

## **January 10, 2024**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Kucera, Wiegert present, Weller and County Attorney Kunz absent.

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 9:00 a.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to approve the minutes from December 26, 2023 as published. Roll Call: Ayes-Kucera, Dexter, Jarecke, Kreachbaum; Abstain-Placke. Motion carried  
Chairman Wiegert called for reorganization of the Board for 2024. Moved Kucera, second Jarecke to reorganize as Board of Supervisors. Roll Call: All Ayes

Silent vote took place for the Board Chairperson position. First drawing was three votes Wiegert, three votes Kucera. A second silent vote took place with four votes Kucera, two votes Wiegert. Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the Chairman position to Kucera. Roll Call: Ayes-Placke, Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Dexter and Jarecke. Abstain-Kucera.

Silent vote then took place for the Board Co-Chairperson position. Drawing was three votes Wiegert, two votes Dexter and one vote Jarecke. Moved Dexter, second Placke to approve the Co-Chairman position to Wiegert. Roll Call: Ayes-Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Placke, Kucera. Abstain: Wiegert. Motion carried.

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to appoint the County Board of Supervisors as the County Board of Equalization. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to designate the Palmer Journal, Republican Nonpareil and the Merrick County website as the official means of publication for Merrick County. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Placke to designate Nebraska Cooperative Liquid Asset Securities System Trust ("Nebraska Class") as a county depository for Merrick County. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Placke to designate Bank of Clarks, Farmers State Bank located in Silver Creek, Citizens Bank, Cornerstone Bank and Pinnacle Bank, Central City located in Central City and Pinnacle Bank Palmer located in Palmer as the County Depository Banks for Merrick County and NPAIT, NFIT (Union Bank & Trust) as depository. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Placke to adopt blanket bond of Nebraska Intergovernmental risk Management Association (NIRMA) insured under Certificate of Insurance Master Policy. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Placke to appoint the Board of Supervisors as the predesignated Grievance Board. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to appoint Clerk Strobel as the NIRMA contact person. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to appoint Brent Kunze to the advisory committee for the NRD for 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to appoint Brent Kunze as Merrick County Highway Superintendent and to designate him to negotiate Right of Way agreements for Merrick County 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to appoint Jenna Clark to the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program of the East Central Region for Planning, Exercise, Training and Interoperable Communications. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to set the E-911 surcharge rates at \$1.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Placke to keep the meal per diem to \$30.00 a day for meetings. Roll Call: All Ayes

Chairman Kucera appointed the same board members to the committees they served in the prior year. Chairman Kucera appointed the board to the following boards: Bader Park-Weller; Central NE Community Action Partnership-Jarecke; Central NE Housing Authority-Placke; Central Platte NRD-Wiegert; Emergency Management-Kreachbaum; Central District Health Board-Jarecke; Midland Area Agency on Aging-Wiegert, Alternate-Dexter; Mid-Plains Center for Behavioral Healthcare Services-Kreachbaum; Mid-Nebraska Individual Services-Kucera; Region III-Kucera; Senior Center-Placke; Merrick County Development District-Dexter, Alternate-Placke; Litzenberg Long Term Care Board-Dexter; Extension Board-Kucera

Meetings: Dexter-January 3<sup>rd</sup> phone conference was held with Bryon Barnett with NIRMA, 4<sup>th</sup>-webinar with Pam Bourne of Woods & Aitken, 5<sup>th</sup>-Merrick County Economic Development; Placke stated the Employee Appreciation letters are out and she will continue as interim Planning & Zoning for the time being.

Officials Report: Highway Superintendent Kunze hired someone to start on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January and still short a few people. Three roads are currently closed due to the snow. Captain Bauer informed the board the Corrections Officer position has been filled making the jail full staffed. Brady Klute will start June 1<sup>st</sup> as a new deputy for the county after the completion of college. Bauer also stated a letter was received from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center regarding the reporting of the continuing education hours for the deputies.

Moved Dexter, second Placke to appoint Courtney Root and Paul Jarecke to the Extension Board to replace Nate Carlson and Lori Cave. Roll Call: Ayes-Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Dexter, Placke, Kucera. Abstain-Jarecke. Motion carried

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the SDL Application received from the Independent Club JAP, LLC for January 27, 2024 at the 4-H Building for the Chamber Gala 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Kreachbaum to approve the Interlocal Agreement between County of Merrick and the Village of Chapman for snow removal services at the rate of \$190.00 per machine hour. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the disposal of a jail refrigerator as seen fit by the Sheriff's Department. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Placke to approve the surplus of District Court's typewriter. Roll Call: All ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the CMBA contract expenses be taken out of the ARPA Funds for the half of expenses paid by Merrick County. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding the County Board Assistant/Human Resource position continued.

Discussion regarding animals and/or service animals in the courthouse.

County Clerk Strobel addressed the board regarding officials and part time employee payroll. Strobel stated it would be more efficient for the clerk's office if all employees and official's payroll were set to every two weeks. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve all employees and official's payroll to be every two weeks beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding procedure for closing of the courthouse regarding weather.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign the Juvenile Diversion Enhancement Grant. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding the Vyve billing continued. No action taken.

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to allow Hamilton Telecommunications to apply for CISA Grants in Merrick County's behalf. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to recess at 11:31 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to convene as Board of Supervisors at 11:38 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve the December Fees as presented by District Court, County Sheriff and County Clerk offices. Roll Call: All Ayes

<b>GENERAL</b>	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	MAINT/AGREE	\$271.67
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,082.24

EMELISE BAUGHMAN, LIMHP	COUNSELING	\$300.00
BLUE360 MEDIA	LIBRARY	\$376.73
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$56.70
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$1,663.95
CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$153.55
CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$53.47
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	REPAIR	\$59.44
CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICES	\$278.24
CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$216.66
CITIZENS BANK & TRUST COMPANY	DEP BOX RENTAL	\$8.00
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$5,633.12
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	MISC UTILITY	\$11.99
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	\$455.00
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	LODGING	\$3,103.85
DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$34.56
DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	PRISONER MEDS	\$180.70
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$122.40
EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$83.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$352.97
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP/MAINT	\$43.59
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$4.95
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$565.18
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$701.92
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$32.49
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$579.46
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	MLG/PHONE	\$61.22
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS SERVICE TEAM,INC	INTERNET	\$975.45
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	MISC	\$5,825.30
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	REPAIR	\$1,161.43
SIDNEY E FREY	FEES	\$155.25
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$570.11
GALUSHA ELECTRIC	REPAIR	\$781.60
GI AREA CLEAN COMMUNITY SYSTEM	SUPPORT	\$2,000.00
SHARON GILG	EXPENSES	\$124.71
THERESA GOOD	TRAVEL	\$230.32
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING COSTS	\$3,561.82
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$3,700.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/OFFICE	\$3,372.40
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$255.00
HEINS LAWN & LANDSCAPE INC	ICE MELT	\$123.75
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS	LODGING	\$229.90

HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP REPAIR	\$245.87
JACKSON SERVICES	SUPPLIES	\$207.24
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$335.78
DENNIS JARECKE	MILEAGE	\$110.30
KEARNEY & DESIMONE LAW, LLC	FEES	\$3,431.75
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	MAINT/REPAIR	\$111.65
BRIAN KLUCK	MENTAL HEALTH	\$385.60
RUSSELL KREACHBAUM	MILEAGE	\$101.39
MARY LIVINGSTON	MH BOARD	\$280.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT COSTS	\$415.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	REIMBURSEMENT	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$392.79
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSE	\$735.72
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$181.20
MIDWEST CONNECT	SUPPLIES	\$305.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	TRANSPORTATION	\$162.80
MIPS INC.	JURY LIST	\$316.38
MIPS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$25.85
MIPS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$205.50
JENNIFER MYERS	TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$251.50
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	NAT'L DUES	\$450.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSITUTIONS	\$1,215.00
NEBRASKA GLASS COMPANY LLC	JAIL VAN	\$49.95
NNTC	911 PHONE	\$132.85
PALMER JOURNAL	WEED CONTROL	\$470.24
PALSER SERVICE	CAR MAINT	\$190.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$40.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$154.88
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$247.95
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$591.65
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$730.62
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$344.20
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$570.75
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$760.27
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$123.96
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$50.42
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$3,607.76
JAN PLACKE	SUPPLIES	\$141.86
PLATTE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY	BOARDING	\$250.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	EQUIP	\$986.58
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$516.99
REGION 3 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES	SUPPORT	\$5,095.29
TOM REIMERS	MILEAGE	\$94.32

MARIA RODRIGUEZ	SUPPLIES	\$68.70
SCEDD	SUPPORT	\$2,000.00
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$16.24
EMILY SOLL	SUPPLIES	\$19.96
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	PHONE SERVICES	\$154.00
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$5,440.00
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$370.28
THE RADAR SHOP	RADAR MAINT	\$558.00
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$477.54
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$12.92
JAMES H TRUELL	MH BOARD	\$279.61
STEPHEN R.W. TWISS	FEES	\$98.00
U.S. BANK	SUPPLIES	\$100.01
VIGILNET AMERICA, LLC	MONITORING	\$20.10
PINNACLE BANK	DUES	\$576.29
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	INMATE SUPPLY	\$88.69
TOM WELLER	MILEAGE	\$152.63
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$125.76
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$5,551.50
WOODS & AITKEN LLP	ATTORNEY FEES	\$422.50
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	OFFICE EQUIP	\$1,389.96
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$184,653.69</b>
<b>ROADS</b>		
ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$18,399.00
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$2,044.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$183.50
BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$75.60
CEDAR VALLEY LUMBER CLARKS, LLC	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$46.99
CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	SIGNS	\$2,457.80
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	LODGING	\$269.90
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$46.88
KRIS ERICKSON	REIMBURSE	\$522.39
FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$202.45
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,201.68
JIM L GRAVES	RETIREMENT	\$168.00
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	PARTS	\$81.32
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$155.01
HANSEN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK INC	REPAIR	\$255.79
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$266.55
J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES	\$4,970.00
JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$92.40
JELINEK ACE HARDWARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$120.44

	RON JOHNS	REIMBURSEMENT	\$214.00
	MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES, INC	ENGINEER FEES	\$7,205.46
	MENARDS	ASPHALT	\$1,508.22
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSE	\$12.60
	MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	D & A TESTING	\$32.00
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$67.40
	MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$28.65
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	SHOP PARTS	\$1,202.73
	NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$567.00
	NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN COMPANY	SALT	\$5,312.81
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE/SHOP	\$79.89
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$6,614.49
	PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$63.00
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$1,960.38
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRE REPAIR	\$555.00
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIPMENT	\$2,350.71
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$56.74
	SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	DIESEL	\$1,659.39
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	\$612.45
	T & R AUTO PARTS	SHOP SUPPLY	\$85.92
	VERIZON WIRELESS	VERIZON	\$110.14
	WELDON PARTS	SHOP SUPPLY	\$68.27
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$149.99
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$62,151.94</b>
<b>JUVENILE</b>	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSE	\$5.04
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$5.04</b>
<b>4-H BUILDING</b>	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$1,343.25
	ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING COMPANY	MATERIALS	\$1,907.55
	GALUSHA ELECTRIC	LABOR	\$160.50
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$3,411.30</b>

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the January claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes  
 Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes  
 Moved Placke, second Jarecke to adjourn at 12:03 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes+-  
 /s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairman  
 /s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk