



Merrick County Board Minutes



November 27, 2018

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Carlson, Kucera, Weller, Kreachbaum, and Wiegert present. Helgoth was absent. Deputy County Attorney Kunz 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.

Convene: Moved Kucera, second Graves to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the minutes from November 13, 2018 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Weller attended the Bader Park meeting on November 13, 2018; Graves attended the Long Term Care meeting on the November 21 and on November 26 attended a NIRMA meeting and a NIRMA ASSIST meeting; Kreachbaum attended the Mid Plains Behavioral Health meeting on November 19, and Wiegert attended the Midland Area on Aging meeting in Hastings on November 19, 2018.

Official's reports: There were no official reports.

Long Term Care update: Emily Triplett said the census was at 24 and that it had dropped from 28 in the last week. They are looking for a Food Nutritionist. They were in the negative for the month of October because of some large expenditures such as air conditioner and furnace went down, and the refrigerator went out. On January 1, 2019 Good Sam will be taken over by Sanford Company and should not affect the Central City location too much. There was a 2% wage increase for the employees.

Heating and air: Ty Stahn with McIlroy's said that there were problems with smells and temperature control in the Road Department, and temperature problems in Juvenile Diversion and Child Support. Stahn said they run off of the same furnace and air conditioner and in order to fix the problems they would have to be separated. The best way would be to get mini heat pumps. Stahn did not have a chance to get quotes for the electrical work but the estimate for the installation of two mini pumps without electrical would be \$5,506.00. The units would sit by the two units already outside. The Board will investigate moving Probation, Child Support, and Juvenile Diversion to save money. Deputy County Attorney Kunz will contact Probation and ask them to be present to discuss this matter at the next Board meeting.

Register of Deeds accounts receivables: County Clerk Wichmann said these are older accounts that were charged in her office and now they cannot get them collected. The State Auditors had told Wichmann to just have the Board approve of them being wrote off and not to let anyone charge in her office. Wichmann said that they no longer let anyone except the County Surveyor and the State of Nebraska to charge anything in her office. This should have been done last fiscal year, but Wichmann said she kept trying to get them collected. Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve the County Clerk writing off \$808.00 in old accounts receivables as suggested by the State Auditors. Roll Call: All Ayes.

November 2018 payroll: The November 2018 payroll was presented for approval: General: Gross: \$148,537.84 Net: \$103,650.32 Roads: Gross: \$57,111.56 Net: \$40,753.81 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$6,411.22 Net: \$3,629.29

Moved Kucera, second Carlson to approve the November 2018 payroll. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to adjourn at 10:29 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk