

Merrick County Board Minutes



May 22, 2018

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 9:08 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Carlson, Kucera, Helgoth, and Wiegert present. Weller and Kreachbaum were 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 9:08 a.m.

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

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

Minutes: Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to approve the minutes from May 8, 2018 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Graves and Wiegert attended the Senior Citizens meeting on May 9, 2018; Graves attended a NIRMA meeting on May 8, a Long Term Care meeting on May 16, and Graves, Helgoth and Kucera attended a personnel meeting on May 17.

Officials report: Assessor Placke said her office will be sending out 4000 notices of valuation changes. County Clerk Wichmann asked the Board to write a letter of support to the Secretary of States Office to get more precincts to go all mail because of the low voter turnout and expense for those precincts. County Attorney Homolka and her deputy attended the County Attorney's meeting in Kearney. Emergency Manager Tom Smith said the April blizzard costs are going to be submitted to FEMA. There have been eleven ambulances that have received LTE boosters in Palmer, Chapman, and Central City Fire.

Long Term Care: Emily Triplett said the financials in April had a positive of \$2,300.00 and they are going to Blue Cross Blue Shield for their employee health insurance. They have also started a facebook page. Heath Boddy presented a Nebraska Healthcare Association update to the Long Term Care Board at their meeting.

Heartland United Way: Kaleema Kerbs representing the Heartland United Way said was in Nebraska to collect data on missing resources for residents based on their community needs assessment. The Merrick County needs are mental health, child care, and student success programs.

Midland Area Agency on Aging: Casey Muzic and Colleen Clayton presented their 2018/2019 fiscal year funding request of \$6,002.00 which is unchanged from the previous several years. This amount includes a membership fee of \$1,902.00 which remains \$1.00 for each person over the age of 60 in the County on the 2010 census and \$4,100.00 to directly support the Merrick County Senior Services programs.

Central Platte NRD: The Central Platte NRD cosponsored project estimate cost for fiscal year 2018 /2019 will be in the estimate of \$33,860.50, which is \$20,724.01 less than last year.

Libraries: The 2018/2019 library request for Central City Library, Palmer Library, Clarks Library, and Silver Creek Township Library is \$10,000.00 total.

Health Insurance: Moved Kucera, second Carlson to approve the new rates for Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve the County paying 100% of the single employee, 85% of the employee/spouse, employee/child/ren, and 80% of employee/family. Roll Call: All Ayes.

4H Building bond and Courthouse Bond: Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve of the Treasurer making the 4H Building Bond payment of \$21,748.75 and the Courthouse Bond payment of \$7,623.75 on June 1, 2018. Roll Call: All Ayes.

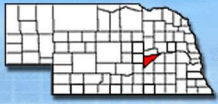
NRIN nomination: Moved Kucera, second Carlson to vote for Tim Hofbauer to the East Central Region Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network Board (NRIN). Roll Call: All Ayes.

Region 44 Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement: Moved Graves, second Kucera to approve and have the Chairman sign the Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services between Boone, Nance, and Merrick Counties. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Employee raises: Moved Carlson, second Graves to approve raise increases for 2019 up to 3%. Roll Call: All Ayes.

County Burial: Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to approve the payment for the county burial for K. Morway. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Special Designated Liquor License: Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for the Merrick Manor for a wedding reception June 9, 2018 at the Riverside Pavilion. Roll Call: All Ayes.



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May 2018 payroll: The May 2018 payroll was presented for approval: General: Gross: 141,809.81 Net: \$97,641.96 Roads: Gross: \$57,268.33 Net: \$40,903.21 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: 6,000.62 Net: \$3,629.75. Moved Graves, second Carlson to approve the May 2018 payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Helgoth, second Graves to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk