



Merrick County Board Minutes



November 27, 2017

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, November 27, 2017 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Carlson, Kucera, Weller, and Wiegert present. Kreachbaum and Helgoth were absent. 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.

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

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

Minutes: Moved Weller, second Kucera to approve the minutes from November 14, 2017 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Carlson and Wiegert met with the City regarding the Courthouse and 4H Building utility bills; Graves attended the Long Term Care meeting on November 15, 2017 and Graves, Weller, and Wiegert attended a meeting in Aurora regarding communications.

Official's report: Highway Superintendent Meyer presented the only bid he received for the moving of the Highway/Surveyor and County Attorney Offices from Eakes for \$1,400.00. Sheriff Westman said the Santa Cop is going very well and looking at wrapping gifts on December 19 and 20, 2017 starting at 5:00 p.m. and delivering gifts on December 20, 21, and 22nd. The Canine is also going very well. They are almost at their goal.

Long Term Care update: Emily Tripplett gave the Board an update on staffing and the financials. The books are up to date and for this year they are showing that they are a little over \$85,000.00 in the red.

First National Capital Markets: Tobin Buchanan with First National Capital Markets gave the Board an overview of what First National Capital Markets does and offers. Buchanan works out of Kearney and Grand Island and they are part of First National Bank. They have been doing this for five years for First National Bank.

Wordings: Barb Otto is visiting counties to plant the seed and having them think about putting the words In God We Trust on the courthouse walls. Otto had prepared a resolution if the Board would like to vote on this matter. This will be put back on the agenda when there will be a full board.

Mobile radios and repeaters: Sheriff Westman went over the equipment and cost of the installation of mobile radios and the purchase of portable radios and repeaters from Platte Valley Communications. The total cost was \$103,577.40. Platte Valley Communications was present and had an Equipment Lease Contract where the payments could be made in five payments over the next 60 months. Each payment would be \$23,193.00 with a purchase option at the end of the 60 months for \$1.00. Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve and have the Chairman sign the Equipment Lease Contract with Platte Valley Communications for the installation of mobile radios and the purchase of portable radios and repeaters. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Graves to rescind motion to approve the Equipment Lease Contract with Platte Valley Communications for the installation of mobile radios and the purchase of portable radios and repeaters. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Graves to accept the Equipment Lease Contract with Platte Valley Communications with the omission of the Automatic Payment Authorization. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Grader Bid hearing: Moved Kucera, second Graves to open the hearing to open bids for a 2018 articulated motor grader at 10:30 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. There were two bids received: Murphy Tractor & Equipment Company for a John Deere 670GP for \$238,000.00 minus the tradeoff a 2003 Volvo G730B for \$32,000.00 for a total bid of \$206,000 with a weight of 35,220 and a delivery date of March 2018; Nebraska Machinery Company for a CAT 12MC for \$247,425.00 minus \$25,000.00 for trade of 2003 Volvo G7030B with a total bid of \$222,425.00. Nebraska Machinery also gave a \$21,000.00 parts credit towards machine parts. The weight on the CAT is 37,420 and they have one in stock. Moved Graves, second Carlson to close hearing at 10:54 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Graves, second Carlson to accept the bid from Nebraska Machinery Company for the CAT 12M3. Roll Call: Ayes: Weller, Carlson, Graves, and Wiegert. Nays: Kucera.

Interlocal with City of Central City: Moved Kucera, second Carlson to approve and have the Chairman sign the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Central City for dirt work and snow removal work. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2017-28: Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2017-28 directing the Treasurer to pay the Courthouse Bond payment due on December 1, 2017 in the amount of \$128,133.75. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2017-28 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.



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RESOLUTION 2017-30: Moved Graves, second Kucera to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2017-30 directing the transfer of money to cover the courthouse bond payment in the amount of \$80,021.85 from the Inheritance Fund to the Courthouse Bond Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2017-30 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

RESOLUTION 2017-29: Moved Kucera, second Carlson to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2017-29 directing the Treasurer to pay the 4-H Building Bond payment due on December 1, 2017 in the amount of \$137,898.75. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2017-29 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

RESOLUTION 2017-31: Moved Graves, second Weller to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2017-31 directing the transfer of money to cover the 4-H Building Bond payment in the amount of \$10,834.76 from the Inheritance Fund to the 4-H Building Bond Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2017-31 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

RESOLUTION 2017-32: Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2017-32 directing the creation of a new fund called Drug Court Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2017-32 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

November 2017 Payroll: The November 2017 payroll was submitted for approval: General: Gross: 143,069.20, Net: \$97,335.59 Roads: Gross: \$52,508.40 Net: \$36,637.74, Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$6,145.76 Net: \$3,916.33. Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve the November 2017 payroll as submitted. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Salaries: District Court Clerk Good gave information on their case load compare to other counties to the County Attorney and the County Attorney read some of the information to the Board. Salaries will be discussed further at the next Board meeting.

Adjourn: Moved Kucera, second Weller to adjourn at 12:07 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk