

March 12, 2024

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Weller, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present. David and Teresa O'Brien 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 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 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 Placke, second Dexter to approve the minutes from February 27, 2024 with the correction of Co-Chairwoman to Co-Chairman as published. Roll Call: Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter-March 1st-Merrick County Economic Development Board, met with Cody with 1 to 1 Technologies discussed security cameras with Steve Melvin at the Extension Office; March 5th- Zoom meeting with SCEDD regarding housing; March 7th Zoom meeting with NIRMA regarding Human Resources. Placke-February 27th Senior Center Soup Fundraiser, March 6th-8th Planning & Zoning Conference in Kearney; Kucera-February 16th Chairmans workshop in Kearney.

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers submitted revaluations on lake properties with irrigated valuations increasing 18-20% more next year. Lots within Grand Island Subs and Chapman lot value had a significant increase. Treasurer Gilg stated the DMV will be back to full-time every Friday. Gilg also stated the lights were ordered and the Courthouse Fund will be used for the fixtures and labor.

Clerk Strobel stated Deputy Secretary of State Wayne Bena will meet with the board March 26th to help answer any questions regarding the election process. The Palmer School Bond Special Election was being held today with 5:00 p.m. polls closed. Highway Superintendent Kunze attended the Supervisor Exam training with the examination being held April 5th. County Attorney Kunze stated they had a candidate in mind to hire for the open position and that Child Support received Marti Bankson's resignation.

Public Comment: David O'Brien appeared before the board to inform them the public can go to broadbandne.gov for a map to address how much broadband they are actually receiving. Great plains is claiming they have fiber when they actually do not. Candace Meredith with NACO is the advocate for Merrick County.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Chairwoman to sign Resolution 2024-3, Railroad At-Grade Crossing Removal Agreement. Roll Call: All Ayes

Resolution 2024-4 Road Department Sinking Fund-No action taken, tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion regarding townships continued. A committee of Jarecke, Kucera and Weller will form to put out a letter to the villages explaining the townships. Further discussion will continue at the next board meeting with possible an informational meeting Wednesday, March 20th at 10:00 a.m. April 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Chad Thies with Zelle appeared before the board to discuss what the company would offer the county as far as recruitment outsourcing for all positions, publications. They would also provide human resource outlet along with other avenues dealing with personnel. Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the hiring of Zelle pending the review of the contract by the County Attorney. Roll Call: All Ayes Discussion of the handbook was tabled.

Placke met with a Hamilton County board member regarding the possibility of contracting with Merrick County in regards to the planning & zoning position.

Moved Placke, Second Weller to approve the February fees for District Court, County Clerk and County Sheriff. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL	AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY	MEMBERSHIP FEE	\$140.00
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AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,082.48
AWARDS PLUS	SPELLING BEE	\$270.25
BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	CAR MAINT	\$71.45
BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$986.82
LEAH BROWN	SPELLING BEE	\$130.00
CRYSTAL BURKHARDT	MILEAGE	\$29.54
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	FOOD	\$1,783.19
CENTRAL CITY MALL	FOOD	\$102.26
CENTRAL NE ORTHOPEDICS & SPORTS MED	HEALTH CARE	\$390.00
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION LLC	MAINTENANCE	\$2,892.50
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$20.48
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	BLDG REPAIR	\$25.98
CENTURY LINK	E911 SERVICE	\$278.44
CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$216.76
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	ELECTRICITY	\$6,900.99
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,383.16
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$180.00
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$56.00
DAWSON COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$720.00
DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	MEDICAL	\$403.13
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$311.19
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$106.71
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$91.97
EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	EQUIP	\$929.06
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$146.74
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	PRINTER INK	\$226.95
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	REPAIR	\$254.44
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	BALLOT PROD	\$1,742.76
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/POSTAGE	\$60.45
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$699.76
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$2,061.24
GEO COMM CORP	MAP DATA	\$5,401.20
SHARON GILG	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$62.43
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
MRS. MARY GREGOSKI	SPELLING BEE	\$177.20
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING FEE	\$935.00
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARD CONTRACT	\$4,500.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/CABLE	\$908.54
DEAN HARTWIG	WEED CONTROL	\$175.60
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$255.00
HEINS LAWN & LANDSCAPE INC	ICE MELT	\$450.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	\$245.87

INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS	INSPECTION	\$53.36
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$206.45
JACKSON SERVICES	RUG SERVICE	\$111.27
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MED	\$54.78
KEARNEY & DESIMONE LAW, LLC	FEES	\$19,726.50
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	CAR MAINT	\$71.22
LEXIPOL	TRAINING	\$344.82
MARTIN'S FLAG CO.	FLAG ROPE	\$60.20
DOUG MAW	MISC EXPENSES	\$267.06
MCILNAY & CO	SUPPLIES/LABOR	\$80.19
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HEALTH	HEALTH CARE	\$96.92
MEMORIAL HEALTH CLINIC	HEALTH CARE	\$130.00
MERRICK CO. CLERK	DEED FILING	\$48.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$1,486.44
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$7,322.66
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$35.00
MIDSTATES ORGANIZED CRIME INFO	MEMBERSHIP FEE	\$100.00
MILLER TROPHY & AWARDS	SPELLING BEE	\$112.00
DARLENE MILLER	RETIREMENT	\$192.00
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$3,747.00
JENNIFER MYERS	PNONE/TRAVEL	\$161.26
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$605.00
NE ASSOC-CO CLERKS, ROD, ELECTION	DUES	\$50.00
NE CLERKS OF DISTRICT COURT ASSOC	REGISTRATION	\$50.00
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	REGISTRATION	\$150.00
NEBRASKA EXTENSION	PHONE CONNECT	\$1,200.00
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$132.85
OWENS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC	YOUTH COACHING	\$552.00
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$924.36
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRES/REPAIR	\$687.60
PALSER SERVICE	TIRE REPAIR	\$20.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHRED	\$40.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$142.95
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$159.65
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$617.67
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$807.90
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$319.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$548.35
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$674.23
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$158.43
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$3,609.42
PIP MARKETING SIGNS PRINT	ENVELOPES	\$845.47

	PLAINS RADIOLOGY SERVICES	HEALTH CARE	\$24.00
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PRINTING	\$7.37
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	REPORT/TAXLIST	\$1,467.30
	SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$15.68
	EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$253.26
	STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$691.60
	GLORIA TAGGE	RETIREMENT	\$156.00
	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$242.29
	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LIBRARY	\$477.54
	TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$327.61
	UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES	SUPPLIES	\$52.32
	VIGILNET AMERICA, LLC	MONITOR COST	\$245.60
	VIRG'S SEW & SEW	PATCHES	\$27.00
	PINNACLE BANK	DUES/REGIST	\$860.93
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	EQUIPMENT	\$245.78
	CHRISTY WANDFLUH	TRAVEL/MEAL	\$150.21
	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$271.35
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	FEES	\$7,232.50
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	EQUIPMENT	\$159.98
	4H SHOWWORKS BILLING	DUES	\$225.00
TOTALS			\$199,800.92
ROADS	AKRS EQUIPMENT	REPAIR	\$9.71
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$86.00
	BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$320.47
	BOSSelman ENERGY INC	OIL/SUPPLIES	\$1,060.50
	CINTAS CORPORATION	SUPPLIES	\$93.41
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$687.81
	FASTENAL CO	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$761.90
	FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$80.50
	GALUSHA ELECTRIC	EQUIP/LABOR	\$1,483.50
	GRAND ISLAND CLINIC	D & A TEST	\$35.00
	GRAND ISLAND EXPRESS, INC	LABOR	\$644.10
	GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	REPAIR	\$14.84
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$155.01
	HANSEN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK INC	REPAIR/LABOR	\$822.86
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$44.80
	JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$46.75
	LOGAN CONTRACTORS, INC	DELIVERY/SEAL	\$3,050.00
	MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES, INC	ENGINEER FEE	\$10,807.04
	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D&A TESTING	\$140.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS	\$12.16
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	DISPOSAL	\$67.40

	MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$115.36
	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO.	BRIDGE PLANK	\$7,488.00
	MIPS INC.	24030920	\$65.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$656.29
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE	\$79.89
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$2,723.10
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRE REPAIR	\$24.00
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$1,012.29
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$254.91
	R-A-D SHOP	LABOR	\$7.92
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$10.80
	SACK LUMBER CO./ROADS	REPAIR	\$41.94
	SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$1,795.75
	SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR, LLC	LABOR	\$528.38
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$698.58
	T & R AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$201.90
	VERIZON	MONTHLY SERVIC	\$303.05
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/EQUIP	\$110.16
TOTALS			\$38,966.79
JUVENILE DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$25.50
	STACEY HARLOW	TRAVEL	\$98.77
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUVDIV	\$7.68
	US CELLULAR	PHONE	\$394.69
	3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	EDUCATION	\$120.00
TOTALS			\$646.64
EMERGENCY MANAGEMNT	NANCE COUNTY TREASURER	EMER MGMT	\$6,891.00
TOTAL			\$6,891.00
COURTHOUSE	SHARON GILG	LIGHT FIXTURE	\$928.80
TOTALS			\$928.80
4-H BLDG TOTAL	ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC	ANNUAL FEE	\$420.00
			\$420.00

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the March claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes
 Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to approve the payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes
 Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to adjourn at 11:07 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk