

September 10, 2024

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, September 10, 2024 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 Wiegert 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 Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the minutes as published for August 13, August 27 and September 3rd. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter-SCEDD September 3rd, Merrick County Economic Development September 6; Dexter, Placke, Weller attended Drug Court graduation September 9; Kreachbaum-Mid Plains Behavioral Services August 28, Village of Chapman board meeting August 29.

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers stated Randy Zmek filed TERC claims on the four protests he filed. Green Plains Ethanol Plant TERC previous case will be continued with a future date to be determined. District Court Clerk Good informed the board the court upgrade had been completed; Treasurer Gilg stated the fourth draft of the 2023-2024 audit had been received. Human Resource Sedlacek stated they are currently working on filling the position for Child Support Enforcement Officer and the position in the treasurer. Sheriff Westman provided an update on Captain Bauer. Clerk Strobel told the board the seven petitions received have been completed and returned. The office is currently waiting for the certification from the state to finalize the ballots. A random audit from the IRS is being conducted for select 1099 forms from 2021. County Attorney Kunz stated a former employee is considering coming back to the office part time and to help train when a new hire is available for the Child Support Officer. Public Comment: Tyson Benner approached the board with his displeasure in regards to the Long-Term Care comments in previous meetings. Benner asks the board to make a commitment for the future of Long-Term.

Discussion continued regarding Long-Term Care. No plans to close the facility and to continue operation with a possible future bond. Remodel construction was also discussed. Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to investigate a remodel cost for the current Long-Term Care building. Roll Call: Ayes-Placke, Dexter, Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Kucera. Nays-Wiegert, Weller. Motion carried with a vote of 5-2.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to open the public hearing at 10:02 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Discussion regarding Resolution 2024-0018 for Merrick County to allow "Special Dwelling Types" in all districts.

Moved Dexter, second Weller to close the public hearing at 10:11 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve Chairwoman Kucera to sign Resolution 2024-0018. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Wiegert to approve the chairwoman to sign the Special Designated Liquor Applications as presented. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve the sick leave donations courthouse staff would like to donate to Captain Bauer. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Weller to raise the Cash 'n Lieu to \$850.00 for employees opting out of health insurance provided by the county. Roll Call: Ayes-Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Weller. Nays-Kreachbaum and Kucera. Motion carried 5-2.

Dexter informed the board 1 to 1 Technologies is waiting on the University of Lincoln Extension in order to link the security camera footage to the Sheriff's Department. Kucera mentioned the fair board would like to be informed before the outside cameras are linked.

Kucera spoke with Tim Cornwell, Nance County Chairman in regards to possible interest for a regional jail on land in Nance County with neighboring counties. Sheriff Westman would like to see a jail committee formed to look into the pros and cons in regards to staffing, court dates etc. Jarecke and Westman will reach out to Cornwell.

Maintenance Supervisor Maw informed the board there were issues with Vestis in getting the correct inventory delivered. The Vestis representative decided to back out of the contract. Jackson Service representative will work with Maw on cutting back on supply inventory to cut costs. The previous contract buy out with Jackson Services has been cancelled and there had not been a check issued. September 24, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. has been set for the budget hearing.

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to approve the 2023-2024 inventory as presented from the County Sheriff:
Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL	AGRICULTURAL SERVICES INC	WEED CONTROL	\$195.00
	ANTELOPE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	BOARDING	\$920.00
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,138.85
	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	SUPPLIES	\$150.50
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$1.72
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$66.98
	BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING	\$3,400.00
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$1,230.89
	CEDARS	JV SERVICE	\$806.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$57.24
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES-HOSPITAL	\$1,951.47
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$3,529.97
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$3,707.00
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.00
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	\$216.00
	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	MEALS	\$110.20
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$413.00
	DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$553.74
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$89.31
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$22.39
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	\$133.74
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$106.71
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$119.98
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	RENTAL	\$186.45
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$119.95
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	PRINTING	\$134.22
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	REPAIR	\$167.12
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$70.44
	SUANN ENGEL	CONSULTANT	\$2,250.00
	FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS LTD	PLAT BOOKS	\$280.00
	TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
	FBI-LEEDA	TRAINING	\$795.00
	FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$11,694.40

FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	MAINTANANCE	\$108.09
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$1,232.12
SHARON GILG	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
GLADSTONE, INC	ONLINE ENTRIES	\$676.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING	\$3,257.12
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$3,500.00
HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK	DISPATCH AGRMT	\$47,707.25
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$3,494.54
HAMPTON INN	LODGING	\$869.70
HASTINGS RADIOLOGY ASSOCIATES	PRISONER CARE	\$89.00
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$1.95
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$293.28
HILDER IMPLEMENT INC	OIL/FILTERS	\$82.50
HISPANO ELECTRIC	LABOR/REPAIR	\$1,400.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	RENTAL	\$245.87
INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS	INSURANCE	\$660.00
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$171.98
KEARNEY & DESIMONE LAW, LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$21,099.00
KENDRICK WINDSHIELD REPAIR	REPAIR	\$50.00
LINCOLN DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING	\$880.00
DOUG MAW	SUPPLIES/PHONE	\$260.69
MCILNAY & CO	LABOR	\$144.89
MCILNAY AND COMPANY	REPAIR	\$1,173.74
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$18.49
MERRICK CO. CLERK	SURVEY	\$16.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	FILING FEES	\$368.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	SERVICE RETURN	\$30.77
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$220.66
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER HC	\$958.15
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$35.00
MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING	SUPPORT	\$11,002.00
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$3,657.63
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$568.01
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$400.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$465.00
NNTC	E911 SERVICE	\$132.85
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$67.58
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$837.85
PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR	\$1,164.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$40.00

PINNACLE BANK CC	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$45.58
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$116.15
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$48.15
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$393.35
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$824.80
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$541.45
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$1,142.78
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$791.64
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$287.12
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$72.55
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$3,816.87
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$13.20
SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORPORATION	SUBSCRIPTION	\$409.20
EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$158.12
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$691.60
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,250.00
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$501.42
TOTAL AUTO BODY	LABOR	\$572.00
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$372.36
UNL-HASKELL AG LAB	REGISTRATION	\$115.00
VESTIS	MATS	\$37.68
PINNACLE BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$1,947.74
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$2,060.79
CHRISTY WANDFLUH	MILEAGE	\$94.47
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$92.06
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH, MATTHEW D WILBER	ATTORNEY FEES	\$2,787.50
ZELLE LLC	TRAINING	\$585.00
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	HR	\$5,249.24
	SUPPLIES	\$29.99
TOTAL		\$269,277.84

ROADS	AKRS EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	\$211.34
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$1,898.00
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$85.16
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$220.24
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	OIL	\$8,991.13
	CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	NIRMA CONF	\$123.95
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$312.92
	FILTER CARE	FILTERS	\$31.50
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,146.21
	GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	PARTS	\$223.86
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	\$155.00

	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	EQUIPMENT	\$332.22
	JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$77.24
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROAD	\$13.80
	MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	A & D TESTING	\$34.00
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASK PICK UP	\$67.40
	MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$136.23
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR	\$828.13
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	SHOP PHONE	\$79.60
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$93,096.90
	PALMER JOURNAL	NOTICE	\$99.75
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL/OIL	\$3,959.81
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$740.50
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$77.64
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$38.44
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	NOTICE	\$138.70
	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM, INC	DIESEL	\$1,509.67
	SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR,LLC	LABOR	\$135.60
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$542.43
	T & R AUTO PARTS	REPAIR	\$212.84
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$303.05
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$112.18
	WELDON PARTS	TOOLS	\$257.15
TOTAL			\$116,267.59
JUVENILE DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$166.78
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$134.27
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$4.83
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$38.92
	3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	EDUCATION	\$75.00
TOTAL			\$419.80
K-9 FUND TOTAL	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9 BOARDING	\$274.33
			\$274.33
ARPA TOTAL	CMBA ARCHITECTS	ENGINEER FEES	\$5,700.00
			\$5,700.00
4-H BLDG RUND	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$53.94
	MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$765.24
	PIONEER DOOR, INC.	SUPPLIES	\$3,238.00
TOTALS			\$4,057.18

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

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

Adjourn: Moved Wiegert, second Jarecke to adjourn at 10:52 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, County Clerk