



Merrick County Board Minutes



November 22, 2016

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Kucera, Weller, Kreachbaum, Carlson, and Wiegert present. Helgoth was absent. 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.

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

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

Minutes: Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2016 meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Carlson met with Extension Educator Tammy Stuhr and Eagle Communications; Graves, Weller, & Carlson met with Sheriff Westman and the City about jail operations; Graves attended a NIRMA meeting, hospital meeting, & Senior Center meeting; Kreachbaum attended the Midland Area on Aging and Kreachbaum, Wiegert, and Graves went out to the County Shop to look at the new grader.

Official's reports: Extension Educator Stuhr showed a picture of the donor board to the Board. She said the 4H Building Contractors meeting will be November 29th at 10:00 a.m. Chase Samuelson placed 17th at the National 4H Livestock Skillathon Contest in Kentucky. They are taking nominees for the Extension Board. Steve Melvin is the new Ag Educator and will start on December 1, 2016. Planning and Zoning Myers gave the Board a copy of the building permits and went over the Wind & Solar Conference she attended in Lincoln with the Board. Sheriff Westman said the Fire Marshall's report did not contain much. They will need a fire sprinkler system in the laundry room and a door between the laundry room and the kitchen.

Hospital update: Julie Murray gave a brief hospital update to the Board and gave them an overview of the acquisition of the hospital to Bryan Memorial. The CEO of Bryan was also present as well as Paul Clarke to answer questions and concerns. The current hospital building would remain as a county asset. Long Term would remain in tack with management being under Good Samaritan.

Acquisition letter: Moved Kucera, second Graves to table the signing of the Bryan Health Acquisition letter of intent for the hospital until the next meeting so they could have more time to go over the information. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Murphy Tractor: Area Sales Manager for Murphy Tractor, Greg Kozisek came and introduced the new Territory Sales Manager for Merrick County Bill Boyer to the Board.

RESOLUTION 2016-24: Moved Kreachbaum, second Carlson to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2016-24 to transfer \$175,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund to cover expenses and payroll for November, 2016. RESOLUTION 2016-24 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

RESOLUTION 2016-25: Moved Kreachbaum, second Graves to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2016-25 to transfer money from line item grants in the 4H Bond Fund to the Inheritance Fund to repay what was used out of the Inheritance Fund for expenses for the start-up of the new 4H Building. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2016-25 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Courthouse bond payment: There is a bond payment for the courthouse bond would be due December 1, 2016.

Distress warrants: The Treasurer has turned over 35 distress warrants to the County Sheriff on November 1, 2016.

RESOLUTION 2016-22: Moved Kreachbaum, second Graves to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2016-22 to have Highway Superintendent Meyer conduct a road study on 16th Road between "X" Road and "Y" Road. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2016-22 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing. Highway Superintendent Meyer went over his study and recommends the vacation of 16th Road between "X" Road and "Y" Road.

RESOLUTION 2016-23: Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2016-23 to set the date of December 27, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. to have a hearing on the vacation and or abandonment of 16th Road between "X" and "Y" Road. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2016-23 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Recess: Board recessed for lunch at 12:50 p.m. Moved Kucera, second Graves to reconvene at 1:40 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Fees: Moved Kucera, second Carlson to approve the fees from the Clerk of District Court for October 2016. Roll Call: All Ayes.



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November 2016 payroll: November 2016 payroll was presented: General: Gross: \$121,647.72 Net: \$81,958.77 Roads: Gross: \$47,834.01 Net: \$33,612.79 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$4,177.25 Net: \$3,063.28. Moved Kreachbaum, second Graves to approve the November 2016 payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Weller absent at 2:30 p.m.

4H Building phone lines: The smoke alarms will not be installed until the contract is signed. Eagle is to have the phone lines installed by Friday. Moved Carlson, second Graves to approve and sign the contract with Security Equipment Inc. (SEI) for fire alarm monitoring excluding paragraph three on page three. Roll Call: All Ayes

Adjourn: Moved Graves, second Kucera to adjourn at 2:50 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk