



Merrick County Board Minutes



July 25, 2017

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Kreachbaum, Carlson, Kucera, Weller, Helgoth, 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 9:05 a.m.

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

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

Minutes: Moved Carlson, second Helgoth to approve the minutes as published from July 11, 2017. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Public Comment: Nathan Schema with Good Samaritan and Emily Triplett the new Administrator at Litzenberg Memorial Long Term Care introduced themselves to the Board.

Meeting reports: Graves attended the Senior Center meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2017; Weller attended the Bader Park meeting on July 18, 2017; Kreachbaum attended the Mid-Plains Center for Behavioral Healthcare Services, Inc. and the Region 44 mock rescue on July 17, 2017 and on July 18, 2017 attended a meeting in Fullerton with the Emergency Manager.

Officials reports: Treasurer Bolte presented the Board with a list of properties that were placed on County Tax Sale for the years of 2014 and 2015. County Attorney Homolka told the board that the pending litigation was moved from federal to state court, which is a good thing.

Credit card payments: Julian Staab, Business Development Manager with Nebraska Interactive said they have the state contract with Nebraska to provide electronic solutions for the State of Nebraska. They already provide services through the DMV and Liquor License. It is a web based system at no cost to the county. There is a 2.94% cost added onto the customers that use the service. The swipe device is double encrypted. Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve of the Treasurer using credit cards for payments and to have the web based system installed. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Grave marker: Nancy Johnson with the Historical Society asked the Board to partner with the Historical Society and support in having a grave marker placed on Elvira Merrick grave in the Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan as part of the 150th Anniversary project. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Electrical agreement: Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve and sign the electric agreement for Mark Hudnall to put an electric line on and under county road between Section 8 and 17, Township 12, Range 7. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2017-18: Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to sign RESOLUTION 2018-18 for the signing of the project program agreement 2017 fracture critical bridge inspection. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2017-18 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Subgrant agreements: Moved Kucera, second Carlson to approve and have the Chairman sign the Subgrant Agreements for Child Support Enforcement Services for the Clerk of District Court and the County Attorney. Roll Call: All Ayes.

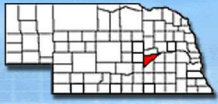
Liquor License: Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to approve and have the Chairman sign the Special Designated Liquor License for Zoul Hospitality DBA Tri-City Catering for a wedding reception at the Fairgrounds on August 25, 2017. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Sub-recipient agreement between SCEDD & Merrick County: Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve and sine the sub-recipient agreement between SCEDD and Merrick County for the Preferred Popcorn (benefitted business) Economic Development/CDBG Project #17-ED-002. Roll Call: All Ayes.

2017-2018 tax request: The Clerk present Silver Creek Township's tax request for fiscal year 2017-2018 for 3.5 % or \$20,058.30.

Metering of electricity: Kent Carlson said that the County was paying all the electricity at the fairgrounds at this time. The Ag Society should be paying the electricity for the fairgrounds minus the new 4H Building. To split the metering it will cost between \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00. Carlson said the City would pick up the labor but not the materials and that the remetering would not be done until after the fair. Carlson was not sure if the \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 included labor.

RESOLUTION 2017-16: Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2017-16 creating a new Fund 2910 Emergency Management and discontinue Fund 5907 and to transfer all funds from 5907 to 290 effective August 1, 2017. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2017-16 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.



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RESOLUTION 2017-17: Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2017-17 creating a new Fund 2605 Economic Development to receive an expend money for economic development: Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2017-17 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Communication project: Emergency Manager Tom Smith gave the Board figures on what the County would save if they would decide to go in with Nance and Boone Counties regarding dispatching. If the dispatch center would be in Central City, the County would need to put three towers at a cost of over \$900,000.00. It makes more sense to put the dispatch center in Nance County because the infrastructure is already in place. No decisions will be made until after Boone County has their board meeting and discuss this.

July 2017 payroll: The July 2017 payroll was presented for approval: General: Gross: \$133,136.62 Net: \$91,007.92 Roads: Gross: \$48,644.74 Net: \$33,492.65 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$4,052.94 Net: \$2,891.94. Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to approve the July 2017 payroll as submitted. Roll Call: All Ayes.
Kreachbaum absent at 2:10 p.m.

Budget: The Board went over all of the budgets in the General Fund and met with the officials that they had questions for.

Adjourn: Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk