

May 14, 2024

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Weller, Placke, Kucera, Wiegert, County Attorney Kunz and Clerk Strobel 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.

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 Jarecke, 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 Dexter to approve the minutes from April 23, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter-SCEDD housing call April 23, Merrick County Economic Development Board May 3, Safety meeting May 7; Placke virtual meeting with pipeline officials May 2nd; Wiegert, Midland Area on Aging May 2nd; Kreachbaum, Dexter Union salary proposal May 10th; Wiegert, Dexter, Jarecke front loader bid opening May 13th.

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers stated on June 1st valuation notices will be mailed out. Treasurer Gilg provided an update on the Opioid fund intake of \$14,570.00. Highway Superintendent Kunze stated he had passed the superintendent exam. He also mentioned there is a motor grader operator position open. Captain Bauer addressed the board to inform them Kristina Sabata completed the field assessment portion of the Commissioner's accreditation program.

Anna Sedlacek with Zelle provided information regarding the recruitment for a roads operator and also communicated that there were two applications received for the planning/zoning and surveyor position received.

Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve Special Designated Liquor applications for Dubs Pub for the following wedding receptions: Hansen-Riverside Park June 1, 2024 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.; Peterson-4-H Building August 10, 2024 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.; Sutherland-4-H Building September 14, 2024 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve Resolution 2024-6 directing the County Treasurer to pay the Courthouse Bond payment on June 1, 2024 for \$775.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke, to approve Resolution 2024-7 directing the County Treasurer to pay the 4-H Building Bond payment in the amount of \$5,088.75. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Placke to approve Resolution 2024-8 creating the Merrick County Road Department Sinking Fund 801. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Wiegert to sign the representation letter. Discussion continued with Placke withdrawing her motion. Representation letter will be tabled until the next meeting.

Emergency Manger Jenna Church followed up with the board regarding the possibility of E911 signage. The blue reflective signs would help first responders in the rural area of the county. The Department of Corrections would charge \$11.75/per sign and 1850 signs would be needed. Church was asked to get pricing on posts for the signs. Discussion was tabled until such pricing would be available.

Bids for a new front-end loader were opened on Monday, May 13th. Bids received from Cat: 2020 Caterpillar 950M \$226,600. 2018 Caterpillar 950M \$274,155.00. John Deere bids-2020 JD 644L Wheel Loader \$233,600.00, 2013 JD 744KXT \$216,850.00 and 2023 JD644 G-Tier Wheel Loader \$231,950.00. Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to accept the bid for the 2020 JD 644L for \$233,600.00. Ayes: Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Weller and Kucera. Nays: Dexter, Placke, Wiegert. Motion carried with a vote of 4-3.

Moved Weller, second Dexter to use Inheritance Funds for the purchase of a new DS450 battery. Roll Call: All Ayes

Blue Cross/Blue Shield new rates were handed out along with the accompanying letter. Discussion will continue at the May 28th meeting.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to approve the April` fees received from District County, County Clerk and County Sheriff. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL	AGRICULTURAL SERVICES INC	WEED CONTROL	\$195.00
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,082.00
	EMELISE BAUGHMAN, LIMHP	COUNSELING	\$75.00
	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	SUPPLY	\$33.90
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$81.44
	BUFFALO CO. SHERIFF	BOARDING COST	\$715.00
	CAPITAL CITY TRANSFER SERVICES	CORONER	\$864.00
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$2,463.13
	CYNTHIA CATLETT	APP MEAL 2024	\$86.30
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$80.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$177.53
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	REPAIR	\$15.63
	CENTURY LINK	E911 SERVICE	\$277.96
	CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$216.52
	CHRISTENSEN INSURANCE	DUES	\$40.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	HOSPITAL UTIL	\$2,966.93
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,794.81
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	MISC UTILITY	\$12.00
	CJIS OPERATIONAL PROTECTION SERVICE	DUES	\$2,700.00
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	\$217.00
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$238.00
	DETECTACHEM INC	SUPPLIES	\$214.20
	ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$95.54
	DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$8.70
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$58.76
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$11.94
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	ELECTION EQUIP	\$72.00
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$36.17
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$347.24
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$290.92
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$344.04
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$1,729.03
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$68.89
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$358.63
	EAKES	SUPPLIES	\$94.98
	EARNEST, NICOLE	INS REIMBURSE	\$223.53
	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION	\$7,094.83
	ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC	INSPECTION	\$305.80
	TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	MISC EXPENSES	\$186.50

FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$6,507.50
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	MAINTENANCE	\$1,059.93
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$3,332.60
SHARON GILG	MISC	\$30.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$22.20
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$5,200.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	\$3,480.52
DEAN HARTWIG	REGISTRATION	\$40.00
HASTINGS RADIOLOGY ASSOCIATES	PRISONER CARE	\$210.00
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$250.18
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$298.74
HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY	LODGING	\$347.85
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	\$245.87
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$439.35
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$15.49
RUSSELL KREACHBAUM	MILEAGE	\$104.52
AARON J KUNZ	MILEAGE	\$195.91
BRENT KUNZE	APP MEAL 2024	\$350.00
DOUG MAW	MISC	\$405.84
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$60.43
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HEALTH	PRISONER CARE	\$130.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$1,406.88
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$342.00
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$35.00
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$7,285.48
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$323.46
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$995.00
NACT TREASURER	REGISTRATION	\$150.00
NE COUNTY ASSESSOR'S ASSOCIATION	REGISTRATION	\$600.00
NNTC	E911 PHONE	\$267.03
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$80.00
PALSER SERVICE	MAINTENANCE	\$89.95
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$40.00
PINNACLE BANK CC	SHERIFF CHECKS	\$193.30
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$166.93
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$249.98
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$531.90
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$552.86
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$508.20
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$588.00

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PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$209.42
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$3,607.76
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$2,841.01
TOM REIMERS	MILEAGE	\$107.69
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$1,939.40
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$1,908.73
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	ENVELOPES	\$626.93
RINDER PRINTING COMPANY	SUPPLIES	\$875.03
MARIA RODRIGUEZ	MISC EXPENSES	\$502.65
SEW & SEW	UNIFORM REPAIR	\$44.00
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$43.51
EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$159.46
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$1,025.60
MITCHELL C STEHLIK	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,175.00
STROMSBURG SOFT WATER	MAINTENCE	\$66.00
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$477.54
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$383.96
UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES	SUPPLIES	\$214.37
VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$902.75
PINNACLE BANK	SUPPLIES/MISC	\$1,307.91
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	EQUIPMENT	\$1,247.72
JAMES A WAGONER	ATTORNEY FEES	\$400.00
WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO	WEED CONTROL	\$599.43
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$424.11
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$7,850.00
ROGER WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$74.63
WOODS & AITKEN LLP	ATTORNEY FEES	\$75.00
YELLOW ROBE CONSULTING	COURT EXPENSE	\$1,500.00
ZELLE LLC	HUMAN	
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	RESOURCE	\$5,373.86
	SUPPLIES	\$149.97

TOTAL

\$203,218.14

ROADS

AKRS EQUIPMENT	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$933.32
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$2,408.00
BILL'S VOLUME SALES	REPAIR	\$70.41
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$122.68
BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$930.45
BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	SHOP SUPPLY	\$10,474.24
BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$30.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$546.17
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,065.60

	GROSSHANS, INC	SUPPLIES	\$521.18
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$154.78
	HANSEN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK INC	REPAIR	\$777.96
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SUPPLIES	\$406.98
	J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	SIGNS	\$5,012.70
	JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$93.91
	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D & A TESTING	\$35.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS	\$275.38
	MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	LAB	\$68.00
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$67.40
	MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$67.52
	MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$272.46
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	LABOR	\$1,573.77
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NIOBRARA LODGE	LODGING	\$428.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE SERVICE	\$79.89
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	\$5,310.64
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$658.00
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$935.00
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
	SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$25,138.30
	SIGN DESIGN	MISC	\$10.00
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$572.61
	SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS	ENGINEERING	\$4,374.00
	STATE GLASS, INC.	REPAIR	\$501.25
	T & R AUTO PARTS	SHOP SUPPLY	\$298.58
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$303.05
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$110.14
	VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	\$503,162.74
	TOTAL		\$570,215.82
JUVENILE DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$25.50
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$68.07
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUV	\$4.48
	US CELLULAR	PHONE	\$283.34
	3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	CLASSES	\$150.00
	TOTAL		\$531.39
STOP FUND TOTAL	NEBRASKA STATE PATROL FOUNDATION	EQUIPMENT	\$2,300.00
			\$2,300.00
K-9 CARE TOTAL	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	K9 CARE	\$200.00
			\$200.00

ARPA	CMBA ARCHITECTS	ENGINEER FEES	\$4,275.00
	PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$7,945.00
TOTAL			\$12,220.00
BUILDING	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SECURITY	\$3,442.24
TOTAL			\$3,442.24
4-H	CENTRAL PLUMBING LLC	BLDG REPAIR	\$345.00
BUILDING	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,634.10
	ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC	4-H BUILDING	\$413.80
	RATHMAN & MANNING CORP	BLDG REPAIR	\$375.00
TOTAL			\$2,767.90

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

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

Moved Placke, second Dexter to move into executive session at 11:36 a.m. to discuss salary negotiations.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to move out of executive session at 12:21 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to adjourn at 12:29 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk