

## **July 9, 2024**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz were also present. Weller absent. Dr. Frank, Lonny Duennerman and Hillary Betka were in attendance.

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 Kreachbaum 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 June 25, 2024 with the correction of First Concord payment should be \$2.50 instead of \$5.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter-June 27 met with Cody from 1 to 1 Technologies regarding camera installation at the Extension Office; July 1 Zoom meeting with SCEDD regarding Clarks housing projects; Kreachbaum and Kucera-zoom meeting with the Nebraska Liquor Commission regarding SDL applications. An exemption has been filed for the county so there will no longer be a limit regarding the Special Designated Liquor licenses.

Officials Report: Highway Superintendent Kunze received the Merrick County portion for the Bader Park Bridge estimate at \$593,536.61. Treasurer Gilg provided fund balance for the end of the fiscal year and 65% of the real estate taxes have been paid. The clerk position in the treasurer's office has been advertised in Indeed and applications are being received.

Public Comment: Lonny Duennerman, Grand Island area approached the board with possible water contamination concerns.

Leah Smiley with First Light Child Advocacy presented the board a brochure and information regarding the program. Smiley is requesting \$5,500.00 for the annual budget request.

Weller present 9:35 a.m.

Dr. Douglas Frank appeared before the board regarding concerns with the election process in general. Dr. Frank provided some recommendations to the board including a handout.

Long Term Care Bond was discussed and will be followed up at the next board meeting.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to approve the Special Designated Liquor application for the Merrick County Ag Society July 27 (1:00 pm to 1:00 am) and July 28, 29, 30 and 31<sup>st</sup> (4:00 pm to 12:00 am). Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Jarecke to surplus a Dell laptop from the Planning & Zoning office. Roll Call: Ayes-Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Dexter, Weller, Jarecke, Kucera; Nays-none; Abstain-Placke. Motion carried.

Moved Place, second Dexter to formerly approve the hiring of Troy Wood as the part-time janitor for the courthouse/4-H building. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2024-14 transferring \$4,688.58 from General Fund to Lodging Tax Fund and \$372.44 from General Miscellaneous Fund to County Board Fund to cover an overage for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Funds will be transferred back to said funds in July for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to move into Executive Session at 10:17 a.m. for contract negotiations and prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to move out of Executive Session at 10:32 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the updated Interlocal Agreement for Planning & Zoning between Hamilton County and Merrick County. Roll Call: All Ayes

Hillary Betka the new Hamilton/Merrick County Planning & Zoning administrator will be available every Tuesday in Merrick County.

Budget considerations continued with Judd Allen and Mike Bowden from NACO to go over options regarding the county's Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance policy.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to move into Executive Session at 11:29 a.m. for the prevention of needless injury tot the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to move out of Executive Session at 12:13 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the fees received from District Court, County Clerk and the County Sheriff. Roll Call: All Ayes

<b>GENERAL</b>	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,093.38
	JULIE L BELLIS	COURT COSTS	\$74.10
	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	INMATE SUPPLY	\$17.60
	BUFFALO CO. SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$910.00
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$2,729.05
	CEDARS	JUV SERVICES	\$750.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$33.00
	CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION LLC	MAINTANANCE	\$1,137.50
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$11.37
	CENTURY LINK	E911 SERVICES	\$311.96
	CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$216.52
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,685.44
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$2,466.58
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$91.01
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.00
	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	MEALS	\$23.20
	COPYCAT PRINTING	SUPPLIES	\$150.68
	TIFFANY CROUCH	MILEAGE	\$104.04
	CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	LODGING	\$1,119.60
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$319.00
	DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$92.44
	ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$236.24
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$9.99
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	\$229.56
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$48.59
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	EQUIP RENTAL	\$173.16
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES/RENT	\$567.63
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	REPAIR	\$727.03
	TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	MISC EXPENSES	\$211.31
	FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$6,137.20
	FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	CAR REPAIR	\$152.93
	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
	GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$284.77
	SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$116.03
	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES	\$95.88

GWORKS	EQUIPMENT	\$14,963.00
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING	\$8,469.00
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$5,350.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$3,492.73
DEAN HARTWIG	POSTAGE	\$136.31
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$1,281.59
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DIPOSE	\$833.04
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$245.87
CINDIE HOSTLER	POSTAGE	\$28.34
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$205.76
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WEBER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	PRISONER HEALT	\$80.00
LIVESTOCKJUDGING.COM	DUES	\$300.00
MARTIN'S FLAG CO.	SUPPLIES	\$516.00
MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS	CONSULTING	\$280.00
DOUG MAW	SUPPLIES	\$124.06
MCILNAY & CO	LABOR	\$506.49
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$170.85
MERRICK CO. CLERK	DEED FILING	\$72.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSE	\$141.69
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$450.84
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$35.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$181.20
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$3,657.63
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	EXTERMINATING	\$240.00
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE	\$127.82
KAREN NELSON	POSTAGE	\$8.73
NNTC	E911 SERVICE	\$132.85
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$567.77
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$2,220.96
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$62.00
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY, PC	CORONER	\$370.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	COMP SUPPORT	\$19.99
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$108.69
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$100.55
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$593.20
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$751.83
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$411.51
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$730.83
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$660.20
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$193.04
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$86.35

	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$93.74
	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	POSTAGE RENT	\$516.99
	RAPID FIRE PROTECTION	INSPECTION	\$1,854.40
	RHD PUBLISHING	SUBSCRIPTION	\$40.00
	SACK LUMBER	SUPPLIES	\$26.98
	SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$34.38
	SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORPORATION	SUBSCRIPTION	\$1,900.80
	EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$295.79
	STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$691.60
	STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$9,528.36
	SURVEY RECORD REPOSITORY	COPIES	\$7.50
	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$477.54
	TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$1,034.29
	UNITED STATES TREASURY	FEES	\$6,975.97
	VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF	LODGING	\$300.00
	VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$587.15
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	TRAINING	\$845.00
	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$228.11
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$2,100.00
	ROGER WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$73.03
	ZELLE LLC	HUMAN RESOURCE	\$5,373.86
	4H SHOWWORKS BILLING	DUES	\$499.50
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$469,711.79</b>
<b>ROADS</b>	AKRS EQUIPMENT	SHOP SUPPLY	\$16.43
	ALL STAR AUTO GLASS	REPAIR	\$1,529.17
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$2,057.20
	BIG STATE INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY INC	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$133.45
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICES	\$91.18
	BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$52.97
	BOSELMAN ENERGY INC	OIL/SUPPLIES	\$774.90
	BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	GARBAGE	\$30.00
	DEERE CREDIT INC	EQUIPMENT	\$10,283.43
	FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$32.70
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$656.55
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	INTERNET	\$155.00
	BUCKY HERMAN	LAND RENTAL	\$720.00
	J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	SIGNS	\$4,927.50
	JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$93.57
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$12.80
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	SHOP TRASH	\$67.40
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRES	\$2,284.00
	MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$163.23

	MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	SHOP	\$90.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR	\$6,497.62
	NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$645.00
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	SHOP PHONE	\$79.90
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$112.89
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$1,266.88
	PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$127.16
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$4,021.60
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$639.00
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$127.78
	PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	MACHINE/EQUIP	\$865.00
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$210.36
	SACK LUMBER CO./ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$29.94
	SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$1,634.16
	SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR, LLC	REPAIR	\$835.74
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$533.25
	T & R AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$566.96
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$303.05
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$112.14
	VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	\$51,604.80
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$317,860.24</b>
<b>JUV DIVERSION</b>	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$9.60
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$9.60</b>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	NANCE COUNTY TREASURER	EMER MGMT	\$4,756.24
<b>MGMT</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$4,756.24</b>
<b>4-H BLDG</b>			
<b>FUND</b>	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,006.70
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,006.70</b>

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

Moved Placke, second Wiegert to approve the payroll for July 12. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to recess for lunch at 12:18 p.m. and return at 1:15 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to reconvene as Board of Supervisors at 1:19 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

The county assessor, clerk, treasurer, veteran service officer and the highway department went over their requested budget for fiscal year 2024-2025. Budget discussion will continue at the next board meeting.

Moved Jarecke, second Placke to adjourn at 3:36 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

