

November 14, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Kucera, Wiegert. Weller absent. County Clerk Strobel and Brad Wells were 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 9:05 a.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the minutes from October 24, 2023 with the correction of Placke replacing Wiegert in attending the Long-Term Care board meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter-Five Nines conference call and SCEDD housing meeting November 9, Merrick County Economic Development meeting November 3rd.

Officials Report: Doug Maw mentioned there had been a few issues with thermostats on the first floor. Highway Superintendent Kunze informed the board that bid letting will be held November 28 for the Bader Park Road. He has started a grant application process with FEMA and MEMA for flood plain management. FEMA would pay 75% and Merrick County 25%. A bill was received for the Bader Park Bridge engineering fee from Hamilton County.

Public Comment: Brad Wells stated he would like to meet regarding county communications with radio and towers.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to place lock boxes on the first-floor thermostats. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Kucera to approve the chairman to sign Resolution 2023-25 for amendment and addendum to NIRMA/NIMRA II Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the chairman to sign Resolution 2023-26 of the Year-End certification of County Highway Superintendent 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the chairman to sign Resolution 2023-27 directing the treasurer to pay the Courthouse Bond payment due on December 1, 2023 in the amount of \$131,100.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Placke to approve the chairman to sign Resolution 2023-28 directing the treasurer to pay the 4-H Building Bond Payment due on December 1, 2023 in the amount of \$145,473-75. Roll Call: All Ayes

Treasurer Gilg presented a report of Distress Warrants issued and turned over 25 distress warrants totaling \$19,927.85 over to the Sheriff's Department.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to have the chairman sign the letter to Region III Behavioral Health Services regarding the requested county match funds of \$20,381.14. One check \$8,152.46 will be from County General Fund and the second check for \$12,228.68 from the Opioid Recovery Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Highway Superintendent Kunze stated the Chapman Highway project was completed and the invoice was received from Vontz Paving. Initially it was discussed to use the roads fund, Gilg stated it would advantageous to utilize ARPA funding for this project. The roads fund will be used on the Bader Park paving project in Spring 2024 and the Von Ohlen Bridge will be funded through the road fund for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to allow the Highway Department to use the ARPA Funds for the Chapman Highway project. Roll Call: All Ayes

Resolution 2023-29: Directing the transfer \$250,000.00 from Inheritance to Roads to cover expenses. No action taken.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the Fiber Optic Agreement between NNTC and Merrick County, Sections 6 & 5, Township 14, Range 5. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the permit to move over width/overlength building over Merrick County Roads by Ace Movers. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the chairman to sign Resolution 2023-30 directing transfer of funds of \$1,225,000.00 from General in tax collection to the Road Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to set two public hearings on November 28th to amend a land use map and rezone for Jeremy Summers. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the chairman to sign the Conservation Easement Application for Kent & Burke Company. Roll Call: All Ayes

Supervisor Kucera stated after receiving a phone call from Bob White regarding the pipeline. Green Plains is no longer going to go with Summit but instead Tall Grass which will go into Wyoming and not North Dakota.

Clerk Strobel informed the board of the ongoing billing situation with Vyve Broadband. County Attorney Kunz stated he plans to file a dispute in which the county has until November 21st as well consider filing a motion to enforce the arbitration clause of the contract if needed.

Supervisor Dexter provided quotes from Hamilton Telecommunications for panic buttons and a security camera system. Project 1-Panic Buttons \$1,680.50 for purchase and install of three panic buttons for the Extension Office. Project 2-Camera System \$2,125.00 for purchase and install of camera system. No action taken, discussion to continue at the next board meeting.

Moved Kucera, second Placke to approve the Maximus Contract Roll Call: All Ayes

County Attorney Kunze present.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the Public Defender contract as presented by Jennifer Kearney. Roll Call: All Ayes

Supervisor Placke has been filling in as Planning & Zoning Administrator until someone is hired for the position. Five Rule and Marvin Planning Consulting provided quotes to the board for consideration in helping with any questions or meetings until the position is filled. Advertising for the position will continue.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve hiring Marvin Planning Consulting in helping to manage the Planning & Zoning position. Roll Call: Ayes-Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Kucera, Dexter and Wiegert; Nays-none; Abstain: Placke. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0-1.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to have the starting wage for the Planning & Zoning Administrator to be \$18.50/hr. with a minimum of 16 hours per week. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to pay Placke \$18.50/hr. for her services filling in as Planning & Zoning Administrator beginning immediately. Roll Call: Ayes-Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Kucera, Dexter, Wiegert; Nays-None; Abstain: Placke, Motion carried with a vote of: 5-0-1

Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve Placke to act as Interim Planning & Zoning Administrator until the position is filled. Roll Call: Ayes-Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Kucera, Dexter, Wiegert; Nays-None; Abstain: Placke, Motion carried with a vote of: 5-0-1

Discussion regarding a County Administer continued. Kucera stated the salary was taken out of the budget but if needed could be taken out of the Inheritance Fund. No action taken and will continue at the next board meeting.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to go into Executive Session at 11:21 a.m. to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Jarecke to go out of Executive Session at 12:23 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve fees as presented from District Court, Sheriff and County Clerk's offices. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	AGREEMENT	\$271.67
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,082.24
	BANKS WRAPS & SIGNS	SUPPLIES	\$90.00

AARON BENSON	INS REIMBURS	\$14.41
BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING COST	\$750.00
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$1,057.82
LORI CAVE	MILEAGE	\$32.88
CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$37.00
CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$35.59
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	BLDG REPAIR	\$393.02
CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$262.16
CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$216.66
CHERRY COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSES	\$6.00
CINTAS CORPORATION	MEDICAL SUPPLY	\$404.15
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES-LTC	\$506.45
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,019.86
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.23
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	LODGING	\$853.65
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	OFFICE WATER	\$865.00
DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$21.90
ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$93.66
CARRIE RODRIGUEZ-CPO	SUPPORT	\$16,824.94
EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$1,510.67
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$35.47
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$333.60
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$226.89
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$279.32
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/TRAVEL	\$140.43
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$5,610.60
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	CAR REPAIR	\$101.93
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$72.77
GALUSHA ELECTRIC	BLDG REPAIR	\$125.00
SHARON GILG	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
THERESA GOOD	MILEAGE	\$87.24
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING/MEDS	\$2,419.32
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$2,550.00
HAMILTON COUNTY	P&Z INTERLOCAL	\$1,740.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$3,475.42
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$255.00
HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY	LODGING- C/S	\$185.90
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$357.79
JACKSON SERVICES	RUG SERVICE	\$206.73
JACKSON SERVICES	RUG SERVICE	\$223.77
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$9.98

KEARNEY & DESIMONE LAW, LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,632.75
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$834.39
LOGAN LUFT	INS REIMBURS	\$443.95
DOUG MAW	PHONE/MISC EXP	\$173.36
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$53.84
MERRICK CO DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	\$494.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT CLAIMS	\$1,936.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. HISTORICAL MUSEUM	SUPPORT	\$5,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$229.62
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	IMAGING	\$35.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$181.20
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$3,675.77
MIPS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$268.00
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	PEST CONTROL	\$90.00
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$558.59
NACO PLANNING & ZONING	ANNUAL DUES	\$40.00
	MEMBERSHIP	
NACO	DUE	\$1,894.72
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$150.00
NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL	SUBSCRIPTION	\$81.70
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$465.00
NE SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION	MEMBERSHIP	\$230.00
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	REGISTRATION	\$210.00
NEBRASKA AIR FILTER, INC	FURNACE REPAIR	\$297.59
NNTC	E911 PHONE	\$269.73
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$208.46
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$779.42
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	PAPER SHRED	\$35.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$280.77
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$553.78
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$681.52
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$677.44
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$343.81
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$718.41
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$698.35
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$202.36
JAN PLACKE	MILEAGE	\$93.67
PLATTE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY	BOARDING/MEDS	\$2,318.16
PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS ASSOC OF NE	REGISTRATION	\$175.00
REGION 3 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES	SUPPORT	\$8,152.46

	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$8.11
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$37.68
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$22.84
	SACK LUMBER	BLDG REPAIR	\$37.47
	SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$15.46
	EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$83.93
	STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$1,359.60
	STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,037.50
	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$491.36
	TOTAL AUTO BODY	CAR REPAIR	\$500.00
	TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$112.05
	TYLER	EQUIPMENT	\$449.00
	U.S. BANK	MISC EXPENSE	\$3,749.34
	PINNACLE BANK	MEALS/MEDS	\$273.73
	PINNACLE BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$580.63
	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE/SUPPLY	\$199.99
	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$477.54
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH, ROGER WIEGERT	ATTORNEY FEES	\$4,840.50
	WOODS & AITKEN LLP	MILEAGE	\$71.39
		GENERAL LABOR	\$97.50
TOTAL			\$197,598.61
ROADS	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$47,210.80
	AKRS EQUIPMENT	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$457.08
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$3,533.08
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$81.74
	BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$210.05
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	OIL & GREASE	\$145.22
	CINTAS CORPORATION	MEDICAL SUPPLY	\$110.45
	CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	LODGING	\$121.95
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$66.47
	KRIS ERICKSON	FUEL	\$84.32
	FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$96.50
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$2,357.52
	GALUSHA ELECTRIC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$607.20
	GROSSHANS, INC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$46.01
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$34.95
	HANSEN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK INC	REPAIR/LABOR	\$61.20
	INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM	REPAIR	\$419.85
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$166.36
	JACKSON SERVICE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$91.26
	BRENT KUNZE	FUEL	\$69.27

	LARSON METAL LLC	EQUIPMENT	\$3,250.00
	MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES, INC	ENGINEER FEES	\$487.50
	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D & A TESTING	\$35.00
	MERRICK CO. CLERK	PLAT BOOK	\$30.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$22.62
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$64.80
	MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$136.23
	MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC	REPAIRS	\$82.78
	MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$90.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/LABOR	\$2,523.10
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T	PHONE SERVICE	\$81.56
	OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	ENGINEER FEES	\$12,907.25
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$8,939.64
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	\$5,983.25
	PALSER SERVICE	TIRES	\$130.90
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$38.52
	RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$480.24
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$167.90
	SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$7,154.04
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$505.20
	STRAIGHT LINE STRIPING INC	STRIPING	\$3,467.80
	T & R AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$753.65
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/RENTAL	\$110.15
	VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL/SURFACE	\$17,242.80
	WELDON PARTS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$645.64
TOTAL			\$123,727.56
OPIOID TOTAL	REGION 3 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES	SUPPORT	\$12,228.68 \$12,228.68
JUVENILE DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$163.59
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$56.20
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUVDIV-POSTAGE	\$5.67
	U.S. BANK	MISC EXP	\$396.55
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$262.32
TOTAL			\$884.33
ADULT DRUG COURT	MORGAN CAMPBELL-PSCC	COURT EXPENSES	\$25.14
	COR THERAPEUTIC SERVICES, LLC	COURT EXPENSES	\$78.23

TOTAL \$103.37

K-9 CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC K-9 CARE \$54.04
TOTAL \$54.04

ARPA VONTZ PAVING INC BITUMINOUS \$459,755.06
TOTAL \$459,755.06

4-H BLDG CENTRAL PLUMBING LLC BLDG REPAIR \$172.00
FUND CITY OF CENTRAL CITY UTILITIES \$1,302.92
MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY, LLC SUPPLY/REPAIR \$341.00
US FOODS DIVISION #2365 SUPPLIES \$1,074.70
TOTAL \$2,890.62

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the November claims with the change of \$459,755.06 to be taken out of ARPA funds instead of the Road funds. Roll Call: All Ayes

Payroll: General Gross: \$51,622.93, Net: \$36,317.76; Roads Gross: \$29,397.51, Net: \$21,246.11; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3,609.16, Net: \$2,461.64

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

Adjourn: Moved Placke, second Jarecke to adjourn at 12:26 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk