

February 13, 2024

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Jarecke, Dexter, Kucera, Wiegert, Weller, Jarecke, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present, Kreachbaum 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.

Chairwoman Kucera 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 Wiegert, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve the minutes from January 23, 2024 as published.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Wiegert, Dexter, Jarecke, Kucera-Green Plains/Tall Grass meeting; Dexter-January 25, SCEDD in Gibbon; Placke February 5, CRA Housing development; Jarecke-January 31 Tall Grass, February 12-Handbook; Wiegert-February 1 Midland Area Agency in Hastings, February 6 Safety Committee picture with NIRMA; Kucera-January 26 Region III, January 31 Tall Grass; February 1-met with Candace Meredith and Beth Farrell with NACO regarding Townships, February 8-Mid Nebraska Individual Services phone call.

Officials Reports: County Attorney Kunz informed the board Deputy County Attorney Luzum updated the handbook and sent out his recommendation regarding the Dana Cole & Associates invoice for the audit. Currently there is an open clerical position available to share between the sheriff's department and county attorney. Highway Superintendent Kunze stated Nance County has a 3 pt snow blower that would attach to the back of a tractor for \$15,000.00. Superintendent training is March 5th-8th, motor grading training with NIRMA March 18th-20th. Engineer estimate on Bader Park Bridge was received. Treasurer Gilg advertised 62 parcels for under \$60,000.00 in delinquent taxes, now down to 56 parcels and just over \$40,000.00. Gilg provided a comparison between Inheritance and Lodging Tax. Inheritance Tax average received in the county over the last six years has been \$535,000.00. Lodging Tax average for the county is \$6264.00 in which the county would receive only a portion. Assessor Meyer mentioned the new Permissive Exemptions will be a hearing held at the next Board of Equalization meeting. Clerk Strobel informed the board the ballots for the Palmer School Bond Special Election were received February 9th and the office is still waiting on the envelopes. Ballots will be mailed out Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Public Comment: Brad Wells with the Riverside Park Association addressed the board regarding his concerns on the roads at Riverside Park.

Emily Soll, Kara Wells, Shelby Hostler, Chloe Jefferson appeared before the board Proclaiming February Merrick County 4-H month. Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the chairperson to sign the Proclamation. Roll Call: All Ayes

Brett Klein with Flatwater Wealth appeared before the board regarding voluntary retirement contributions. No action taken.

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the SDL application for Prairie Creek Vineyard's, March 12th from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Merrick County Fairgrounds for Women's Night. Roll Call: All Ayes
Captain Bauer presented the Radio Frequency Interlocal between City of Central City and Merrick County to be resigned after the January 23rd approval. City of Central City did not want to sign on Merrick County letterhead.

Moved Placke, second Wiegert to approve the surplus of the Sheriff's department standing desk and two drawer filing cabinet in which they see fit and to open up to any office. Roll Call: All Ayes

County Clerk Magistrate Rodriguez provided a handout with the cabling quote from Applied Connective for the courtroom at \$1898.40. Moved Jarecke, second Weller to move forward with Applied Connective quote. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the chairperson to sign Resolution 2024-01 prohibiting all animals from being brought into county buildings with the exception of service animals as defined by the ADA. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to retract the motion made January 23, 2024 regarding the vacation policy. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the new vacation time policy as presented with the addition of 40 hours earned after six-month probation period and 40 hours on the first anniversary of employment.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Highway Superintendent Kunze informed the board that Hamilton County provided a quote of \$985,785.10 for the Bader Park Bridge rehabilitation project in which Merrick County would be responsible for half of the cost. Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to proceed with the Bader Park project.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to move into Executive Session at 10:41 a.m. for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Discussion regarding making the Planning & Zoning position into full time employment. No action taken.

Discussion regarding the Board Assistant/Human Resources continued. No action taken.

Moved Weller, second Dexter to accept the handbook with the additional changes as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve the January fees received from District Court, County Clerk and Sheriff's department. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	AGREEMENT	\$271.67
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICES	\$1,082.48
	MARTI BANKSON	SUPPLIES	\$40.85
	WES BECK, JR	BOARD MILEAGE	\$13.10
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$34.98
	JESS BRANDES	BOARD MILEAGE	\$26.20
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	FOOD/SUPPLIES	\$2,850.42
	CENTEC CAST METAL PRODUCTS	MARKERS-FLAGS	\$1,083.16
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$15.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$242.20
	CENTRAL NE COUNTY ASSESSOR	CEN DIST ASSO	\$25.00
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$14.97
	CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$278.44
	CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$216.76
	CIOX HEALTH	COSTS	\$20.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$3,270.11
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$3,153.40
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$118.51
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$11.77
	CITY OF HASTINGS	DUES	\$1,000.00
	CJIS OPERATIONAL PROTECTION SERVICE	DUES	\$1,275.00
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$144.00
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	DRINKING WATER	\$955.00
	CVSOAN	DUES/REGISTRAT	\$60.00

DAWSON COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$765.00
DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY	EQUIPMENT	\$1,350.53
DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	PRISONER MED	\$1,113.34
ED DEXTER	MILAGE	\$68.47
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$21.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$532.82
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$321.35
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES/EQUIP	\$424.75
EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	EQUIP RENTAL	\$140.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$956.90
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	REPAIR	\$276.44
EAKES	SUPPLIES	\$3.29
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	SUPPLIES	\$563.38
FAIRVIEW CEMETERY	SUPPORT	\$700.00
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	MISC EXPENSE	\$40.16
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	ANNUAL FEE	\$200.00
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$5,718.75
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	CAR MAINT	\$2,346.31
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
LIZ GAMBLIN	BOARD MILEAGE	\$28.82
SHARON GILG	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING/MEDS	\$5,416.17
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$2,175.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$3,223.48
RICK HARRAHILL	BOARD MILEAGE	\$27.51
HASTINGS RADIOLOGY ASSOCIATES	PRISONER CARE	\$103.00
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$255.00
HEINS LAWN & LANDSCAPE INC	FERTILIZER	\$2,014.50
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	\$245.87
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$24.00
JACKSON SERVICES	RUG SERVICE	\$317.27
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$39.78
KENDRICK WINDSHIELD REPAIR	REPAIR	\$50.00
MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS	CONSULTANT FEE	\$80.00
DOUG MAW	REIMBURSMENT	\$137.00
MCILNAY & CO	SUPPLIES	\$8.99
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D & A TESTING	\$70.00
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HEALTH	PRISONER CARE	\$574.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	FILING FEES	\$662.69
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	SERVICE FEE	\$36.84
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSE	\$410.59

MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$1,852.83
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$70.00
MID NEBR. INDIVIDUAL SERVICES	SUPPORT	\$7,668.00
MIPS INC.	STAMP/SUPPLY	\$298.30
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$11,027.31
MIPS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$1,389.97
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	EXTERMINATING	\$150.00
JENNIFER MYERS	TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$288.62
NACEB	DUES/REGISTER	\$180.00
NACO	DIST MEETING	\$110.00
NACT TREASURER	DUES	\$50.00
NE COUNTY ASSESSOR'S ASSOCIATION	NACA DUES	\$75.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$888.00
NEBRASKA FIRE SPRINKLER	REPAIR	\$489.00
KAREN NELSON	POSTAGE	\$8.56
NNTC	E911 PHONE	\$132.85
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$50.41
OWENS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC	JUVENILE SER	\$552.00
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$359.32
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$82.90
PALSER SERVICE	MAINTENANCE	\$70.45
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$80.00
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY, PC	CORONER	\$2,350.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$74.34
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$679.09
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$702.68
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$259.47
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$485.40
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$640.59
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$134.52
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$3,875.86
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$143.95
JAN PLACKE	MILEAGE	\$25.34
PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS ASSOC OF NE	CONFERENCE	\$207.95
R R DONNELLEY	SUPPLIES	\$125.52
RAPID FIRE PROTECTION	INSPECTIONS	\$350.00
TOM REIMERS	MILEAGE	\$238.52
LINDA RIBLETT	BOARD MILEAGE	\$6.55
PAT ROBINSON	BOARD MILEAGE	\$30.13
SACK LUMBER	SUPPLIES	\$9.98
SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR, LLC	MAIN/REPAIR	\$655.45
EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$89.68

CHRIS STAROSTKA	BOARD MILEAGE	\$78.60
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM		
SRVC	TELETYPE	\$2,231.20
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	FEEES	\$4,651.00
MITCHELL C STEHLIK	ATTORNEY FEES	\$550.00
SURVEY RECORD REPOSITORY	SUPPLIES	\$47.50
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$236.61
U.S. BANK	FEE	\$2.37
UNMC CENTER FOR CONTINUING ED	TRAINING	\$120.00
PINNACLE BANK	DUES	\$14.99
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$1,079.58
CHRISTY WANDFLUH	TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$117.31
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$226.33
WEST PAYMENT CENTER	LAW LIBRARY	\$477.54
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$6,794.00
KELLY WICHMANN	BOARD MILEAGE	\$60.26
LYNN WIEGERT	BOARD MILEAGE	\$52.40
ROGER WIEGERT	MILAGE	\$73.03
WOODS & AITKEN LLP	LAWYER FEES	\$65.00
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$79.99
TOTAL		\$203,752.32

ROADS	AKRS EQUIPMENT	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$1,209.54
	ANNABELL GARDENS	LODGING	\$214.00
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$2,326.90
	BEATRICE SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$7,065.14
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS	\$290.48
	BOMGAARS	REPAIR	\$622.11
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	DIESEL/FLUID	\$6,640.20
	BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	DITCH GARBAGE	\$30.00
	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	SUPPLIES	\$417.99
	CINTAS CORPORATION	MEDIC SUPPLIES	\$103.99
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$39.98
	FILTER CARE	SUPPLIES	\$31.50
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$2,686.59
	GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	PARTS	\$2.38
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$155.01
	HERK'S WELDING SHOP	SHOP SUPPLY	\$150.84
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$98.76
	JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$139.17
	MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES, INC	INSPECTION	\$4,650.00
	MENARDS	SHOP REPAIR	\$52.99
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE-ROAD	\$17.02

	MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	DRUG SCREEN	\$136.00
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	DISPOSAL	\$67.40
	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO.	BRIDGE DECKING	\$17,917.48
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRE DISPOSAL	\$307.00
	MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$408.69
	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO.INC	REPAIR	\$1,025.68
	NACO	DIST MEETING	\$55.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR	\$4,434.26
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE	\$79.89
	OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	ENGINEERING	\$3,700.00
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$54.80
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$6,782.17
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRE REPAIR	\$238.95
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	BACKGROUND CK	\$15.00
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
	POLK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT	MAINTENANCE	\$375.00
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$324.70
	R-A-D SHOP	REPAIR	\$23.75
	RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	PARTS	\$392.31
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	ADVERTISING	\$156.57
	SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$10,879.32
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$909.36
	SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS	ENGINEERING	\$7,290.00
	T & R AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$139.69
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$606.10
	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE	\$110.16
	WELDON PARTS	REPAIR	\$498.61
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$1,419.95
	TOTAL		\$87,718.14
JUVENILE DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$178.83
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$85.63
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$505.39
	TOTAL		\$769.85
ARPA	CALIFORNIA BOILER	BOILER REPAIR	\$27,500.00
	CMBA ARCHITECTS	ENGINEER FEES	\$2,565.00
	TOTAL		\$30,065.00
4-H BLDG	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,675.13

	NEBRASKA FIRE SPRINKLER	INSPECTION	\$345.00
	NEBRASKA HEATING & AIR, INC	REPAIR	\$304.79
TOTALS			\$3,324.92

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve the February claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Jarecke to adjourn as 11:35 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk