

May 9, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 9:07 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Kucera, Wiegert, Weller, County Attorney Kunz and County Clerk Strobel 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 given 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 9:75 a.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:07 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Placke to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve the minutes from April 25, 2023 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes

Supervisor meetings: Dexter, Wiegert: May 3rd Ag Summit-Kearney; Dexter, Wiegert, Kucera-May 4th conference call-NE State Auditors; Dexter: May 5th Merrick County Economic Development; Kucera May 8th Extension Board; Jarecke: Central Action Partners zoom meeting-May 2nd.

Officials Reports: Treasurer Gilg provided an update on the collection of real estate taxes between April 1 thru May 8 was \$8.88 million. County Attorney Kunz informed the board he attended the County Attorney continuing education meetings in Kearney May 3rd thru May 5th.

Brian Moeder with Vyve Broadband appeared during public comment inquiring on the status of the business relationship between Vyve and Merrick County.

Mitch Inmann with Dana F. Cole & Associates

Pam Arterburn with Midland Area on Aging appeared before the board to request the FY 2024 annual funding of \$11,002.00. The annual memberships for Merrick County will be at the current level of \$1,902.00 and \$9,100.00 will be used for The Good Life Center.

Andy Forney with D. A. Davidson provided a handout for the board members with bond options for a new Long Term Care facility.

Austin Partridge with First National Capital Markets provided documentation for the board members with bond options for a new Long Term Care facility

Moved Placke, second Dexter to appoint Mike Peters, Lori Parachini and Steve Wichmann to the Prairie Creek Township Board. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the Fiber Optic Agreements between Merrick County and Vyve Broadband Section 7 & 8, Township 12, Range 7 to bury fiber optic cable for internet. Roll Call; All Ayes.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to have the Chairman sign the Grand Island Area Clean Community System support letter for \$2000.00. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the quote from Norfolk Contractors for \$92,739.00 from Norfolk Contractors to repair the bridge over Prairie Creek at 4th and K Road. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion was held regarding road maintenance for the Summerwood Lakes area. No action taken.

Captain Bauer gave an update on the HVAC issues on the third floor. No action required.

Captain Bauer discussed the security camera system in the jail.

Discussion was held regarding the 911 dispatching of EMS to Summerwood Lakes area and the 911 county wide address visibility. No action taken.

Conference call with Aaron Bos with Nebraska Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (Nebraska CLASS) to discuss the possibilities of Merrick County to use their services as an investment management plan. No Action taken

Discussion regarding the pay increase was held for the office manager position in the Highway Department. No action required

Renewal of Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance for employees was discussed. No action taken-will be placed on upcoming board agendas for 2023-2024 Fiscal Year budget.

A verbal quote was received from Dana F. Cole & Associates for the 2022-2023 audit. Clerk Strobel will reach out and request an official proposal to be placed on the next agenda.

Discussion of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget. No action taken

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the May Fees received from Clerk of District Court, Sheriff and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes

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| GENERAL | ANTELOPE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT | BOARDING COST | \$185.00 |
| | APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES | SECURITY AGREE | \$271.67 |
| | AT&T MOBILITY | PHONE SERVICE | \$1,089.14 |
| | BILL'S HOBBY SHOP | VEHICLE REPAIR | \$71.95 |
| | BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC | JAIL SUPPLIES | \$550.49 |
| | BOMGAARS | SUPPLIES | \$146.83 |
| | BRADLEY LAW OFFICE, PC | ATTORNEY FEES | \$6,371.65 |
| | BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER | BOARDING COST | \$1,550.00 |
| | CAMELOT TRANSPORTATION INC | JUVENILE SRVCS | \$656.00 |
| | CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING | INMATE SUPPLY | \$2,398.54 |
| | CEDARS | JUVENILE SRVCS | \$1,040.00 |
| | CENTRAL CITY MALL | FUEL | \$42.88 |
| | CENTRAL CITY MALL | SUPPLIES | \$42.88 |
| | CENTRAL TRUE VALUE | SUPPLIES | \$19.68 |
| | CENTURY LINK | PHONE SERVICE | \$270.32 |
| | CENTURYLINK | PHONE SERVICE | \$212.70 |
| | CINTAS CORPORATION | SUPPLIES | \$29.63 |
| | CITY OF CENTRAL CITY | HOSP-UTILITIES | \$9,530.09 |
| | CITY OF CENTRAL CITY | UTILITIES | \$2,490.23 |
| | CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT | UTILITIES | \$12.11 |
| | CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT | MH BOARD | \$990.64 |
| | CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT | COURT COSTS | \$266.51 |
| | COBBLESTONE HOTEL & SUITES | LODGING | \$285.00 |
| | COMFORT INN | LODGING | \$117.14 |
| | COMFORT SUITES EAST LINCOLN | LODGING | \$85.00 |
| | CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND | OFFICE WATER | \$243.00 |
| | DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY | INMATE MEDICAL | \$24.52 |
| | DES MOINES STAMP | OFFICE SUPPLY | \$29.50 |
| | ED DEXTER | APRIL MILEAGE | \$185.76 |
| | EAKES OFFICE PLUS | SUPPLIES | \$82.67 |
| | EAKES OFFICE PLUS | SUPPLIES/EQUIP | \$316.85 |
| | EAKES OFFICE PLUS | EQUIP RENTAL | \$178.54 |
| | EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS | SUPPLIES | \$349.29 |
| | EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT | SUPPLIES | \$425.24 |
| | EAKES OFFICE PLUS | OFFICE SUPPLY | \$724.88 |
| | EAKES OFFICE PLUS | EQUIP REPAIR | \$269.34 |

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| TRISHA FATE-STROBEL | PHONE/TRAVEL | \$60.39 |
| FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC | CYBERSECURITY | \$5,376.80 |
| FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS | PHONE SERVICE | \$64.17 |
| GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY | UNIFORMS | \$297.68 |
| SHARON GILG | PHONE | \$124.71 |
| GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS | PHONE SERVICE | \$95.88 |
| HALL COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT | COURT COSTS | \$41.48 |
| HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS | BOARDING COST | \$1,870.00 |
| HAMILTON CO SHERIFF | BOARDING COST | \$150.00 |
| HEARTLAND DISPOSAL | TRASH DISPOSAL | \$235.00 |
| HILDER IMPLEMENT INC | LAWN EQUIP | \$77.06 |
| HOMETOWN LEASING | EQUIPMENT | \$7,804.66 |
| JACKSON SERVICES | SERVICE SUPPLY | \$198.93 |
| JACKSON SERVICES | SERVICE SUPPLY | \$222.97 |
| LANCASTER CO SHERIFF | COURT COSTS | \$6.69 |
| BILL MACK | FUEL | \$11.86 |
| DOUG MAW | PHONE/SUPP/MIL | \$262.80 |
| MAXIMUS CONSULTING SERVICES, INC | CONSULTANT | \$1,805.53 |
| MCILNAY & CO | SUPPLIES | \$351.75 |
| MCILNAY AND COMPANY | BLDG REPAIR | \$367.72 |
| | 2016 CE/FILING | |
| MERRICK CO. CLERK | FEE | \$89.25 |
| MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT. | TAX TRANSFER | \$115,696.53 |
| MERRICK CO. TREASURER | MISC EXPENSES | \$151.32 |
| MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER | PRISONER CARE | \$580.49 |
| MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC | IMAGING | \$35.00 |
| MIPS INC. | SUPPORT | \$3,590.27 |
| MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING | PEST CONTROL | \$150.00 |
| JENNIFER MYERS | PHONE | \$239.60 |
| NACO | EDUCATION | \$600.00 |
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| NANCE COUNTY TREASURER | MANAGEMENT | \$8,734.82 |
| NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL | SUBSCRIPTIONS | \$81.70 |
| NE DEPT OF REVENUE | EDUCATION | \$290.00 |
| NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES | INSTITUTIONS | \$372.00 |
| NEBRASKA HEATING & AIR, INC | REPAIRS | \$720.06 |
| KAREN NELSON | POSTAGE | \$75.81 |
| NNTC | PHONE SERVICE | \$267.03 |
| PALMER JOURNAL | PUBLICATION | \$425.61 |
| PALMER JOURNAL | PRINTING | \$36.75 |
| PAPER TIGER SHREDDING | SHREDDING | \$35.00 |
| PINNACLE BANK CC | SUPPLIES | \$142.74 |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA | FUEL-TRANSPORT | \$229.65 |

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| PINNACLE BANK-VISA | FUEL-TRANSPORT | \$67.66 |
| PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS | EQUIPMENT | \$11,449.34 |
| KIMBERLY J QUANDT, AAL | ATTORNEY FEES | \$3,657.50 |
| TOM REIMERS | MILEAGE/MEALS | \$145.52 |
| MARIA RODRIGUEZ | MISC EXP | \$15.88 |
| EMILY SOLL | SUPPLIES/MILES | \$378.47 |
| STATE OF NE-DEPT OF ADM SRVC | TELETYPE | \$683.76 |
| STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO | ATTORNEY FEES | \$5,567.00 |
| THE HOME DEPOT PRO | SUPPLIES | \$481.06 |
| THOMSON REUTERS-WEST | LAW LIBRARY | \$454.80 |
| TOOLS PLUS INDUSTRIES | SUPPLIES | \$299.99 |
| U.S. BANK | MISC EXPENSES | \$4,322.42 |
| UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES | SUPPLIES | \$146.92 |
| VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO. | WEED CONTROL | \$2,558.00 |
| VERIZON WIRELESS | PHONE/EQUIP | \$110.03 |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA | REPAIR/SUPPLY | \$242.52 |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA | SUPPLY/EQUIP | \$351.93 |
| VYVE BROADBAND | PHONE/INTERNET | \$1,922.48 |
| WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH, OTTO | ATTORNEY FEES | \$5,253.50 |
| ROGER WIEGERT | MILEAGE | \$142.78 |
| 1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES | SUPPLIES | \$519.95 |
| 911 CUSTOM | UNIFORM | \$1,165.00 |
| TOTAL | | \$223,461.89 |

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| ROADS | REPAIR/LABOR | \$562.05 |
| ALL STAR AUTO GLASS | FUEL | \$5,653.80 |
| AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO. | GAS SERVICE | \$206.52 |
| BLACK HILLS ENERGY | SUPPLIES | \$669.08 |
| BOMGAARS | OIL/SUPPLIES | \$724.27 |
| BOSELMAN ENERGY INC | TRASH DISPOSAL | \$20.00 |
| BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL | SHOP SUPPLIES | \$115.00 |
| CEDAR VALLEY LUMBER CLARKS, LLC | SUPPLIES | \$388.41 |
| CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS | SHOP SUPPLIES | \$31.83 |
| CINTAS CORPORATION | OFFICE SUPPLY | \$145.08 |
| EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS | PURCHASE | \$30,000.00 |
| KRIS ERICKSON | SHOP SUPPLIES | \$43.75 |
| FILTER CARE | D & A TESTING | \$35.00 |
| GRAND ISLAND CLINIC | EQUIP REPAIR | \$129.64 |
| GROSSHANS, INC. | TELEPHONE/INT | \$34.95 |
| HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS | EQUIP REPAIR | \$1,120.39 |
| H2 EQUIPMENT LLC | SHOP SUPPLIES | \$61.95 |
| ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. | SHOP SUPPLIES | \$90.49 |
| JACKSON SERVICE | CDL D & A TEST | \$105.00 |
| MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC | | |

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| | MERRICK CO. TREASURER | ROADS-POSTAGE | \$2.40 |
| | MICHAEL TODD & CO, INC. | SIGNS&POST | \$562.59 |
| | MID NEBRASKA LAND DEVELOPERS LLC | GRAVEL | \$58,862.03 |
| | MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC | TRASH DISPOSAL | \$64.80 |
| | MIDWEST PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT | FUEL | \$3,867.85 |
| | MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE | TIRES | \$599.44 |
| | MIPS INC. | SUPPORT | \$136.23 |
| | MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING | PEST CONTROL | \$90.00 |
| | NE ASSOC CO ENGR HWY SUPER & SURVEY | EDUCATION | \$160.00 |
| | NEBR. MACHINERY CO. | REPAIR/LABOR | \$5,498.52 |
| | NEBR. PETERBILT - FORD | EQUIP REPAIR | \$154.73 |
| | LEE NEEL | UTILITIES | \$75.00 |
| | NT&T/SHOP | PHONE SERVICE | \$78.60 |
| | OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL | GRAVEL | \$33,745.82 |
| | PALMER JOURNAL | PUBLICATION | \$68.33 |
| | PALMER SERVICE CENTER | DIESEL/REPAIRS | \$6,199.60 |
| | PALSER SERVICE/ROADS | TIRES | \$243.00 |
| | PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC | EQUIP RENTAL | \$2,350.71 |
| | POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST | ELECTRICITY | \$49.17 |
| | RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY | EQUIP REPAIR | \$244.30 |
| | RHD PUBLISHING, LLC | PUBLICATION | \$53.75 |
| | SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM | FUEL | \$1,710.80 |
| | SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT | ELECTRICITY | \$564.14 |
| TOTAL | | | \$155,519.02 |
| JUVENILE SERVICES TOTAL | EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS | SUPPLIES | \$36.21 |
| | STACEY HARLOW | MILEAGE | \$144.25 |
| | | | \$180.46 |
| K-9 CARE | ELITE K-9 | K-9 CARE | \$4,584.85 |
| | PINNACLE BANK | K-9 CARE | \$249.99 |
| | PINNACLE BANK-VISA | SUPPLY/EQUIP | \$80.74 |
| TOTAL | | | \$4,915.58 |
| ARPA | DILLON'S AUTO | VEHICLE | \$67,360.00 |
| | PROCHASKA & ASSOCIATES, INC | ENGINEER FEES | \$302.02 |
| TOTAL | | | \$67,662.02 |
| COMMISSARY | BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC | UNIFORM | \$186.08 |
| | CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING | SUPPLIES | \$199.09 |
| | ENCARTELE | COMMISSARY | \$600.00 |

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| | KEEFE SUPPLY COMPANY | COMMISSARY | \$534.70 |
| TOTAL | | | \$1,519.87 |

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| 4-H BUILDING | CITY OF CENTRAL CITY | UTILITIES | \$1,522.81 |
| | US FOODS DIVISION #2365 | SUPPLIES | \$925.11 |
| TOTAL | | | \$2,447.92 |

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the May 2023 claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes
 Moved Kucera, second Jarecke to enter into Executive Session at 1:23 p.m. for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to exit Executive Session at 1:29 p.m. Roll call: All Ayes

May 5, 2023 Payroll: General Gross: \$61,187.54, Net: \$43,496.92; Roads Gross: \$26,763.77, Net: \$19,326.22; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3,136.68, Net: \$2,208.79

Moved Jarecke, second Kucera to approve the payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 1:29 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk