



# Merrick County Board Minutes



## July 14, 2014

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Monday, July 14, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Jefferson, Kucera, Hahn, Weller and Wiegert present. Helgoth was absent. Moved Kucera, second Hahn to convene as Board of Supervisors at 1:00 p.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 1:00 p.m.

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

**Budgets:** The County Board went over every official's budget with the elected and appointed officials. Clerk will add a new function for the Noxious Weed so the expenses will be easier to track and he is a county employee now. Beth Pullen said the County Court budget increased because we have a judge located here now and expenses like the phone have increased. Pullen also told the Board that attorney fees will be increasing from \$75.00 to \$90.00 to \$100.00. The County Clerk budget was over the 2.5% increase because of wages, everything else stayed the same. The Jail and Communications was over the 2.5% increase but Sheriff Campbell pointed out to the Board that they are housing inmates for Nance County and occasionally for other agencies causing added expense in meals, laundry, cleaning supplies, commissary, uniforms, manpower, etc. Last fiscal year this brought in \$47,160.00 of revenue to the General Fund. They also are going work release and to date have brought in \$4,000.00 of revenue to the General Fund. They are preparing the meals being served to the inmates. The cost to have someone outside do this was going to cost \$17.50 per day per inmate. The jail averages 13 inmates per day so it would have cost about \$227.50 per day. By preparing it themselves the cost averages to \$5.59 per day per inmate for a savings of about \$56,512.95 a year. So some of the figures budgeted will bring revenue back into the General Fund to offset costs. Juvenile Diversion budget went up but Julie Beyer said they are adding Hamilton County and possibly Howard County. She already handles Merrick, Nance, and Polk. So the revenue with the added county or counties will also go up. She gets \$16,000.00 a year in tax asking dollars from the County and the rest comes from grants and the other counties. Beyer said that if she does truancy, she made need some extra help, but she is not doing truancy yet. Helgoth was present at 4:35 p.m. The other budgets were within the 2.5%. The County Board increased the lodging in the County Board budget in consideration of the incoming of two new supervisors from \$1,200.00 to \$2,000.00 and decreased the mileage from \$5,400.00 to \$5,000.00. The Board also went over the Inheritance Fund and the Miscellaneous Fund.

**Adjourn:** Moved Helgoth, second Weller to adjourn at 5:30 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk