



# Merrick County Board Minutes



## **December 27 2016**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at 9: 05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kucera, Weller, Kreachbaum, Carlson, Helgoth, and Wiegert present. Graves 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 Carlson 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 Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve the minutes of December 13, 2016 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Meeting reports:** Carlson, Weller, Kucera, and Wiegert attended the NACO Convention in Kearney; Carlson, Weller, Kreachbaum, Helgoth, Kucera, and Wiegert participated in the Santa Cop Program.

**Official reports:** Sheriff Westman said they has 178 children, 77 families that were part of the Santa Cop Program. They bought 890 gifts that were wrapped and delivered. They received \$4,818.67 from a NIRMA grant to update security equipment.

**Technology solutions:** Dan Staack, Mike Doerfler, and Travis Cassing with Eagle Communications talked to the Board about taking care of the IT problems and technology solutions for the County.

**Juvenile Diversion Interlocal:** Moved Carlson, second Weller to approve and have the Chairman sign the Interlocal Agreement for Juvenile Diversion services with Polk, Hamilton, Nance, and Merrick Counties for fiscal year 2017-2018. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Juvenile Diversion & Truancy grants:** Moved Carlson, second Weller to approve and have the Chairman sign the Community based and Community based enhancement grants for Juvenile Diversion and Truancy. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Public Comment:** Roger Brandes just wanted to know what was all involved in the closing of a road.

**RESOLUTION 2016-27:** Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve and sign RESOLUTION 2016-27 to get rid of Federal Aide Project CN42368, County Road, Archer Southwest. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2016-27 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

**Fire alarms in 4H arena:** Russell Kucera said there is moisture in the arena that I setting the hand pulls on the fire alarms off. Kucera said that they could turn the heat down to 40 and put magnesium flakes on the dirt. The magnesium flakes draw moisture from the air into the dirt and that should help with moisture and they would not have to water the arena down. The flakes are \$17.00 a 50 lb. bag and it will take probably three pallets. Kucera will turn the heat down and order the flakes and apply them.

**Cleaning and job description for the 4H building:** The Board made some more adjustments to the revised job description for the cleaning position at the 4H Building and a new revised copy will be presented at the next Board meeting.

**Executive Session:** Moved Kucera, second Carlson to go into executive session at 11:10 a.m. to discuss strategy with respect to pending or threatened litigation. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to go out of executive session at 11:44 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**December 2016 payroll:** The December 2016 payroll was presented to the Board for approval: General: Gross: \$118,422.62 Net: \$79,060.18 Roads: Gross: \$47,692.26 Net: \$33,545.57 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$5,106.50 Net: \$3,769.31. Moved Kreachbaum, second Helgoth to approve the December 16, 2016 payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Adjourn:** Moved Helgoth, second Weller to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. and to the quarterly jail inspection. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk