

August 13, 2024

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, August 13, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Dexter, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, Wiegert, Weller, County Attorney Kunz and County Clerk Strobel present.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil, The Palmer Journal and the Merrick County Website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed 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 Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
Agenda: Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the agenda. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Wiegert, second Kreachbaum to approve the minutes of July 23, 2024 as published.
Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting Reports: Dexter-SCEDD Grand Island July 15; Kreachbaum-radio class with local fire departments in Aurora. Discussed grants for new digital radios July 23rd. Wiegert-Midland Area on Aging in Hastings August 1.

Officials Reports: Sedlacek with Zelle and Treasurer Gilg informed the board Melissa Rankin had been hired for the new clerk position in the Treasurer's office. Sedlacek also stated Child Support Enforcement officer and surveyor will remain advertised until the positions are filled. Clerk Strobel stated the office has been working on seven different petitions that had been distributed throughout Nebraska. Highway Superintendent Kunze said they are working on reconstructing F Road between Highway 30 and Bader Park Road. Assessor Myers reported she certified the total taxable values for 2024 at \$2,238,711,340.00 with a real growth of 1.01%. Myers mentioned she would like to hire Julie Bellis, Court Reporter to transcribe some information from a tax protest hearing. County Attorney Kunz wanted to commend Sheriff Westman on the job he did with the scene and investigation of an accident that happened Sunday morning.

Public Comment: Tyson Benner commented that at the City Council meeting it was reaffirmed of their pledge of \$500,000.00 towards the new Long-Term Care facility.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Special Designated Liquor application for Overtime Sports Bar & Grill, August 31, Merrick County Fairgrounds 12 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to approve the Chairwoman to sign the Letter of Agreement with Region 3 Behavioral Health Services. Roll Call: All ayes

Moved Weller, second Wiegert to approve the Chairwoman to sign Resolution 2024-15 County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Placke to approve the signing of the Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion continued regarding whether to continue with the bond for a new Long Term Care facility.

Moved Kreachbaum to proceed with the \$17 million bond for the new Long Term Care facility. Motion died due to lack of second.

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to continue discussion later into the meeting. Roll Call: Ayes-Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Wiegert, Dexter, Kucera. Nays-Weller. Motion carried with a 6-1 vote.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to proceed with the purchase of the E911 Signage. Roll Call: Ayes-Dexter, Placke, Kreachbaum, Jarecke. Nays-Wiegert, Weller, Kucera. Motion carried with a vote of 4-3.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to proceed with the \$17 million bond for the new Long Term Care facility to place on the November 2024 ballot. Roll Call: Ayes-Dexter, Kreachbaum; Nays-Weller, Jarecke, Wiegert, Placke, Kucera. Motion denied with a vote of 5-2

Moved Placke, second Dexter to have the Chairwoman sign the audit contract with Lengemann & Associates, P.C. with Randy Hook. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the Chairwoman to sign the budget/audit waiver with Cruise & Associates. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve the Chairwoman to sign Resolution 2024-16 directing the transfer of funds from Inheritance Fund to General Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Scott Prestidge with Tall Grass provided a handout and gave the board members an update.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the use of the Bridge Buyback Fund to replace the bridge on V Road. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Treasurer Gilg gave an update regarding the audit that was performed by Dana J Cole & Associates. Gilg has been in contact with Mark Avery of the State Auditor's office. Every office will need to review their report and document any findings.

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to move into Executive Session at 11:26 a.m. for the protection of the public interest. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Roger to move out of Executive Session at 11:52 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the July 2024 fees as presented by District Court, County Sheriff and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL	ANDERSON PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$24.38
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,130.51
	WES BECK, JR	MILEAGE	\$53.60
	BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	MAINTENANCE	\$74.95
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$43.15
	JESS BRANDES	MILEAGE	\$26.80
	BRYAN HEALTH	PRISONER CARE	\$126.00
	BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING	\$2,100.00
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$2,737.36
	CEDARS	JV SERVICES	\$1,581.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$45.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$189.80
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$23.92
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$13.98
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	REPAIR	\$113.38
	CENTURY LINK	E911 SERVICE	\$623.88
	CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$216.78
	CHARM-TEX	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$93.13
	CHRISTENSEN INSURANCE	DUES	\$120.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,852.37
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$3,374.04
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.00
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$1,110.00
	JOSIE CROUCH	MILEAGE	\$26.53
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	DRINKING WATER	\$373.00
	CUSTOM UPHOLSTERY OF NEBRASKA	CAR REPAIR	\$225.00
	CVSOAN	DUES/REGISTRAT	\$60.00
	DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$26.77
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$1,082.79
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$648.26
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$411.21

EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	SUPPLIES	\$182.80
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$67.27
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLY/REPAIRS	\$1,030.83
EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL	LODGING	\$249.82
ESU PURSUITS	SHERIFF EQUIP	\$13,877.00
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	POSTAGE	\$90.90
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	RENEWAL	\$130.00
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	MAINTENANCE	\$108.09
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$266.77
LIZ GAMBLIN	MILEAGE	\$58.96
SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$63.50
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING	\$6,514.07
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	FEES	\$3,844.50
HAMILTON COUNTY TREASURER	COURT COSTS	\$1,219.97
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$3,494.54
RICK HARRAHILL	MILEAGE	\$56.28
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$413.30
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$295.62
HOMETOWN LEASING	RENTAL	\$245.87
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$42.81
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$526.40
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$242.18
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$77.26
DOUG MAW	SUPPLIES	\$473.28
MCILNAY & CO	LABOR	\$494.00
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D&A TESTING	\$105.00
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$117.25
MERRICK CO. COURT	FILING FEES	\$942.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$148.69
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$35.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	TRANSPORTATION	\$157.25
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$676.72
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$350.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$732.00
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CTR	TRAINING	\$299.00
KAREN NELSON	POSTAGE	\$8.73
NNTC	E911 SERVICE	\$268.37
NSA/POSAN	DUES	\$400.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$91.14
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$436.30

PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$154.62
PALSER SERVICE	PARTS	\$133.09
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$40.00
PINNACLE BANK CC	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$108.04
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$190.09
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$371.85
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$290.65
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$986.09
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$468.45
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$455.04
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/FOOD	\$764.70
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$218.85
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$140.48
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	CERTIFIED LET	\$8,133.31
JAN PLACKE	MILEAGE	\$96.21
KIMBERLY J QUANDT, AAL	ATTORNEY FEES	\$3,036.50
RAPID FIRE PROTECTION	INSPECTION	\$225.00
RHD PUBLISIHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$700.56
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$169.28
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$25.79
LINDA RIBLETT	MILEAGE	\$6.70
PAT ROBINSON	MILEAGE	\$61.64
CHRIS SAROSTKA	MILEAGE	\$40.20
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$59.50
EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$36.18
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM		
SRVC	TELETYPE	\$1,025.60
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,100.00
MITCHELL C STEHLIK	ATTORNEY FEES	\$2,801.00
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	EQUIPMENT	\$1,765.30
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$501.42
TOP QUALITY GLOVES	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$360.37
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$374.38
VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF	LODGING	\$150.00
VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	CHEMICAL	\$775.00
PINNACLE BANK	DUES	\$787.02
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	L.E. TRAINING	\$779.00
VOLITANT DRONE TECHNOLOGIES	THISTLE SPRAY	\$1,432.40
JAMES A WAGONER	ATTORNEY FEES	\$925.00
TOM WELLER	MILEAGE	\$259.96
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$103.58
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$6,321.25
KELLY WICHMANN	MILEAGE	\$123.28

	LYNN WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$80.40
	WOODS & AITKEN LLP	ATTORNEY FEES	\$490.00
	ZELLE LLC	HUMAN RESOURCES	\$5,396.36
	ZIEMBA ROOFING COMPANY	REPAIRS	\$265.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$3,556.57
	911 CUSTOM	UNIFORMS	\$1,165.00
TOTAL			
ROADS			
	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$34,602.78
	AKRS EQUIPMENT	REPAIRS	\$32.00
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL/REPAIRS	\$5,420.44
	BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	SIGNS	\$737.25
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$91.02
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES/REPAI	\$782.80
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	FUEL/OIL	\$3,726.38
	CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	SIGNS	\$3,805.20
	FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS LTD	SIGNS	\$205.00
	FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$163.80
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,931.14
	GRAND ISLAND CLINIC	D & A TEST	\$35.00
	GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	REPAIRS	\$141.50
	HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$3,600.00
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$155.00
	HERK'S WELDING SHOP	PIPE	\$133.84
	INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS	EXTINGUISHERS	\$1,723.00
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SUPPLIES	\$643.46
	J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	SIGNS	\$472.00
	JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$140.22
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROAD	\$14.17
	MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	LAB	\$68.00
	MICHAEL MEYER	REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,195.04
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$67.40
	MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE/ROADS	PARTS	\$44.75
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRES	\$590.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	PARTS	\$659.63
	NEBRASKA GLASS COMPANY LLC	RCR UNIT	\$139.85
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	SHOP PHONE	\$160.93
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS	\$27.13
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$35,776.61
	PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$11.23
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL/OIL	\$6,146.80
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRES	\$395.00

	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$121.43
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$14.99
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$656.73
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/SUPPLIES	\$8,116.91
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	METER READING	\$37.91
	RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	SHOP REPAIRS	\$193.10
	RHD PUBLISHING LLC	PUBLICATION	\$25.79
	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM, INC	DIESEL	\$24,106.52
	SIGN DESIGN	SIGNS	\$50.00
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$529.41
	SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS	ENGINEERING FE	\$2,916.00
	STATE GLASS, INC.	REPAIR	\$205.70
	STRAIGHT LINE STRIPING INC	CENTER LINE	\$4,312.90
	T & R AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES/OIL	\$539.74
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$303.05
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/EQUIPMEN	\$112.18
	VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	\$29,250.20
	WELDON PARTS	EQUIPMENT	\$377.58
	TOTAL		\$163,518.79
JUVENILE DIVERSION	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$34.30
TOTAL			\$34.30
K9 FUND	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9 BOARDING	\$99.90
TOTAL			\$99.90
COVID	CMBA ARCHITECTS	ENGINEER FEES	\$1,995.00
TOTAL			\$1,995.00
4H BLDG RUND	BLACKWATER PUMPING	REPAIRS	\$101.50
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$33.98
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$11.22
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,694.03
	KBL CONSTRUCTION INC	LABOR	\$262.00
	KEN'S APPLIANCE	EQUIPMENT	\$723.60
	MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$608.40
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$201.96
	PROCLEAN SOLUTIONS	CLEANING SERV	\$535.52
	YOUNG GUN HANDY MAN	MATERIAL	\$235.00
	TOTAL		\$4,407.21

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

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the 2023-2024 inventory presented from District Court, Treasurer, Assessor, Weed Superintendent, Highway Department, Surveyor, District 5 Probation, Veterans Service Officer and Building/Grounds. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Adjourn: Moved Jarecke, second Placke to adjourn at 12:11 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, County Clerk