

Merrick County Board Minutes



January 23, 2018

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 9:08 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Helgoth, Carlson, Kreachbaum, Weller, Kucera, and Wiegert present. County Attorney Lynelle Homolka was also present.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil and The Palmer Journal and 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 9:08 a.m.

Moved Graves, second Kucera to convene as Board of Supervisors and to reorganize at 9:08 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Helgoth would like the vote on the new supervisor chairs corrected as he voted Nay. Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve the minutes of January 9, 2018 with the correction of Helgoth voting Nay to the purchase of new chairs for the Supervisors. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Graves attended the emergency procedures that was held by Tom Smith, Emergency Manager; Helgoth attended the Central Community Action meeting in Loup City; Kucera attended the Mid Nebraska meeting in Kearney on January 17 and Wiegert attended the executive board meeting of Midland Area on Aging on January 17 and the Midland Area on Aging meeting with the Senior Citizen Board on January 18, 2018.

Officials report: There will be an emergency management table top meeting tomorrow at the Fairgrounds; and the County Attorney told the Board to let her know if there were any legislative issues they would like her to address as she will be going to Lincoln.

Long Term Care update: Emily Tripplett said the census is at 27 today with two inquiries pending. If the number stays at or over 25 they are having a cash flow. Medicare and Medicaid payments are not enough for cash flow. The strategic meeting has been set for February 16, 2018.

LTD and Life insurance for Cash in Lieu: Moved Carlson, second Graves to approve and have the Chairman sign the two Joinder Agreements from National Insurance for the employees who have elected the Cash-In-Lieu option instead of the BC/BS health insurance through NACO for LTD and Life Insurance. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Lawn Care: Moved Weller, second Graves to table until the next meeting because someone else has said they would like to submit a bid. Roll Call: Ayes: Helgoth, Kucera, Carlson, Graves, Weller, and Wiegert. Nays: Kreachbaum. Moved Kucera to advertise for lawn care and after some discussion Kucera withdrew her motion.

Six month report: Moved Helgoth, second Weller to approve the six month report submitted by the County Treasurer and have the Finance Committee sign it. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Interlocal for dispatching: County Attorney Homolka passed out information that was presented to the Board in 2012 by Kelly Williams, the original Interlocal prepared by the Hamilton County Attorney, and the Interlocal prepared by County Attorney Homolka with changes. Hamilton County tabled the interlocal until after the Merrick County Board had a chance to look it over. Homolka went over the changes she made and the board decided they would rather make quarterly payments instead of annual and do away with the ten percent increase or decrease in calls, make the agreement perpetual instead of three years and the Board thought that the Vice Chairman or the Chairman's designee should also be included in the interlocal as part of the Joint Board to administer the agreement. Homolka will make the changes and send the interlocal to Hamilton County. Sheriff Westman was to attend a meeting in Lincoln regarding the Public Service Commission but it was cancelled regarding PSC monies that will be used for this project.

Snow blower: There needs to be a snow blower out to the 4H building and there is enough money in the Building & Grounds budget to purchase a snow blower for there, so Steve Adler will purchase one for the 4H building.

Old chairs: The County Clerk will put out an email to all of the offices and if they want any or all of the old Supervisor chairs they can have them to use.

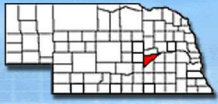
Supervisors table: Kucera would like to start looking around and would also like to see some pictures of tables for the Board room. The current table being used by the Board was bought when Alfred Bader was on the Board for \$50.00.

January 2018 payroll: The January 2018 payroll was presented for payment: General: Gross: \$142,487.32 Net: \$99,516.20 Roads: Gross: \$54,894.05 Net: \$38,985.84 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$5,861.67 Net: \$3,730.65. Moved Kucera, second Carlson to approve the January 2018 payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Jail inspection: The Board will do the jail inspection after they adjourn.

Adjourn: Moved Helgoth, second Graves to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman



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/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk