

Septemer 12, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Dexter, Placke, Wiegert, Kucera, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present. Jarecke and Weller absent.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publication in the Republican Nonpareil, county banks, front door of the courthouse and the Merrick County Website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were 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 9:06 a.m.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:06 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kucera.

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

Minutes: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the September 11th and September 12th minutes as published. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter: August 28-SCEDD Open House Ribbon Cutting in Wood River, September 1-Merrick County Economic Development; Dexter, Kreachbaum: August 23 Transportation Summit in Kearney; Placke, Kreachbaum-Central City Council meeting September 11. Dexter, Kucera, Wiegert: August 29-Finance Committee meeting with Mitch Inman, September 5-Finance Committee meeting and conference call with Mitch Inman of Dana Cole & Associates. Wiegert, Kucera, Kreachbaum, Placke, Dexter: September 11-Budget Workshop meeting. Placke, Kreachbaum, Dexter, Wiegert: September 11-Problem Solving Court graduation. Wiegert August 28-zoom meeting with Scott Prestridge Tall Grass Engineer, September 11-Vieregg Township budget hearing.

Officials Report: Treasurer Gilg updated the status on the highway and surveyor accounts receivable past due accounts including townships. Gilg reached out to the Attorney General regarding the Opioid settlement money. The money may be utilized for Region III through the Interlocal Agreement with a letter stating the funds need to be used for Opioid remediation according to Schedule E. Vieregg Township past due balances was a result of miscommunication over time and changing of officers over the years. Vieregg Township will make a payment and all payments directed to them will be deposited into the road account until the account is caught up. Highway Superintendent Kunze addressed changing the method of tracking employee hours and have the employees work the same hours. Kunze is also looking into DocuSign for employees to electronically sign their time card. For safety concerns, Kunze would also like to start incorporating different attire for the road's employees during the fall/winter months. NIRMA has a safety program which offers funds which provide reflective shirts. L Road Bridge is being engineered by McNelly Wagner. Hamilton County Highway Superintendent informed Kunze there are issues with some piers on the Bader Park Bridge, an agreement has been signed with an engineer. The cost would be split between the two counties, the estimate is \$58,000.00 of which \$29,000.00 would be Merrick County's which does not include the repair costs. Kunze also informed the board NIRMA has traffic counters to lend out when needed. Safety training will be a priority, NIRMA provides and L-Tap will be providing barricade and flagger training which there is no cost. GPS tracking is active on all maintainers and being monitored. Tire Amnesty Day was Saturday, September 9th in which 5500 tires were brought in. Bridge inspection classes will be held fall of 2024 and Superintendent Licensure is May 2024. Clerk Strobel informed the board the Flu Shot Clinic will be held October 16th from 9 until 4:00 p.m. Twin River School Bond Special Election end today at 5:00 p.m. the clerk will be traveling to Nance County in order to deliver the Merrick County ballots. The clerk's office will be receiving the referendum petitions for the Private Education Tax Credits to begin processing.

Motion Kucera, second Placke to open the Central Township Budget Hearing at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to close the Central Township Budget at 10:15 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to adjourn the budget hearing. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Planning & Zoning Interlocal with Hamilton County through October 22, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve Electrical Agreements with Southern Public Power District Section 11 & 14, Township 12, Range 8 and Sections 1 & 2, Township 12, Range 8. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Special Designated Liquor License application for Scotty's LLC for October 14 for a wedding reception at the Merrick County Fairgrounds from 4:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the Conservation Easement Application from Lazy B Lodge LLC to be referred to the planning & zoning commission. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve the Interlocal Agreement for dispatching of law enforcement and emergency services with Hamilton County. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to go into Executive Session at 10:44 a.m. for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual for current and pending litigation. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Dexter, second Placke to move out of Executive Session at 11:07 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Placke to authorize NIRMA to handle the pending litigation up until the deductible is met. Roll Call: All Ayes

2023-2024 budget discussions continued.

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| GENERAL | APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES | SECURITY AGREE | \$271.67 |
| | AT&T MOBILITY | PHONE SERVICE | \$1,075.92 |
| | AURORA NEWS REGISTER | PUBLICATION | \$51.10 |
| | BILL'S HOBBY SHOP | CAR REPAIR | \$87.45 |
| | CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING | FOOD/SUPPLIES | \$1,583.92 |
| | LORI CAVE | BOARD MILEAGE | \$32.88 |
| | CENTRAL CITY MALL | FUEL | \$70.00 |
| | CENTRAL CITY MALL | SUPPLIES | \$34.67 |
| | CENTURY LINK | E911 PHONE SRV | \$260.08 |
| | CENTURYLINK | PHONE SERVICE | \$207.58 |
| | CITY OF CENTRAL CITY | UTILTY-OLD HOSPITAL | \$2,306.18 |
| | CITY OF CENTRAL CITY | UTILITIES | \$3,160.92 |
| | CITY OF CENTRAL CITY | UTILITIES | \$3,157.36 |
| | CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT | UTILITIES | \$11.78 |
| | CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND | OFFICE WATER | \$376.00 |
| | EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS | SUPPLIES | \$223.98 |
| | EAKES OFFICE PLUS | SUPPLIES | \$51.39 |
| | EAKES OFFICE PLUS | SUPPLIES/EQUIP | \$229.17 |
| | EAKES OFFICE PLUS | EQUIP RENTAL | \$106.71 |
| | EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT | EQUIPMENT | \$232.86 |
| | EAKES OFFICE PLUS | OFFICE EQUIP | \$138.35 |
| | EAKES OFFICE PLUS | PRINTING | \$93.66 |
| | EAKES OFFICE PLUS | EQUIP/REPAIR | \$206.85 |
| | FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES | LODGING | \$804.65 |
| | TRISHA FATE-STROBEL | PHONE/MILEAGE | \$55.28 |
| | FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC | CYBERSECURITY | \$10,818.99 |
| | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS | E911 PHONE SRV | \$64.17 |
| | FULLERTON DENTAL CARE | PRISONER CARE | \$353.00 |
| | GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY | UNIFORMS | \$82.00 |

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| GALUSHA ELECTRIC | BLDG REPAIR | \$144.00 |
| SHARON GILG | CELL PHONE | \$30.00 |
| GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES | SUPPLIES | \$852.87 |
| GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS | E911 PHONE SRV | \$95.88 |
| HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS | BOARDING COSTS | \$2,040.57 |
| HALL COUNTY SHERIFF | C/S COURT EXP | \$14.22 |
| HAMILTON CO SHERIFF | BOARDING COSTS | \$700.00 |
| HAMILTON COUNTY | COMMUNICATIONS | \$41,250.00 |
| HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS | PHONE/INTERNET | \$3,297.78 |
| HEARTLAND DISPOSAL | TRASH DISPOSAL | \$235.00 |
| HOMETOWN LEASING | EQUIP RENTAL | \$245.87 |
| CINDIE HOSTLER | MILEAGE | \$66.29 |
| INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS | INSPECTION | \$185.00 |
| JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT | UNIFORMS | \$339.79 |
| JACKSON SERVICES | SERVICE SUPPLY | \$397.81 |
| JACKSON SERVICES | SERVICE SUPPLY | \$224.50 |
| KEARNEY & DESIMONE LAW, LLC | ATTORNEY FEES | \$1,821.75 |
| KEN'S AUTO SERVICE | CAR REPAIR | \$3,228.53 |
| RUSSELL KREACHBAUM | MILEAGE | \$99.03 |
| MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF | COURT COSTS | \$17.65 |
| DOUG MAW | MISC EXPENSES | \$360.70 |
| MCILNAY AND COMPANY | REPAIRS | \$89.99 |
| MERRICK CO. CLERK | DEED FILING | \$6.00 |
| MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT. | TRANSFER | \$102,000.00 |
| MERRICK CO. TREASURER | MISC EXPENSES | \$435.91 |
| MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC | IMAGING | \$35.00 |
| MIDWEST CONNECT | POSTAGE | \$15.00 |
| MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC | TRANSPORTATION | \$505.75 |
| MIPS INC. | SUPPORT | \$3,675.77 |
| MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING | PEST CONTROL | \$240.00 |
| JENNIFER MYERS | TRAVEL/PHONE | \$295.89 |
| NACO | REGISTRATION | \$55.00 |
| NACO | REGISTRATION | \$850.00 |
| NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES | INSTITUTIONS | \$927.00 |
| KAREN NELSON | SUPPLIES | \$10.69 |
| NNTC | E911 PHONE SRV | \$132.85 |
| NSA/POSAN | LE TRAINING | \$260.00 |
| O'REILLY AUTO PARTS | CAR REPAIR | \$284.46 |
| PALMER JOURNAL | PUBLICATION | \$421.10 |
| PALMER JOURNAL | PUBLICATION | \$52.50 |
| PAPER TIGER SHREDDING | SHRED SERVICE | \$78.00 |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA | FUEL | \$192.52 |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA | FUEL/SUPPLIES | \$389.89 |

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| | PINNACLE BANK-VISA | FUEL | \$472.18 |
| | PINNACLE BANK-VISA | FUEL | \$779.37 |
| | PINNACLE BANK-VISA | FUEL | \$542.95 |
| | PINNACLE BANK-VISA | FUEL | \$512.20 |
| | PINNACLE BANK-VISA | FUEL | \$945.38 |
| | PINNACLE BANK-VISA | FUEL | \$416.39 |
| | PINNACLE BANK-VISA | FUEL/MEALS/LE | \$574.45 |
| | PINNACLE BANK-VISA | FUEL | \$448.04 |
| | PLATTE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY | BOARDING COSTS | \$3,343.59 |
| | KIMBERLY J QUANDT, AAL | ATTORNEY FEES | \$3,279.75 |
| | RHD PUBLISHING LLC | PUBLICATION | \$327.14 |
| | RHD PUBLISHING, LLC | OFFICE SUPPLY | \$58.85 |
| | SACK LUMBER | BLDG REPAIR | \$78.29 |
| | SALINA BLUEPRINT & MICROGRAPHIC SYS | SUPPLIES | \$165.88 |
| | SANFORD HEALTH | LTC INSURANCE | \$4,023.76 |
| | SEW & SEW | UNIFORMS | \$44.00 |
| | EMILY SOLL | MILEAGE | \$129.17 |
| | STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC | TELETYPE | \$636.50 |
| | STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO | ATTORNEY FEES | \$652.00 |
| | MITCHELL C STEHLIK | ATTORNEY FEES | \$1,107.50 |
| | THOMSON REUTERS-WEST | LAW LIBRARY | \$500.28 |
| | TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY | PRISONER MEDS | \$79.01 |
| | U.S. BANK | MISC EXPENSE | \$3,633.80 |
| | UNL-HASKELL AG LAB | REGISTRATION | \$95.00 |
| | VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO. | WEED CONTROL | \$860.85 |
| | PINNACLE BANK | EQUIP/SUPPLIES | \$1,966.95 |
| | PINNACLE BANK-VISA | TRAINING/EQUIP | \$383.21 |
| | JAMES A WAGONER | ATTORNEY FEES | \$281.70 |
| | CHRISTY WANDFLUH | MILEAGE | \$94.32 |
| | KARA WELLS | MILEAGE | \$138.47 |
| | WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH, 1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES | ATTORNEY FEES EQUIPMENT | \$2,222.00 \$989.97 |
| TOTALS | | | \$222,532.08 |
| ROADS | ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO. | CULVERTS | \$5,299.88 |
| | AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO. | DIESEL | \$2,534.00 |
| | BAUM HYDRAULICS | SUPPLIES | \$733.13 |
| | BLACK HILLS ENERGY | GAS SERVICE | \$75.10 |
| | BOMGAARS | SUPPLIES | \$18.44 |
| | BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC | OIL/SUPPLIES | \$6,458.95 |
| | CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS | SUPPLIES | \$69.50 |

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| CINTAS CORPORATION | SHOP SUPPLIES | \$74.34 |
| EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS | OFFICE SUPPLY | \$5,171.26 |
| KRIS ERICKSON | EDUCATION | \$60.00 |
| FILTER CARE | SUPPLIES | \$255.50 |
| FRONTIER COOPERATIVE | DIESEL | \$2,093.37 |
| GARY SMITH CONSTRUCTION CO. INC. | ASPHALT | \$706.38 |
| GROSSHANS, INC. | SUPPLIES | \$48.40 |
| HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS | INTERNET | \$34.95 |
| HERK'S WELDING SHOP | SUPPLIES | \$431.76 |
| INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS | INSPECTION | \$1,718.00 |
| ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. | SHOP SUPPLIES | \$79.65 |
| JACKSON SERVICE | SHOP SUPPLIES | \$135.66 |
| MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC | D & A TESTING | \$70.00 |
| MERRICK CO. CLERK | CUST#1810 | \$100.00 |
| MERRICK CO. TREASURER | ROADS-POSTAGE | \$34.59 |
| MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC | TRASH | \$64.80 |
| MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE | SHOP REPAIR | \$129.80 |
| MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO. | GRADER BLADES | \$4,090.00 |
| MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE | TIRES | \$2,640.32 |
| MIPS INC. | SUPPORT | \$136.23 |
| MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING | PEST CONTROL | \$90.00 |
| NACO | REGISTRATION | \$205.00 |
| NEBR. MACHINERY CO. | EQUIP REPAIR | \$160,165.79 |
| LEE NEEL | UTILITIES | \$75.00 |
| NT&T/SHOP | TELEPHONE | \$78.41 |
| OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL | GRAVEL | \$3,924.80 |
| PALMER JOURNAL | PUBLICATION | \$63.00 |
| PALMER SERVICE CENTER | DIESEL | \$3,862.40 |
| PALSER SERVICE | REPAIR | \$300.00 |
| PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC | EQUIP RENTAL | \$2,350.71 |
| POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST | ELECTRICITY | \$37.98 |
| RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY | REPAIR | \$593.16 |
| RHD PUBLISHING, LLC | PUBLICATION | \$149.25 |
| SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM | DIESEL | \$29,781.24 |
| SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT | UTILITIES | \$536.00 |
| STATE GLASS, INC. | REPAIR/LABOR | \$566.19 |
| T.O. HAAS TIRE | LABOR/OIL | \$88.96 |
| TOOLS PLUS INDUSTRIES | SUPPLIES | \$299.99 |
| VERIZON WIRELESS | TELEPHONE/EQUIPMENT | \$110.05 |
| VONTZ PAVING INC | GRAVEL | \$111,036.80 |
| TOTALS | | \$347,578.74 |

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| JUVENILE | EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS | SUPPLIES | \$24.00 |
| DIVERSION | STACEY HARLOW | MILEAGE | \$55.41 |
| | MERRICK CO. TREASURER | JUVDIV-POSTAGE | \$31.50 |
| | US CELLULAR | PHONE | \$130.98 |
| TOTAL | | | \$241.89 |
| COMMISSARY | CIDNET | COMMISSARY | \$300.00 |
| TOTAL | | | \$300.00 |
| 4-H BUILDING | QUALITY EXHAUST CLEANING | EQUIP CLEANING | \$450.00 |
| | REMEDICATION & RESTORATION | | |
| FUND | SERVICES | RESTORATION | \$535.52 |
| TOTAL | | | \$985.52 |

Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the September claims. Roll Call: All Ayes
 Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes
 Adjourn: Moved Dexter, second Placke to adjourn at 3:27 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
 /s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman
 /s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, County Clerk