



# Merrick County Board Minutes



## **August 31, 2018**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Friday, August 31, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Carlson, Graves, Kucera, Weller, Helgoth, and Wiegert present. Kreachbum was absent. County Attorney 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.

Moved Kucera, second Graves to convene as Board of Equalization (later changed to Supervisors) at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Kucera led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Agenda:** Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve the agenda. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Budget:** Mitch Inman with Dana F Cole informed the Board that the tax request for the General Fund was going to be \$4,000,000.00, Courthouse Bond Fund \$70,000.00, 4H Bond P&I Fund \$74,000.00, and the Courthouse Bond Fund \$1,372.00 for a total tax request of \$4,145,372.00. The tax rate is 22.4987 which is roughly 1.3 cents lower than last year's budget even with losing about 3.5 million in valuation.

**Budget hearing:** Moved Kucera, second Graves to set the 2018-2019 budget hearing for September 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Graves to set the final tax request for September 11, 2018 at 10:15 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The Board wanted to commend all the department head for doing a great job keeping their budgets tight. They also wanted to commend the Sheriff's Office for purchasing used vehicles instead of new ones.

**Adjourn:** Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to adjourn at 9:31 a.m and change her motion to convene to say Board of Supervisors not equalization. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk