September 15, 2018 and for C-61(206) start date of September 1 2018 and end date of November 16 2018; A & R Construction, Plainview, NE for a total cost of \$344,383.83 with a start date for C-61(193) of July, 2018 and end date 75 days later and for C-61-(206) start date of September 1, 2018 and end date of 75 days later (there is potential deduction of \$13.00 a ton is they use crush concrete in lieu of crushed rock; Myers Construction, Broken Bow, NE with a total cost of \$468,607.80 for a start date for C-61(193) of May 1, 2018 and end date of August 1, 2018 and for C-61(206) start date May 1, 2018 and end date of August 1, 2018. Moved Graves, second Kucera to go out of hearing at 11:21 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Graves,



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second Carlson to accept the bid from A&R Construction, Plainview, NE with a total bid of \$344,383.83. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Salary discussion: Carlson said that not all departments are the same and Kucera said the board pays equally for benefits. Moved Kucera, second Carlson to have the base wage set at \$52,147.00 or 7.3% above the minimum recommendation.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Graves, second Helgoth to go with a cost of living increase for all elected officials with a maximum of 2.5% per year according to the consumer price index. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Graves, second Weller to approve of an increase of 140% of the base rate in the amount of \$73,006.00 for 2019 for the Sheriff position. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to approve of an increase of \$160% of the base rate in the amount of \$83,435.00 for 2019 for the Attorney position. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve of an increase of 35% of the base salary of \$52,147.00 or \$18,251.00 for the Surveyor in 2019. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Weller, second Carlson to approve of an increase of 27.5% of the base salary of \$52,147.00 or \$14,340.00 for Supervisor's. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Graves second Kreachbaum to approve an increase of 105% of the base salary of \$52,147.00 for the County Clerk for a total of \$54,755 in 2019. Roll Call: Ayes: Kreachbaum, Kucera, Graves. Nays: Helgoth, Carlson, and Wiegert. Abstain: Weller.

Motion failed. Moved Helgoth, second Carlson to approve and 107.5% above the base of \$52,147.00 for the County Clerk for a total of \$56,058.00 for 2019. Roll Call: Ayes: Kreachbaum, Kucera, Graves, Carlson, Helgoth, and Wiegert.

Nays: None. Abstain: Weller. Moved Graves, second Helgoth to pay the County Clerk \$900 annually for the budget.

Roll Call: Ayes: Helgoth. Nays: Kucera, Kreachbaum, Graves, Carlson, and Wiegert. Abstain: Weller. Moved Carlson, second Graves to pay the County Clerk \$1200 annually for the budget. Roll Call: Ayes: Helgoth, Kreachbaum, Kucera, Graves, Carlson, and Wiegert. Nays: None. Abstain: Weller.

December 2017 payroll: December 2017 payroll was presented for approval: General: Gross: 138,642.83 Net: \$94,746.02 Roads: Gross: \$54,891.11 Net: \$38,176.85 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$5,901.47 Net: \$3,678.04. Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve the December payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Helgoth, second Kreachbaum to adjourn at 1:28 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk