



# Merrick County Board Minutes



## **October 24, 2017**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, October 24, 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.

Deputy County Attorney Kunz 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.

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

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

**Minutes:** Moved Graves, second Helgoth to approve the minutes from October 10, 2017 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Meeting reports:** Graves accompanied the NIRMA appraiser to all the buildings that the County owns except the shop in Palmer on November 11. On October 18 Graves attended the Long Term Care meeting, on October 19 he attended the NIRMA appreciation dinner in Kearney and on October 20 he attended the security meeting at the courthouse; Weller attended the Bader Park meeting on October 17 and on October 19 Weller and Wiegert attended a communications meeting in Aurora.

**Official's reports:** Extension Educator Stuhr reported that County Government Day will be November 9 and at their Family Wilderness Event in September there were 168 participants. Sheriff Westman said that Stacen Gross is working on a spreadsheet to show what the cost will be to combine communications with Hamilton County. Gross is with GEO COM and this will be compatible with our current records management. Westman said that since there is no Planning & Zoning Administrator yet and the Assessor's Office informed him that they will not be doing 911 addresses, Stacen Gross will be doing the 911 addresses. Westman went over the distress warrants with the Board and said that 80% had been served. The total collected was \$19,690.86.

**Long Term Care:** Emily Triplett gave the Board an operations, financial, board member nominees, and RVP, NE updates to the Board as well as upcoming resident events and donated equipment received from GSS Scribner.

**Striking delinquent personal property taxes:** Moved Kreachbaum, second Carlson to approve having the Treasurer strike delinquent personal property taxes for Elbert L Sigman, Nicholas Robinson, and Larry Johns. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Special Liquor License:** Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve a Special Designated Liquor License for Kinkaid Brewery for a Merrick Medical Center function at the new 4H Building on November 29, 2017. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Certification of Board of Public Roads:** Moved Graves, second Kreachbaum to approve and have the Chairman sign the Certification to Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards that certifies the minimum standard of design, construction, and maintenance of roads, streets, and highways have been met. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**County Burial:** Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to approve payment for a county burial for Anthony Jakubowski. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**MAXIMUS:** Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve and have the Chairman sign the Certification of Cost Allocation Plan from MAXIMUS for the Countywide Cost Allocation Plan based on actual costs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**RESOLUTION 2017-26:** Moved Graves, second Weller to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2017-26 for Amendment and Addendum to NIRMA/NIRMA II Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements to extend the county's membership with NIRMA. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2017-26 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

**Annual report of delinquent taxes:** Moved Kreachbaum, second Graves to approve the annual report of delinquent taxes presented by the Treasurer. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Townships:** If the townships were to be abolished, the money the townships have is turned back into the County Treasurer and put into their fund. Any money in the townships fund is then used for expenses related to their township until the money is gone. After the money in the township funds is gone, expenses are paid from the county road fund. The Board was also given some pros and cons of having townships. The Board will talk to other counties that have abolished their townships and their constituents.

**Salary recommendations:** The will need to start going through the salary recommendations from NACO for setting the official's salaries for 2019 through 2022. This will need to be done by January 2018.



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**October 2017 payroll:** The October 2017 payroll was presented for approval: General: Gross: \$135,685.04 Net: \$91,996.37 Roads: Gross: \$49,068.43 Net: 34,048.23 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$5,389.43 Net: \$3,331.42. Moved Helgoth, second Carlson to approve the October 2017 payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Adjourn:** Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to adjourn at 11:08 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk