



# Merrick County Board Minutes



## April 24, 2017

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Monday, April 24, 2017 at 9:15 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Kreachbaum, Carlson, Helgoth, Kucera, Weller, 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 9:15a.m.

Moved Graves, second Kucera to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:15 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

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

**Minutes:** Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to approve the minutes as published from April 11, 2017. Roll Call: Ayes: Kreachbaum, Carlson, Graves, Kucera, Helgoth, and Wiegert. Nays: None. Abstain: Weller.

**Meeting reports:** Carlson and Graves attended the NIRMA meeting in Kearney on the April 14, 2017; Carlson and Kucera attended the Preferred Popcorn gathering; Graves attended the hospital meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>, Weller attended the Bader Park meeting on the April 18<sup>th</sup>, Kreachbaum sat in on the Ag Society meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>, and Helgoth attended the Community Action Partnership meeting at Loup City on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Officials reports:** Veteran Service Officer, Tom Reimers attending training last week and is now working on his accreditation. Sheriff Westman gave a brief overview of his office including court security and reminded the Board about the April 26 2017 meeting at Fullerton on the partnership of communications.

**Hospital update:** Julie Murray said that Pinnacle Bank was requiring a resolution from the County Board to pay off the bonds.

**RESOLUTION 2017-10:** Moved Graves, second Carlson to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2017-10 approving the June 1, 2017 redemption of the Merrick County Hospital Bonds. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2017-10 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

**Long Term Care:** Julie Murray reported that they had been looking into health insurance for the employees of Long Term Care because Good Samaritan will not be able to take the employees onto their insurance and the Litzenberg Board of Trustees are in charge of the Long Term Care employees. They are looking into United Health Care Insurance because it is close to the coverage they currently have. There will be a slight increase in premiums than what they have now. 70% would be paid by Litzenberg and 30% by the employee.

**Management Agreement for Long Term Care with Good Samaritan:** Moved Graves, second Weller at 9:34 a.m. to go into executive session with respect to strategy with real estate and contract negotiations. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Graves, second Kucera to go out of executive session at 11:28 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Graves, second Carlson to delegate the approval of the Good Samaritan Management Agreement to current hospital board with request to consider the red-line changes proposed by legal counsel for the County Board, specifically including but not limited to 1.) Attachment and incorporation of the Business Associate Agreement to comply with Federal privacy laws 2.) change in signature block to allow the hospital board, instead of County Board to sign and approve 3.) to further clarify the banking section to ensure exclusive control remains with Litzenberg and not Good Samaritan pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-3504(5). Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Irrigation Pipeline Agreement:** Moved Weller, second Kreachbaum to approve the Irrigation Pipeline Agreement for Mike Santin between Section 15 & 22, Township 15, Range 6. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Road Department Surplus:** Moved Graves, second Carlson to approve the Road Department surplus of a 1964 Lima 300 T Truck Crane Serial #3408-4. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Board meeting rules:** The Personnel Board met to write up some rules and regulations for Board meetings and hearings. The County Attorney's Office will type up the corrected form. Moved Kucera, second Graves to table the Board meeting rules and regulations until the next Board meeting on May 9, 2017. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Extension Office surplus:** Moved Helgoth, second Weller to allow the Extension Educator to surplus the items on the list she provided to the County Board as she sees fit. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**April 2017 payroll:** April 2017 payroll presented to Board: General: Gross: \$129,250.07 Net: \$88,461.24 Roads: Gross: 50,264.94 Net: \$35,196.78 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$5,226.14 Net: \$3,804.00. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve the April 2017 payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The Board will do their quarterly jail inspection at their next Board meeting.



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**Adjourn:** Move Helgoth, second Well to adjourn at 12:35 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk