



# Merrick County Board Minutes



## February 23, 2018

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Friday, February 23, 2018 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Helgoth, Carlson, Weller, Kucera, and Wiegert present. Kreachbaum was absent. 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 9:05 a.m.

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 Kucera, second Graves to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2018 meeting as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Meeting reports:** Graves attended the Senior Citizens and a personnel meeting on February 21, 2018; Weller attended the Merrick County Development annual meeting on February 13 and a Bader Park meeting on February 20, 2018; Helgoth attended the Community Action Partnership meeting in Loup City on February 20 and a personnel meeting on February 21, 2018; Kucera attended the Extension Board meeting on February 13 and a personnel committee interview on February 21, 2018; Wiegert attended the 4H Building inspection meeting with the contractors on February 20, 2018.

**Official's reports:** County Attorney Homolka got her office moved to the third floor on Monday, February 19, 2018. Homolka reported that there is enough money in the Stop Fund to order a new computer for the shared position in her office and the sheriff's. Board told County Clerk to order a water cooler for third floor. Cynthia Catlett was going to check on the signage for the Attorney and Highway/Surveyor offices but County Clerk said she had not heard anything from Catlett. If Catlett has not contacted Love Signs, Clerk Wichmann will call them today.

**Long Term Care update:** Emily Triplett went over the minutes of the Litzenberg Memorial Long Term Care Board. The census is 29 and they have 46 lifeline patrons. Cash flow is showing a positive \$9,000.00.

**4H Proclamation:** Abbi Wegner, Sara Royle, Fallon Wells, and Grant Stuhmer gave a presentation to the Board on what 4H has done for them and their futures. Grant Stuhmer read the 4H Proclamation to the Board and then asked Chairman Wiegert to read the last paragraph. Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve and have the Chairman sign the 4H Proclamation proclaiming the month of March 2018 as 4H month in Merrick County. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**One and Six hearing:** Moved Kucera, second Graves to open the One and Six hearing at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Kucera asked Highway Superintendent Meyer to look at a bridge on the strip for safety reasons to see if it needs to be addressed before the scheduled date. Moved Kucera, second Graves to close the hearing at 10:04 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve the One and Six Year Road Plan as presented in RESOLUTION 2018-3. RESOLUTION 2018-3 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

**Planning & Zoning:** Helgoth said there were two applicants, Cynthia Catlett and Kathryn Lyons. Helgoth asked the County Attorney if they could go into closed session and Attorney Homolka advised them against a closed session. Board then discussed both applicants. Moved Helgoth second Carlson to hire Kay Lyons as the new Planning & Zoning Administrator. Roll Call: Ayes: Weller, Kucera, Carlson, Helgoth, and Wiegert. Nays: Graves. Lyons start date will be March 6, 2018.

**February 2018 payroll:** The February 2018 payroll was presented for approval: General: Gross: \$143,221.29 Net: \$99,065.66 Roads: Gross: \$59,103.71 Net: \$42,044.50 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$6,594.64 Net: \$4,891.30. Moved Kucera, second Carlson to approve the February 2018 payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes. Weller said he approved the ones he signed.

**Adjourn:** Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to adjourn at 10:33 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk