

Merrick County Board Minutes



September 26, 2017

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 9:07 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 9:07 a.m.

Moved Kucera, second Graves to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:07 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

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

Minutes: Moved Graves, second Helgoth to approve the minutes as published from September 12, 2017. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Carlson attended the HUD Meeting on the 14th at Loup City; Graves attended the Senior Center and Long Term Care meetings on the 20th and Graves, Helgoth, and Wiegert attended the Central District Meeting on the 21st at Kearney; Weller attended the Bader Park meeting on the 19th, Kreachbaum attended the meeting in Albion with the Emergency Manager with the Pipeline Association and on the 23 he was at Bader Park for the fishing contest and Kucera attended the Mid Nebraska meeting in Kearney on the 20th.

Official's reports: Sheriff Westman told the Board that the canine program was going good and Deputy Bauer and Wranek were rib tasting judges at Chapman's festival; they have one inmate on work release till April; revised the correction policy; new signs were put up in the parking lot that were discussed in the safety meetings; they have done a lot of maintenance in the jail; the SRS radio will be tested today; Benson was giving a safety presentation to ladies at the Evangelical Church today the 2004 Durango & 2010 Doge have been traded in.

Litzenberg Long Term Care: Emily Triplett went over the minutes of the Long Term Care Minutes with the Board.

GIS Workshop: Moved Kreachbaum, second Carlson to approve the GIS Workshop 3 year maintenance agreement for the standard service with a cost of \$9,000.00. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Environmental study: Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve an environmental study to be done by JEO Consulting on 9th Road for the Preferred Popcorn project. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Townships: Some Board members would like to eliminate townships. County Attorney Homolka read Statute 23-2,100 to the Board as to what would need to be done to do that and/or eliminate the township boards. The Board will wait to see what the State Auditor's Office says about the taxation and what happens when townships are eliminated.

3rd floor renovation: Kucera said there was a concern as to where some offices would be located while renovation was being done. Dave Lewis with KBL Construction Inc. and John Lesiak with Lesiak Construction, LLC were present and said that costs have gone up for materials since their bids were turned in because of the hurricanes. Both said costs were up about \$1,300.00 for materials. KBL could start in the next two weeks and would take about a month to six weeks to complete and Lesiak said he could start later this fall and it would also take him a month to six weeks to complete.

Weller was absent at 11:00 a.m.

Moved Helgoth, Second Kreachbaum to accept the bid for the 3rd floor renovation from KBL Construction with an increase cost of materials of \$1,300.00, option for steel frame doors for \$940.00, option for closures for \$657.00, options for wall bumper \$50.00, and option for kickdown doorstops \$190.00, and \$2,500 for sprinklers if the current sprinklers need to be moved for a maximum amount of \$43,265.00. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Stanard Appraisals: Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve the contracts from Stanard Appraisals for appraisal review of all active gravel/sand pits and the remaining land after mining in Merrick County for \$5,000.00 or \$1,000.00 per pit anything new after that \$1,000.00 and the appraisal maintenance service for all properties in Merrick County for \$17,088.00. Roll Call: All Ayes.

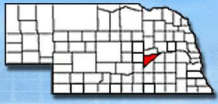
Sheriff fees: Moved Kucera, second Carlson to approve the August 2017 fees from the Sheriff. Roll Call: All Ayes.

September 2017 payroll: The September 2017 payroll was presented for payment: General: Gross: \$142,244.95 Net: \$96,641.91 Roads: Gross: \$53,754.29 Net: \$37,337.16 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$5,691.86 Net: \$4,008.27. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve the September 2017 payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Jail inspection and adjourn: Moved Helgoth, second Graves to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. after the jail inspection. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk



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