



Merrick County Board Minutes



May 12, 2014

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Monday, May 12, 2014 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Helgoth, Jefferson, Kucera, Hahn, Weller and Wiegert present. Also present was County Attorney Lynelle Homolka.

Moved Jefferson, second Weller to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 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 9:05 a.m.

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

Minutes: Moved Weller, second Kucera to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2014 meeting as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Graves attended the hospital board meeting; Weller attended the economic development meeting and both Graves and Weller attended the NACO health insurance meeting in Kearney.

Officials report: Treasurer Bolte is going to transfer \$150,000.00 from the General Fund to the Inheritance Fund and next month she will transfer another \$150,000.00 from the General Fund to the Inheritance Fund that was borrowed.

District Court Clerk Theresa Good is going to close her office at 3:30 this Friday so that she and her deputy can go to the swearing in of the new District Court Judge in Aurora. Courtney Root was in for Tammy Stuhr and read an email from Stuhr wanting to know if Extension could go over in their 4-H building line item to pay the electric bill for the 4-H building as long as they didn't go over for their total budget and the Board said that as long as they didn't go over their bottom budget number it was alright. County Attorney Homolka had to order another autopsy and her line item for that is already spent so she was letting the Board know that she may go over her budget because of the number of autopsies she has had.

Hospital update: Julie Murray, hospital administrator went over the March financials, reported that the financial indicators are on track, went over the quality and patient experience, and said that the hospital does have a signed letter of intent concerning the Lone Tree Clinic and the clinic in Fullerton. The total asset purchase would be for \$821,810.00. The Central City Clinic appraised at \$570,000.00 and Fullerton at \$280,000.00. Equipment after depreciation is \$122,077.00, and supplies and pharmaceuticals is \$27,974.00. Three physicians and their employees will become hospital employees. They will not require any additional county funds or bonds and according to the hospitals by laws are looking for the County Board's approval to continue moving forward with the asset purchase. Moved Graves, second Weller to approve the asset purchase by Litzenberg Hospital as long as it is no more than one million dollars. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Veteran Service Board: Veteran Service Officer, Gary Berry said that there had been several names submitted to Central City's Legion Post 6 for the position open on the Veteran Service Board that will be vacated by Leroy Kleve due to his five year term ending. The three members of Central City Legion Post 6 submitted to the Veteran Service Board were Mike Reeves, Jim Boroviak, and Tanya Butler. The Veteran Service Board recommended appointing Mike Reeves.

Moved Jefferson, second Hahn to appoint Mike Reeves to the Veteran Service Board for a 5 year term. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Platte River Riders: Sherry Siwinski, representing the Platte River 4-H Riders, told the Board they have started their Horses for Nebraska tour. The riders have made a herd of wooden horses and painted them and have asked businesses and people to adopt them for a day. The funds will be used for their aspire program. Siwinski wanted the Board's permission to put 8 of the wooden horses on the courthouse lawn for a day, because some of the courthouse personnel had adopted them. Moved Hahn, second Kucera to let the Platte River Riders put their Horses for Nebraska on the courthouse lawn. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Electrical Agreement: Highway Superintendent Meyer presented an Electrical Agreement for Virgil Kuta between Section 9 and Section 10, Township 15, Range 4. Moved Weller, second Graves to approve the Electrical Agreement for Virgil Kuta between Section 9 and Section 10, Township 15, Range 4. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Electrical Agreement: Highway Superintendent Meyer presented an Electrical Agreement for Chester Ziemba between Section 31 and Section 32, Township 16, Range 3. Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to approve the Electrical Agreement for Chester Ziemba between Section 31 and Section 32, Township 16, Range 3. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Irrigation Pipe Line Agreement: Highway Superintendent Meyer presented an Irrigation Pipe Line Agreement for Benner Farms, Inc. and Marlene Garwood between Section 26 and Section 35, Township 14, Range 7. Moved Kucera,



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second Graves to approve the Irrigation Pipe Line Agreement for Benner Farms, Inc. between Section 26 and Section 35, Township 14, Range 7. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Small tract subdivision: Planning & Zoning Myers presented a subdivision application for Thies Farms Central, LLC. in the NE1/4 of 14-15-4 as they are selling the acreage. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve the subdivision application for Thies Farms Central, LLC. in the NE1/4 of 14-15-4. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Small tract subdivision: Planning & Zoning Myers presented a subdivision application for Brian & Catherine Blauhorn in the SW1/4SE1/4 in 8-14-7 for site development. Myers said this is a five acre tract splitting off to Winfield Solutions for a new ag facility. Moved Weller, second Kucera to table this until after the conditional use hearing. After a short discussion with Myers, Weller and Kucera withdrew their motion and second. Moved Weller, second Kucera to approve the subdivision application for Brian & Catherine Blauhorn in the SW1/4SE1/4 in 8-14-7 for site development. Roll Call: Ayes: Hahn, Helgoth, Kucera, Weller, Graves, and Wiegert. Nays: Jefferson.

Conditional Use hearing: Moved Weller, second Graves to open the Condition Use hearing for Brian & Catherine Blauhorn in the SW1/4SE1/4 in 8-14-7 at 10:00 a.m.. Roll Call: All Ayes. Planning & Zoning Myers said this was an ag related permit and the zoning board wants to be part of the zoning permit. The building will be 60 X 150. Olsen Associates have been hired for consulting by Winfield Solutions. Kirk Schwarz said he was not against the new business but wanted to discuss drainage issues. None of the five acres are in the flood plane. Interruption of the natural drain will not happen. Schwarz said that there is a culvert west of his place and most of the water comes from 8th Road. Schwarz said that Highway 92 is to Winfield Solutions benefit because water cannot get away from the north end and Prairie Slough floods when Worms gets rain. The building of this facility would not interrupt the natural drain. Weller said that he has a conflict of interest and he also said that he would like to have the County Attorney look over the verbiage concerning the drainage. Myers said she could go to her office and type up some verbiage in be back in a few minutes for the County Attorney to review. Moved Weller, second Kucera to recess from the public hearing at 10:30 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

GIS Web Base Contract: Helgoth thinks the sales should be in the new GIS Web Base and Assessor Placke said that she is going to put that in because she wants them in there also. The maintenance fee for 2014-2015 has been waived and will not be due until July 2015. The startup will cost \$4,800.00 and the County will have it for nine months before paying maintenance for it. The program will be up and running three months after the company receives the signed contract. The program will be updated monthly. Moved Weller, second Helgoth to approve the signing of the GIS Web Base Contract for the Assessor's Office and to take the startup fee out of this year's Assessor budget. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Liquor License: An application for a special designated liquor license came before the Board for approval from the Jason Van Hoosen DBA Don't Care Bar & Grill for the Paulsen/Hooker wedding reception at Riverside Pavilion on June 7, 2014. Moved Weller, second Kucera to approve the special designated liquor license for Jason Van Hoosen DBA Don't Care Bar & Grill for the Paulsen/Hooker wedding reception at Riverside Pavilion on June 7, 2014. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Bader Park agreement: Moved Weller, second Graves to approve the interlocal agreement with Bader Park and commend the Platte Peer Group and the Bader Park management for making the park one of the premier facilities in the area and to provide a copy of the insurance to the County Attorney to review. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Reconvene: Moved Weller, second Hahn to reconvene the conditional use hearing at 10:50 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. County Attorney Homolka read the verbiage on the drainage that will be attached to the subdivision and gave it to the Board to vote on. Moved Graves, second Helgoth to approve the Conditional Use Application for Winfield Solutions/Brian & Catherine Blauhorn with the condition that there will be no manipulation/interference of the natural drainage that comes from the Schwarz property which is to the west of the proposed five acre tract of land in 8-14-7W. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Planning Commission appointment: Moved Weller, second Graves to appoint Brian Fiedrichsen to replace George Rutten as the Palmer Village representative for the Planning Commission. Roll Call: All Ayes

Juvenile Diversion surplus: Juvenile Diversion Officer, Julie Beyer gave a list of things in her office that need to be surplus with the Board's approval. Moved Weller, second Kucera to approve surplus the list of items from the Juvenile Diversion Office presented today. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Health insurance: Weller and Graves had attended a meeting in Kearney put on by NACO Benefit Services regarding health insurance. Moved Weller to go with NACO Benefits Services and their recommendations. Motion died for lack of second. After some discussion Moved Weller, second Graves to get quotes from NACO on the forum they supply. Roll Call: All Ayes.



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April 2014 fees: The April 2014 fees from the Sheriff, Clerk of District Court, and County Clerk were presented to the Board for approval. Moved Weller, second Jefferson to approve the April 2014 fees from the Sheriff, Clerk of District Court, and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes.

May 2014 claims: The May 2014 claims were presented to the Board for approval:

GENERAL

AS CENTRAL SERVICES OCIO	EQUIPMENT FEES	\$	487.00
DOROTHY D BENTON	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	8,865.82
GARY BERRY	MISC EXPENSES	\$	1,500.58
BRADLEY,ELSBERND,ANDERSEN,KNEALE	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	22.50
BRITE EXPRESS	CLEANING SRVC	\$	2,450.00
BUFFALO CO. SHERIFF	COURT COSTS	\$	23.90
CARTRIDGE WORLD	SUPPLIES	\$	355.47
CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$	45.29
CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$	49.62
CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER BOARD	\$	158.91
CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT	CONTRACT	\$	2,307.10
CENTRAL NE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER	SUPPORT	\$	4,000.00
CENTRAL NE CREMATION & MORTUARY	CORONER	\$	377.50
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$	534.79
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ MINI BUS	MINI-BUS	\$	742.94
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$	2,577.06
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$	75.29
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$	8.29
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$	81.62
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT	COURT EXPENSE	\$	4.40
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	MEALS	\$	9.50
CORNER DRUG	PRISONER BOARD	\$	649.35
CURRAN FUNERAL CHAPEL INC	MISC EXPENSES	\$	474.80
DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY	COURT EXPENSE	\$	125.00
DUGAN BUSINESS FORMS	SUPPLIES	\$	3,418.00
EAGLE COMMUNICATIONS	INV#374003065	\$	134.89
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$	81.47
ECO WATER SYSTEMS	OFFICE WATER	\$	230.50
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	BALLOT PRODUCT	\$	7,850.45
ELITE COURT REPORTING SERVICE, INC	COURT EXPENSE	\$	133.70
FLEET SERVICES/WEX BANK	FUEL	\$	2,645.15
ERIN FOUSEK	MH BOARD	\$	75.00
MIKE FUEHRER/CO LEGION COMMANDER	CO GOVERN DAY	\$	267.97
STACIE GODING	MH BOARD	\$	196.36
THERESA GOOD	MILEAGE	\$	156.76
GRAFTON LAW OFFICE	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	1,200.00
JIM L GRAVES	MILEAGE	\$	80.64
LINDA GREGER	SOCSERV DIRECT	\$	135.00
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	PRISONER BOARD	\$	1,749.06
HALL COUNTY COURT-DISTRICT NINE	COURT EXPENSE	\$	2.25
HAPP PUBLISHING	PUBLICATIONS	\$	1,018.31



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HOST COFFEE SERVICE	PRISONER BOARD	\$	99.95
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$	232.50
JENSEN PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$	123.80
JENSEN PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$	371.49
JENSEN PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$	289.64
JENSEN PUBLISHING	PUBLICATION	\$	114.30
JENSEN PUBLISHING	SUPPLIES	\$	109.00
JENSEN PUBLISHING/P&Z	PUBLICATION	\$	19.01
BRIAN KLUCK	MH BOARD	\$	324.10
CAROLYN KUCERA	MILEAGE	\$	78.40
AARON J KUNZ	MILEAGE	\$	98.60
LAURITSEN,BROWNELL,BROSTROM,STEHLIK	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	3,125.35
MARLENE S LEE	MILEAGE	\$	517.44
LEXISNEXIS	LAW LIBRARY	\$	250.00
LITZENBERG/HOSPITAL OPERATING	SUPPORT	\$	8,333.33
LITZENBERG CO. HOSPITAL	D&A TESTING	\$	26.65
MARY LIVINGSTON	MH BOARD	\$	215.50
LONE TREE MEDICAL ASSOCIATES, P.C.	PRISONER BOARD	\$	442.00
MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS	CONSULTING SRV	\$	5,700.00
TIMOTHY P MATAS	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	1,346.75
MAYER, BURNS, KOENIG & JANULEWICZ	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	285.00
MCI	TELEPHONE	\$	51.57
MCILNAY & CO	A/C REPAIR	\$	164.31
MERRICK CO. CLERK	RECORDING FEES	\$	26.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT COSTS	\$	183.00
MERRICK CO. EXTENSION SERVICE	MISC EXPENSES	\$	4,484.93
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$	83,390.01
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$	5,376.51
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	IMAGING	\$	35.00
MICROTEL INN & SUITES BY WYNDHAM	LODGING	\$	116.98
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS,INC	MISCEALLENOUS	\$	2,447.52
MIPS INC.	ELECTION EQUIP	\$	911.73
MIPS INC.	COMPUTER SUPP	\$	3,093.52
Y SCOTT MOORE,MD	COURT COSTS	\$	1,444.00
MYERS & DAUGHERTY, PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$	1,102.50
JENNIFER MYERS	MILEAGE	\$	75.04
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$	85.00
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY TREASURERS	2014 CONT ED	\$	125.00
NE ASSOC OF ENGINEERS,HWY SUPT/SURV	EDUCATION	\$	110.00
NE CLERKS OF DISTRICT COURT ASSN	REGISTRATIONS	\$	75.00
NEBR. CO. ATTORNEYS ASSOC.	DUES	\$	957.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTION	\$	531.00
NE INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES	MISC EXPENSE	\$	1,800.00
NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	D&A TESTING	\$	210.00
NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	MEMBERSHIP FEE	\$	125.00



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NEBRASKA.GOV	COURT EXPENSE	\$	87.00
	CONT		
NESCA TRAINING	EDUCATION	\$	32.50
NIRMA	REGISTRATION	\$	25.00
NORM'S U SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER BOARD	\$	785.45
	ELEVATOR		
NT&T	PHONE	\$	36.41
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$	64.02
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$	74.53
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$	72.67
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$	110.41
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$	61.47
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$	44.72
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$	122.23
NT&T/SHOP	TELEPHONE	\$	55.49
	COURTHOUSE		
NT&T	FAX	\$	47.80
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$	51.62
NT&T/ROADS	TELEPHONE	\$	76.87
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$	61.91
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$	76.04
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	\$	166.52
OFFICENET	EQUIPMENT	\$	425.20
OFFICENET	MISC EXPENSES	\$	388.05
OFFICENET	MAINTENANCE	\$	236.60
OFFICENET	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	125.00
PERSONAL COMPUTERS	SUPPLIES	\$	156.96
PROTOCOL	COMMISSARY	\$	404.60
SAM'S CLUB DIRECT	DUES	\$	48.15
SHRED MONSTER INC	SHREDDING	\$	58.00
STROMSBURG SOFT WATER	PRISONER BOARD	\$	32.75
T.O. HAAS TIRE CO.	CAR REPAIR	\$	104.40
THE THOMPSON CO	BOARD/SUPPLIES	\$	2,417.08
U.S. BANK	SUPPLIES	\$	99.72
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	\$	73.76
VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$	220.24
REX WELLER	MILEAGE	\$	67.20
MARCIA WICHMANN	SUPPLIES	\$	24.10
ROGER WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$	40.32
AMERICINN	LODGING	\$	284.82
LYNELLE HOMOLKA	CELL PHONE	\$	30.00
TOTAL		\$	181,615.28

ROADS

ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$	1,851.48
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$	2,906.80
BAUM HYDROLICS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	721.45



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BOMGAARS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$	441.85
BOSSELMAN INC/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	1,011.51
CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$	446.64
COMPUTER CONCEPTS INC.	OFFICE REPAIR	\$	445.00
TED DEXTER	GRASS BALES	\$	1,320.00
DIAMOND VOGEL PAINTS	PAVEMENT MARK	\$	3,432.00
FAIRBANKS INTERNATIONAL	EQUIP RENTAL	\$	3,540.00
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$	1,192.87
RANDY FUEHRER	MILEAGE	\$	34.16
GILBARCO INC	FUEL	\$	17.00
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	REPAIR & LABOR	\$	210.46
JIM HAAG	MILEAGE	\$	137.76
HAPP PUBLISHING	PUBLISHING	\$	8.00
HERK'S WELDING SHOP	REPAIR & LABOR	\$	110.83
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	39.75
JACKSON LINEN SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$	49.72
MICHAEL MEYER	MILEAGE	\$	702.80
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS,INC	INS DEDUCTIBLE	\$	339.29
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR & LABOR	\$	2,520.33
LEE NEEL	LAND RENTAL	\$	50.00
OFFICENET	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$	12.19
OLSSON & ASSOCIATES	ENGINEER FEES	\$	1,296.00
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$	16,356.94
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	\$	1,772.15
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRES	\$	22.00
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$	35.05
JOHN E PROSOSKI	LAND RENTAL	\$	120.00
SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$	3,321.43
SCOTT-VAN KEPPEL-BR	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	56.11
SOURCEGAS,LLC	GAS SERVICE	\$	177.23
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$	530.29
SWARCO REFLEX	PAVEMENT MARK	\$	2,288.00
TRAUSCH DYNAMICS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$	233.20
VILLAGE OF CHAPMAN	ELECTRICITY	\$	42.15
XEROX CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$	67.90
TOTAL		\$	47,860.34
JUVENILE DIVERSION			
JULIE BEYER	MISC EXPENSES	\$	403.09
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE-JUVDIV	\$	12.91
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$	63.20
QUILL	SUPPLIES	\$	1,167.81
SCEDD	GRANT SERVICE	\$	1,000.00
TOTAL		\$	2,647.01
DARE FUND			
VISA	DARE FUND	\$	1,036.01



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TOTAL		\$ 1,036.01
INHERITANCE FUND		
CENTRAL PLATTE RESOURCE	MOORES CREEK	\$ 5,870.23
EAGLE COMMUNICATIONS	INTERNET/PHONE	\$ 195.95
TOTAL		\$ 6,066.18
E911		
CENTURY LINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$ 246.60
CENTURYLINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$ 412.97
EAGLE COMMUNICATIONS	INV#374003065	\$ 181.95
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$ 71.64
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$ 56.56
NNTC	E911 PHONE SRV	\$ 139.14
TOTAL		\$ 1,108.86

Moved Weller, second Graves to approve the May 2014 claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to adjourn at 12:04 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk