



Merrick County Board Minutes



August 3, 2017

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kucera, Carlson, Graves, Weller, Helgoth, and Wiegert present. Kreachbaum was absent. County Attorney Homolka was also present.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the county banks and the Merrick County Website. 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 9:02 a.m.

Moved Graves, second Carlson to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:02 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Graves led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

2017-2018 Budget: County Clerk Wichmann went over all of the Board proposed numbers with the Board to make sure she had all of the numbers the Board requested correct. The Board asked Planning & Zoning Myers about the GIS she had mention at the last Board meeting and Myers said that the company had not gotten back with her and so if the Board did not want to put it in her budget, she was fine with that. The Board decided not to add it to the Planning and Zoning budget. Kreachbaum was present at 9:15 a.m. The Board also asked Assessor Placke how she budgeted for wages and Placke said she budgeted 2% for wages. The Board had made an adjustment to her estimated budget to put the first clerk wages at a 2% increase for her first clerk instead of the estimated 3.68%. The Board also asked the Assessor to get bids for appraisal work to see if they may be some one less costly to do appraisal work. Election Commissioner budget will be reduced by lowering the poll worker training by \$3,400.00 and the Miscellaneous line by \$1,000.00. Planning and Zoning official wage line was reduced from \$7,324.68 to the 2% of \$7,148.04. Building and Grounds was reduced \$300.00 for garbage and increased \$4,000.00 for building repair and also increased \$40,000.00 for third floor reconstruction. Sheriff's budget was increased \$3,000.00 for animal control and \$2,500.00 for overtime. County Board budget was increased by \$5,000.00 for new board room chairs. County Attorney's budget was increased for the deputy position from \$42,970.00 to \$54,556.50 because position may become full time instead of the current part time. General Miscellaneous increased \$7,845.00 for Mid Nebraska Individual Services, \$6,000.00 for Bader Park, and \$15,000.00 added to the miscellaneous line. County Clerk Wichmann will take the budget figures to the accountant to work up next week.

Adjourn: Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to adjourn at 11:43 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk