



# Merrick County Board Minutes



## August 22, 2017

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, August 22, 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 Helgoth, second Weller to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Minutes:** Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve the minutes as published from August 3 and August 8, 2017. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Meeting reports:** Graves had a NIRMA conference call and attended the Merrick Long Term Care meeting; Kreachbaum attended the CERT Meeting with Emergency Management and worked on the Emergency Management trailer; Helgoth attended the Central Community Action Meeting in Loup City; Wiegert attended the Midland Area on Aging at Hastings and Wiegert, Weller, and Helgoth attended the Ag Society meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Official's reports:** County Clerk Wichmann told the Board that she had a problem with the payroll system on the last payroll with Kara Wells' paycheck. It paid her overtime that should have went into comp time. Wichmann said that the payroll system was having several updates being don during the time the exports and printing were being done and she had not been notified of the updates being done. Wichmann said that she was telling the Board now because she wanted to make sure she knew what had happened before coming to the Board. County Attorney Homolka said she had finished the abandonment agreement that she was asked to prepare in regards to the old 4H Building. Jennifer Myers turned in her resignation as the Planning & Zoning Administrator effective September 15, 2017 and told the Board that she was also leaving the Assessor's Office to accept another position.

**Long Term Care update:** Emily Triplett, Administrator of Litzenberg Memorial Long Term Care gave the Board an update.

**Wellness program:** Jacey Schwarz with Bryan Merrick Medical Center presented the Wellness Connection program to the Board and wanted to offer this program to the Board and the Merrick County Employees. Schwarz will pass out to all department heads to give to their employees.

**Economic Opportunity Program Agreement:** Moved Kucera, second Graves to table the Economic Opportunity Program Agreement between Merrick County and Preferred Popcorn till the next Board meeting because Preferred Popcorns' Attorney had some concerns about the agreement. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**SCEDD Contract for Administrative Services amount:** Moved Carlson, second Helgoth to approval and have the Chairman sign the contract with SCEDD, Inc. to provide grant administration services in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for Community Development Block Grant contract #17-ED-0002. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**SCEDD Contract for Administrative Services:** Moved Graves, second Carlson to approval and have the Chairman sign the contract with SCEDD, Inc. to provide general administration services for the County's CDBG project. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Outside appraisal direction:** Assessor Placke asked for direction from the Board on appraisal work. She would like to contract for maintenance and another contract for the gravel pits. Placke wanted to know what to use for specs and she should use the same specs that Darrel Stanard's. Placke will advertise for proposals with the qualifications listed in 50.003.

**Crisis Center tax asking:** County Clerk Wichmann presented the Crisis Center's tax asking for the 2017-2018 fiscal budget in the amount of \$4,000.00.

**Preliminary tax requests:** The Board tabled this until Friday, August 25, 2017 when the accountant will be present at the meeting to go over the budget.

**Taxes, water, and regulations on the mowing of drainage ditches:** Bob Husmann talked to the Board about the drainage ditch on the west side of Chapman having too much water coming down it the redirection of water by people and that the taxes are ridiculous. Mr. Husmann was told to tell the NRD about the water problem.

**Special liquor license:** Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for Nite Crawlers Bar & Grill for a bull ride/fund raiser on September 9, 2017. Roll Call: All Ayes.



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**Special liquor License:** Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for Prairie Creek Vineyards, LLC for a wine and beer tasting at the Prairie Creek Vineyards on September 8, 2017. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**August 2017 payroll:** the August 2017 payroll was presented to the Board: General: Gross: \$141,219.83 Net: \$95,862.40 Roads: Gross: \$51,934.92 Net: \$36,062.19 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$4,219.49 Net: 2,970.53. Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve the August 2017 payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Budget:** Clerk Wichmann gave the Board some preliminary levy figures for other entities and the County's taxable valuation amount. Wichmann will ask the accountant to add another \$5,000.00 to the reconstruction on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor budget.

**Adjourn:** Moved Helgoth, second Weller to adjourn at 12:34 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.