



Merrick County Board Minutes



August 28, 2018

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 9:08 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Carlson, Kucera, Weller, Helgoth, and Kreachbaum, 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 9:08a.m.

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

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

Minutes: Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve the minutes from August 14, 2018 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Graves on August 15, 2018 attended the Senior Citizens meeting, NIRMA conference call, and the Long Term Care meeting and on August 22, 23, and 24 he attended the NIRMA meetings; Helgoth attended the Community Partnership meeting, and Kucera attended the Region3 meeting on August 25, 2018.

Official's reports: County Attorney Homolka reported that she has a County Attorney meeting Friday, August 31, 2018 and has been appointed to several committees.

Long Term Care: Emily Triplett reported that the current census is 27 and they are still needing two full time kitchen staff. The room rates will increase by \$10.00 a day. September 24, 2018 will be their next meeting.

LegalShield: Don Mroczek with LegalShield gave a brief overview of what LegalShield is and how it works for identity theft. He asked for the Board's permission to offer this to all of the County employees. The employees will have to pay for it themselves out of their payroll. Mr. Mroczek would meet with the employees and give them an overview and enroll them if they choose to take it. Moved Weller, second Carlson to have Mroczek educate the employees and offer it to them at the employees' expense. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Electrical agreement: Highway Superintendent Meyer said that Lindgreen had put the wrong Township and Range on his Agreement. It should say Township 14, Range 5 and not Township 13, Range 4 and the Board said that Meyer should change it and initial it and have Lindgreen also initial the change/ Moved Helgoth, second Garves to approve and have the Chairman sign and electrical agreement between the County and Loren Lindgreen between Sections 16 & 17, Township 14, Range 5 with the change and initials of Meyer and Lindgreen for the Township and Range Change for electricity to a new grain bin. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Electrical Agreement: Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve and have the Chairman sign the Electrical Agreement between the County and Douglas and Laurie Retzlaff to bury an electrical line and get rid of the overhead wire between the N1/2 of Section 23 and the S1/2 Section 23, Township 15, Range 8. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Ag Society levy allocation: Russ Kucera and Brad Wells were present for the Ag Society. Kucera said the Ag Society would like to put 50 horse stalls in double rows with just a roof and no side walls. It will cost about \$1,000.00 a stall to build and they would rent them for \$25.00 a day. That is why they are asking for \$50,000.00 in capital improvement. Kucera said there were three different breeds that would have shows here if there were stalls. Last year's capital improvement money was spent on lights, rock, and panels. When asked about a PA system, both Ag members said there is a PA system available at the 4H Building. There is also a television in the conference room that is hooked up to the computer for use. Wells said they have \$35,291 in their Capital Improvement fund now and \$104,694 in their General Fund. They have not paid out their fair expenses and premiums. They will also be putting in 10 more caper hookups for next year and the rent for any of the hookups will \$75.00.

Juvenile Diversion Comprehensive Plan: Moved Kucera, second Carlson to have the Chairman sign the 2018-2021 Juvenile Diversion Comprehensive Plan. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Vieregg Township budget hearing: Moved Kucera, second Weller to open the budget hearing for Vieregg Township. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Graves, second Weller to increase the total restricted funds authority by an additional 1%. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Weller, second Helgoth to request an audit waiver. Roll Call:



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All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve the 2018-2019 Vieregg Township budget as proposed. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Graves to close the hearing at 10:40 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Kreachbaum present at 10:55 a.m.

Levy allocation requests: Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve the levy allocation requests for Chapman Township for \$25,300.00, Chapman Rural Fire District for \$76,500.00, Palmer Fire District for \$109,445.44, Silver Creek Township for \$18,360.00, Prairie Island Township for \$1,224.00, Prairie Creek Township for \$17,420.00, Platte Valley Rural Fire \$44,000.00, Clarks Rural Fire \$55,000.00, Central City Rural Fire \$210,000.00, Loup Township for \$15,300.00, and Clarksville Township for \$22,440.00. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera to approve \$75,000.00 for a levy allocation for the Ag Society. Motion died for lack of a second. Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve a levy allocation for the Ag Society Capital Improvement for \$25,000.00 instead of the \$50,000.00 requested and \$61,727.69 for their General Fund for a total request of \$86,717.69. Roll Call: Ayes: Carlson, Graves, Kucera, Kreachbaum, and Wiegert. Nays: Helgoth and Weller. Motion carried.

GIS change order: Assessor Placke said this change order was because she did not have the staff to do the editing when Jen Myers left and now Myers is back and can do the editing. The savings to the county would be \$420 a year and they already have the license. Assessor Placke did not know if there would be a penalty if the county would change to the basic support and then would decide to go back to standard support. Moved Kucera, second Weller to table the GIS change order until Assessor Placke finds out if they can go back to the standard support without a penalty. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Special designated liquor license: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve and have the Chairman sign the Special Designated Liquor License for the Cairo Bowl and Lounge Inc. for a wedding reception at Riverside Park Pavilion on October 6, 2018. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Inventories: Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve the 2018 inventories from Planning & Zoning and Emergency Management. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Surplus: Moved Kucera, second Carlson to approve of the Planning & Zoning Administrator surplus a 2009 HP scanner. Roll Call: All Ayes.

County Burial: Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve the county burial for LouAnn Jenkins. Roll Call: All Ayes.

August 2018 payroll: The August 2018 payroll was presented for approval: General: Gross: \$149,401.80 Net: \$104,873.11, Roads: Gross: \$60,854.28 Net: \$43,759.10, Juvenile Diversion: Gross: 6,290.57 Net: \$3,603.78. Moved Carlson, second Weller to approve the August 2018 payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to adjourn at 11:43 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk