

August 8, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Equalization met Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Dexter, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, Wiegert, Weller, County Attorney Kunz and County Clerk Strobel present.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil, 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 Kreachbaum, second Placke to convene as Board of Equalization at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Placke

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

Minutes: Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the minutes of July 25, 2023 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting Reports: Weller-Central District Health July 31st; Dexter-SCEDD July 27, Merrick County Economic Development August 4; Wiegert-Mid Plains Area Agency August 3rd and also met with Rich Nelson with Hamilton County regarding the Bader Park Bridge that needs repaired. Kreachbaum-August 7th met with the CEO from Mid-Plains. All Supervisors attended Mike Meyers retirement party as Highway Superintendent on the 28th of July.

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers reported the certifications of value should be available to all political subdivisions by the first part of next week. She also informed the board that NACO is working on providing a document to explain which office has what role in the handling of the public hearing postcards. Clerk Strobel informed the board the NPERS exit audit report was complete with one finding relating to retirement not taken out for budget work payments of a former employee. Ballots for the Special Election for the Twin River School Bond will be mailed out on August 21st. Budget information has been handed over to Mitch Inmann with Dana Cole & Associates for review. County Attorney Kunz stated that he and Jennifer Kearney had spoken with Judge Twiss regarding a Public Defender position in which Attorney Kunz will need to advertise.

Patrick Avila appeared before the board to inform them some discussions have been held with Long Term Care and Bryan Health. To show good faith and collaboration with the building of the new hospital Bryan Health would charge \$1.00/year lease for the land on the Dinsdale Campus. Requirements would be the building would tie in aesthetically with the current facility.

Public Hearing: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to open the Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m. Nick Ryan with Prairie Creek Vineyards was available for any questions. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to close the public hearing at 9:34 a.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the application for Class YK Liquor License for Nicholas C Ryan, dba Prairie Creek Vineyards. Roll Call: All Ayes
Courtney Root approached the board asking if the courthouse lawn may be used again for the Community Christmas as they had last year. Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to allow the courthouse lawn to be used for the Community Christmas. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion was also held with Rachel Hermansen regarding the planting of a spruce tree in the lawn of the courthouse. No action taken, will be on the next meetings agenda.

Carrie Rodriguez and Jeff Banholzer with District 5 Probation provided handouts to the supervisors regarding the State of Nebraska Expenditures for Merrick County in 2022. The budget request for the FY 2023-2024 is \$16,824.94.

District Court Clerk Theresa Good and Jennifer Rasmussen, Courtroom Technology Project Manager went over the proposed modernization plan for the court room.

Resolution 2023-0020: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-0020 for the One- and Six-Year Highway Improvement Plan for FY 2023-2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Resolution 2023-0021: Moved Placke, second Kreachbaum to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-0021 for the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the Chairman to sign Special Designated Liquor applications from Scratchtown Brewing Company from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Prairie Creek Vineyards from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at Wild Roots Green house & Market Fall Fest. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Jarecke to approve the Special Designated Liquor License application for Balz, Inc for September 16th 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Riverside Park Dance Pavilion for a wedding reception. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to refer the Conservation Easement application received from Kent & Burke Co to the planning commission. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve permit #318 to perform work on Public Right-Of-Way Century Link, QC D Rd, C Rd, 2nd Rd/Worms Rd. Roll Call: All Ayes

Treasurer Gilg discussed the outstanding invoices from the survey and highway departments that have appeared on the state audit report for a few years. Those departments will send out notices regarding the past due accounts to try and get the accounts cleaned up. This item will be discussed again at the September 12th Board meeting.

Discussion regarding the Surveyor position was discussed. County Attorney Kunz will prepare a contract for Mike Meyer to sign at the August 22nd board meeting.

Discussion continued regarding the FY 2023-2024 budget with the addition for a possible County Administrator position.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to move into Executive Session for contract negotiations at 12:02 p.m.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to move out of Executive Session at 12:32 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the July 2023 fees as presented by District Court, County Sheriff and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve the August claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL			
	CARDIO PARTNERS INC	SUPPLIES	\$183.68
	AGRICULTURAL SERVICES INC	WEED CONTROL	\$326.79
	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	AGREEMENTS	\$271.67
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,080.92
	AURORA NEWS REGISTER	PUBLICATION	\$8.00
	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$296.52
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$21.67
	BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING COSTS	\$100.00
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	FOOD/SUPPLIES	\$1,804.44
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$32.47
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$54.95
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	LAWN CARE EQ	\$24.98
	CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$270.44
	CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$212.76
	CHRISTENSEN INSURANCE	NOTARY FEE	\$40.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	OLD HOSP UTIL	\$3,292.14
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$3,226.20
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$11.89
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$324.00
	COBBLESTONE HOTEL & SUITES	LODGING	\$95.00
	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	MEALS	\$21.50

CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	OFFICE WATER	\$362.00
CVOSAN/TOM REIMERS	REGISTRATION	\$60.00
DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	PRISONER MED	\$948.27
DES MOINES STAMP	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$29.50
ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$102.84
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP/SUPPLIES	\$252.39
EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$72.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	RENTAL/SUPPLY	\$315.30
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$163.96
EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	SUPPLIES	\$808.81
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$792.48
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$374.12
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$714.27
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	CAR REPAIR	\$212.53
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$64.17
FULLERTON DENTAL CARE	PRISONER CARE	\$197.00
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORM	\$479.53
SHARON GILG	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
THERESA GOOD	MH BOARD	\$125.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING COSTS	\$186.00
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF	C/S COURT EXP	\$34.28
HAMILTON CO ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	INTERLOCAL	\$7,250.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$3,305.53
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$235.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	\$189.91
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$421.07
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$444.82
JOHNSON HARDWARE CO	BLDG REPAIR	\$415.00
KEARNEY & DESIMONE LAW, LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,258.75
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$390.04
BRIAN KLUCK	MH BOARD	\$388.10
LIVE WELL COUNSELING CENTER	MEDICAL SRVC	\$160.00
DOUG MAW	MISC EXPENSES	\$194.33
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$45.20
MERRICK CO. CLERK	DEED FILING	\$10.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	MH BOARD	\$65.76
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$271.87
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$3,014.11
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	MICROFILM	\$70.00

MIDWEST CONNECT	POSTAGE	\$305.00
MIPS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$39.44
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$3,675.77
JENNIFER MYERS	TRAVEL/PHONE	\$164.32
NACO	MEMBERS DUES	\$1,894.72
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$1,350.00
NANCE COUNTY TREASURER	EM SERVICES	\$3,441.10
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$357.00
NE SECRETARY OF STATE: NOTARY	NOTARY FEE	\$30.00
NEBRASKA AIR FILTER, INC	A/C SUPPLIES	\$445.09
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$66.48
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$442.14
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$60.04
PALSER SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$20.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$35.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$245.50
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/TRAINING	\$1,020.41
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$598.69
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$809.86
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$507.81
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$428.29
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$801.65
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$113.57
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$125.06
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$637.61
PLATTE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY	BOARDING/MEDS	\$911.06
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$1,100.60
RAPID FIRE PROTECTION INC	INSPECTION	\$200.00
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$20.08
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$120.45
S & A VENDING SERVICES	LABOR-REPAIR	\$150.00
SEILER INSTRUMENT MFG, INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$1,500.00
SEW & SEW	UNIFORMS	\$54.00
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILAGE	\$59.80
EMILY SOLL	TRAVEL/SUPPLY	\$197.52
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$683.76
STROMSBURG SOFT WATER	SUPPLIES	\$75.00
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$161.24
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$454.80
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$395.77
JAMES H TRUPELL	MH BOARD/MILE	\$279.61
U.S. BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$3,607.76
VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$1,009.80

	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/EQUIP	\$110.03
	PINNACLE BANK	EQUIP/TRAINING	\$2,072.54
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$2,566.72
	VYVE BROADBAND	PHONE/CABLE	\$382.62
	CHRISTY WANDFLUH	MILEAGE	\$30.13
	WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO	WEED CONTROL	\$136.69
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$6,320.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	OFFICE EQUIP	\$299.99
	4H SHOWWORKS BILLING	REGISTRATION	\$693.75
TOTAL			\$179,488.11

ROADS	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$2,298.25
	BAUM HYDRAULICS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$147.46
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$80.31
	BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$162.73
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$422.02
	CYNTHIA CATLETT	MILEAGE	\$59.80
	CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$259.62
	CINTAS CORPORATION	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$73.32
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$264.61
	FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$30.30
	FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	CAR REPAIR	\$343.82
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$1,531.35
	GRAND ISLAND CLINIC	D & A TESTING	\$70.00
	GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$250.94
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$34.95
	DEAN HARTWIG	LAND PURCHASE	\$3,000.00
	HERK'S WELDING SHOP	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$161.47
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$710.59
	JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$89.85
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$13.80
	MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	ACCT#8454531	\$96.00
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$64.80
	MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP REPAIR	\$167.20
	MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$136.23
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/LABOR	\$2,323.44
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE SERVICE	\$78.41
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$22,953.76
	PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$352.29
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL/OIL	\$5,775.30
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRE REPAIR	\$131.50

	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$37.64
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$9.58
	SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$1,539.00
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	\$561.04
	STRAIGHT LINE STRIPING INC	STRIPING	\$54,989.40
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$255.20
	VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	\$19,193.60
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$32.99
TOTALS			\$121,128.28

JUV DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$24.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUVDIV-POSTAGE	\$1.26
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$130.98
TOTALS			\$156.24

K-9 TOTALS	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9 CARE	\$153.17
			\$153.17

COMMISSARY	CIDNET	COMMISSARY	\$300.00
	JUSTICE DATA SOLUTIONS INCORPORATED	RECORDS MGMT	\$1,000.00
TOTALS			\$1,300.00

4-H FUND	BLACKWATER PUMPING	GREASE TRAP	\$100.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,612.48
	MAYHEW SIGNS	SUPPLIES	\$65.00
	MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY, LLC	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$567.90
	NEBRASKA HEATING & AIR, INC	REPAIRS	\$218.37
TOTALS			\$2,563.75

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the July and August payrolls. Roll Call: All Ayes

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 12:42 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, County Clerk