

October 10, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Weller, Kucera, Wiegert. County Clerk Strobel 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 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 9:07 a.m. Moved Placke, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:07 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the minutes from September 26, 2023 as published with the clarification \$12,229.00 will be spent out of the Opioid Recovery Fund and \$8,152.14 out of the General Fund for Region III budget request of \$20,381.14. Roll Call: All Ayes:

Meeting Reports: Dexter September 28th South Central Economic Development, October 6, Merrick County Economic Development; Wiegert October 5, Midland Area on Aging in Hastings.

Officials Report: Treasurer Gilg explained the DMV would not be available until further notice in Merrick County. Gilg also presented a handout stating Inheritance Tax which was collected in Merrick County from present back to Fiscal Year 2017/2018. Clerk Strobel stated that Deputy Clerk Crouch will be attending an Election training in Kearney on Wednesday and Clerk Strobel will be attending on Thursday. The meeting is being led by the Secretary of State with emphasis on the new Voter ID policy. Highway Superintendent Kunze informed the board Keith Wichmann will be starting as a truck driver on Wednesday. All roads' employees have started using the phone app to clock in and out, in which will save time on paperwork. Kunze also stated at some point he would like to move his office out to the road's facility. He also wants to develop a Sinking Fund for Capital Improvements and get all of the equipment under a roof in the future. The bridge issue on 4th Road between P & Q, which is closed to traffic and is currently looking for a solution. Randy Zmek met with Kunze regarding a drainage issue. Inskip & Grand Street project is ready for bidding, the engineer is estimating around \$360,000, Bader Park \$566,000 and L Road Box culvert \$400,000. Vontz Paving will be working on the Chapman Overlay October 18th and 19th. Hamilton Highway Superintendent estimated the Bader Park Bridge repair would cost approximately \$1,000,000.00 of which Merrick County portion would be \$500,000. Kunze explained the Inskip project should be in the Roads budget this year, the L Road project would be in next year's budget and if possible, use ARPA money for the \$566,000 Bader paving project. Two traffic counters have been received from NIRMA and LTAP. These will be placed on the county highways in phases to get counts on all of the pavement to help improve the asphalt program. LTAP will be at the shop on Thursday, October 12 to provide barricade and flagger training. The new GPS system will be installed in the trucks and pickups. LTAP has a stop sign program that will pay for new stop signs with reflection and posts beginning of next year. Kunze would like to use the GWORKS technology in the roads program which would include all sign, bridge and culvert information on the website. Kunze reached out to all of the county schools for the bus routes in order to concentrate on those routes first this winter. Captain Bauer informed the board the exterior of the jail had been painted. Two deputy interviews are scheduled for this week. Bauer asked if the old hospital garage would be available to use for the jail transport vehicle and unmarked car in order for sheriff's vehicles not being parked on the street due to upcoming winter weather. Notification was received last week that all of the goals had been met to be a certified autism center. Two deputies are going to the SRT training in Camp Dodge, IA. Drug Take Back program will be held October 18th thru October 28th for anyone having prescription medications that need to be disposed. Clerk Magistrate Rodriguez wanted to appear before the board regarding a phone service provided by Hamilton Telecommunications. Rodriguez was not available. The service would enable an automated service directing the caller to the correct office. No action was taken at this time.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to open the Central Township Budget Hearing at 9:33 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Placke, second Kucera to close the budget hearing at 9:34 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to increase the total restricted fund authority by an additional 1% for Central Township. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum, to approve the Central Township expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to request an audit waiver for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the 2023-2024 Central Township budget as proposed. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to open the County Budget Hearing at 10:00 a.m., Roll Call: All Ayes. Mitch Inman with Dana Cole & Associates was available for any questions concerning the county budget. Inman stated \$540,000 was budgeted out of the Inheritance Fund.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to close the County Budget Hearing at 10:02 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Inman stated any discrepancies would need to be republished within 20 days of the meeting for anything the board adopts that does not match what had previously been published. The county levy would be .215392. \$750,000 was budgeted out of the COVID fund for any upcoming expenses not yet committed.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to open the Public Hearing for the Tax Request at 10:15 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter due to know public comment to close the Public Hearing at 10:17 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to accept the budget for 2023-2024 as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to increase the total restricted fund authority by an additional 1%. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to accept the tax request for 2023-2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Dexter stated he met with Hamilton Telecommunications regarding estimates at the Extension office for security cameras and panic buttons. No action taken as this will be reviewed at the next board meeting. Dexter also informed the board after Vyve removed Wi-Fi from the courthouse last week, Hamilton Telecommunications is providing a temporary Wi-Fi. A one-time cost of \$1762.10 would need to be paid to Hamilton Telecommunications in order to have a permanent Wi-Fi to be installed.

Moved Weller, second Jarecke to pay \$1762.10 to Hamilton Telecommunications for the Wi-Fi service. Roll Call: All Ayes.

District Court Clerk Good appeared before the board regarding the courtroom technology upgrade.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding- Nebraska Courtroom Technology Transfer of Ownership. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Kucera to approve the appreciation meal expense at \$20 per employee this fiscal year. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding the position of the Planning & Zoning administrator position continued. No action taken.

Discussion regarding the Public Defender proposal was discussed. A committee will be formed to go over the contract received by two attorneys and one layman. This item will be on the next board agenda for approval.

September Fees: Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the September Fees from the offices of the County Clerk, District County Court and County Sheriff. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	AGREEMENT	\$271.67
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,080.92
	AXON ENTERPRISE, INC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$2,280.00
	MARTI BANKSON	MILEAGE/MEAL	\$112.13

BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	CAR REPAIR	\$67.70
CRYSTAL BURKHARDT	MILEAGE	\$18.34
CAMP DODGE LODGING	LODGING	\$310.00
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER CARE	\$2,323.66
CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$74.00
CENTRAL CITY MALL	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$7.77
CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$12.27
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	BLDG REPAIR	\$161.95
CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$260.08
CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$207.58
CINTAS CORPORATION	SUPPLIES	\$113.97
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES-HOSP	\$2,021.32
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$3,412.40
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.01
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$516.60
COUNTRY INN & SUITES	LODGING	\$249.00
TIFFANY CROUCH	MILEAGE	\$93.67
ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$208.42
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$107.37
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$248.11
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$251.71
EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	EQUIPMENT	\$150.74
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$942.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$711.83
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/TRAVEL	\$249.34
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	INTERNET	\$5,753.87
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	CAR REPAIR	\$1,978.42
ERIN FOUSEK	MILEAGE	\$45.33
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$64.17
FULLERTON DENTAL CARE	PRISONER CARE	\$225.00
GARFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$18.50
SHARON GILG	TRAVEL/PHONE	\$124.71
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING/MEDS	\$2,419.32
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSES	\$40.02
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$850.00
HAMILTON COUNTY TREASURER	COURT EXPENSES	\$2,138.13
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$3,305.66
DEAN HARTWIG	REGISTRATIONS	\$270.00
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$255.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$189.91
INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS	INSPECTION	\$121.00
INTOXIMETERS, INC	INVEST COSTS	\$373.00

JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$206.73
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$1.24
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	ATTORNEY FEES	\$6.69
LANDSCAPING SOLUTIONS LLC	JAIL LANDSCAPE	\$1,258.10
LEXIPOL	LE TRAINING	\$466.80
M & O DOOR PRODUCTS	BLDG REPAIR	\$2,900.00
DOUG MAW	MISC EXPENSES	\$181.68
MAXIMUS CONSULTING SERVICES, INC	ALLOCATION	\$1,900.00
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$18.99
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	FUND TRANSFER	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$21.90
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSE	\$203.94
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$5,885.10
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	IMAGING	\$35.00
MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING	SUPPORT	\$11,002.00
JENNIFER MYERS	TRAVEL/PHONE	\$130.87
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$150.00
NCEA C/O F JOHN HAY	REGISTRATIONS	\$445.00
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	NWCA 2024 DUES	\$15.00
NEBRASKA.GOV	COURT EXPENSE	\$107.00
NNTC	E911 PHONE	\$132.85
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$86.44
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$476.35
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHRED	\$35.00
PINNACLE BANK CC	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$98.28
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$180.17
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$195.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$618.99
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$898.53
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$579.69
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$576.31
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$473.82
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$204.33
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$87.74
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$634.95
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$735.92
JAN PLACKE	MILEAGE	\$93.53
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$1,409.08
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$381.36
PLATTE VALLEY WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	PVWMA DUES	\$300.00

DEPT OF REVENUE/PROPERTY ASSESS	EDUCATION	\$290.00
DIV	METER RENT	\$516.99
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	MEALS/MILEAGE	\$155.62
TOM REIMERS	PUBLICATION	\$327.14
RHD PUBLISHING LLC	SUPPLIES	\$76.20
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$2,006.65
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$441.98
ROWLEY LAW LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$766.00
SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR, LLC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$976.31
SHERMAN COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$19.00
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$35.30
SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORPORATION	SUBSCRIPTION	\$409.20
EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE/DUES	\$382.07
SOLT WAGNER FUNERAL HOME	CORONER	\$275.00
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$602.00
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$719.49
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$477.54
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$134.64
TYLER	EQUIPMENT	\$210.82
U.S. BANK	MISC EXPENSE	\$3,676.23
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE	\$1,200.00
UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$241.16
VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$1,930.66
PINNACLE BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$950.94
TOM WELLER	MILEAGE	\$155.37
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$355.99
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$5,699.00
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$738.70
TOTAL		\$193,648.86
ROADS		
ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$3,028.32
ADAM MARSHALL	EQUIPMENT	\$1,600.00
AKRS EQUIPMENT	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$225.33
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL/TIRES	\$8,073.00
ROD BERGMARK	INS REIMBURSE	\$182.81
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$80.31
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$667.45
BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	TIRE AMNESTY	\$26,458.93
CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$185.77
CINTAS CORPORATION	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$218.82
COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO	BLDG REPAIR	\$921.22
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$121.88

	KRIS ERICKSON	PURCHASE	\$333.73
	FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$31.50
	FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	REPAIRS	\$244.95
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,737.34
	GARY SMITH CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.	ASPHALT	\$231.04
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$34.95
	HERK'S WELDING SHOP	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$95.10
	INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM	EQUIP REPAIR	\$401.90
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$3,114.00
	JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$91.15
	KELLY SUPPLY CO.	REPAIRS	\$31.68
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSE	\$36.09
	MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$32.00
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$64.80
	MIDWEST PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT	FUEL	\$11,603.53
	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO.	GRADER BLADES	\$7,146.00
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRES	\$5,501.83
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/LABOR	\$1,448.94
	NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$1,111.00
	NEBR. PETERBILT - FORD	REPAIR	\$32.82
	NE SAFETY CENTER	TRAINING	\$1,270.00
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE	\$78.89
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$5,766.81
	PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$31.50
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$5,353.30
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRE REPAIR	\$277.00
	PIONEER DOOR, INC.	BLDG REPAIR	\$1,643.00
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$38.18
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$253.41
	SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	DIESEL	\$1,999.98
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	\$450.43
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$510.40
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/EQUIP	\$110.11
	VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	\$59,831.60
	CLIFFORD YRKOSKI	LAND RENTAL	\$360.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$34.99
	TOTAL		\$155,523.50
JUVENILE DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$46.98
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$196.50

	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSE	\$3.15
TOTAL			\$246.63
ADULT DRUG	MORGAN CAMPBELL-PSCC	COURT EXPENSE	\$51.96
	STACY WAGONER	COURT EXPENSE	\$51.58
TOTAL			\$103.54
K-9 FUND	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9 CARE	\$257.52
TOTAL			\$257.52
COMMISSARY	CIDNET	COMMISSARY	\$360.92
TOTAL			\$360.92
4-H BUILDING	BOSELMAN ENERGY, INC	FUEL	\$145.37
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	4-H UTILITIES	\$1,730.71
	NEBRASKA HEATING & AIR, INC	A/C REPAIR	\$316.78
TOTAL			\$2,192.86

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the October 2023 claims. Roll Call: All Ayes
 General Gross: \$54,832.34 Net: \$39,052.79; Roads Gross: \$25,547.11, Net: \$18,324.56; Juvenile
 Diversion Gross: \$3,610.02, Net: \$2,462.46. Total Gross: \$83,989.47, Net: \$59,839.81

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

Adjourn: Moved Placke, second Jarecke to adjourn at 11:47 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk