



Merrick County Board Minutes



July 17, 2018

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Carlson, Kucera, Helgoth, Weller, 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 9:00 a.m.

Convene: Moved Kucera, second Graves to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Pledge of Allegiance: Helgoth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Treasurer after the Sheriff. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Budget: Board went over the County Attorney, Board, Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor, Election Commissioner, Planning & Zoning, County Court, Building & Grounds, Extension, Sheriff, Communications, Child Support, Jail, Emergency Management, Veteran Service, Canine, Commissary, 4H Building, and Miscellaneous budgets with officials. The County Attorney's intern was paid by the vocational rehab but that program will be ending in August and the County Attorney is going to keep the intern employed while the intern is attending college. Extension Educator Stuhr budgeted for a part time office assistant and to make her current Office Assistant, Kara Wells, a 4H Program Coordinator. The Office Manager/Executive Assistance, Cindie Hostler, with receipt in all income, and work more with regional programs. Building & Grounds Adler said there is a need for a battery scrubber for the 4H Building and the cost will be \$9500.00. The Assessor wants the Board to consider a vehicle for \$10,000.00 and a GIS notation layer for \$18,300.00 with no annual maintenance fee. She has not talked to the City of Central City or any of the villages about participating in the GIS. Planning & Zoning Lyons said the consulting fees were increased to \$1,500 to pay Marvin Planning Consultant to amend/update the Comprehensive Plan and Lyons payroll was increased from \$19,000.00 to \$20,000.00 to cover extra hours worked. Her equipment increased by \$250.00 because she is needing a new laptop. Election budget was decreased by \$7,250.00 because the County is going all mail starting with the November General Election. Board recessed at 12:15 for lunch. Board back at 1:15 p.m. Sheriff Westman said the Highway Safety Grant was increased by \$8,000.00 but that is reimbursed by grant money. Board thought that the miscellaneous line item in the Jail should have \$2,000.00 to in case something unforeseen would happen. Moved Kucera, second Graves to recess until Monday, July 23, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call: All Ayes.

Monday, July 23, 2018

Reconvene: Moved Kucera, second Graves to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Helgoth and Kreachbaum were absent.

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

Highway Superintendent/Surveyor Meyer went over his revenue and expenses for Roads. There were no questions for the Surveyor, Clerk of District Court, and Juvenile Diversion. Assessor Placke went over her Reappraisal budget with the Board. The Board went over nine other budgets that are not tax asking as well as the Courthouse Bond Fund, 4H P & I Fund, and the Inheritance Fund. All revenue figures looked alright.

Adjourn: Moved Graves, second Kucera to adjourn at 12:40 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk