

February 11, 2025

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 9:09 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Jarecke, Kucera, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present. Weller absent.

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 Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:09 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Agenda: Moved Weller, second Placke to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the minutes from January 28, 2025 with the corrections of Dexter attending the Merrick County Economic Development meeting January 3rd and not SCEDD, Dexter adjourned the meeting not Placke. Roll Call: Ayes-Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Placke, Weller, Dexter, Jarecke. Abstain-Placke

Meeting Reports: Dexter-SCEDD January 30th, Merrick County Economic Development-February 7; Placke-attended and helped with Senior Center soup supper January 23, Senior Center meeting on February 4th. Placke stated Casey with Midland Area on Aging will be at the Senior Center February 18th at 10:00 a.m. to explain the daily operations with county board members encouraged to attend.

Jarecke, Kreachbaum-Employee Handbook meeting January 28; Kreachbaum-Emergency Management meeting with Jenna Church February 5; Wiegert-Midland Area on Aging in Hastings, February 6th.

Officials Reports: Anna Sedlacek will be going over the employee handbook with the handbook committee and officials after the board meeting. Sedlacek is still waiting on everyone's job descriptions. Treasurer Gilg stated they are down to 55 parcels for the tax sale and provided an update on school tax credits.

County Attorney Kunz had an individual do shadow work with him and is considering a summer internship.

Moved Wiegert, second Weller to approve the Special Designated Liquor license applications as presented for Scotty's LLC and Prairie Creek winery. Roll Call: All Ayes

Township budgets was discussed. No action taken.

Agreement with Long-Term Care and RDG was discussed. Placke stated she would like to return the document to RDG outlining the concerns Deputy County Attorney Ross Luzum stated in the agreement. District Court Clerk Good explained to the board how LB216 would affect the county. Beginning January 7, 2027, all elected clerks of the district court and employees would become state employees if the bill passes. A letter in support of keeping the position of clerk of the district court as a county employee will be signed by all board members and sent to legislature.

Maw, with building and grounds, provided the board with quotes for lawn fertilizer and chemical applications. Proposals were received from AB Turf Care-four applications \$1269.00; The 5th Season Lawn Service-six applications \$1290.72; Red Carpet Law Care, LLC-four applications \$1566.00 and Heins Lawn, Landscape & Irrigation-five applications \$2369.74. Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to accept the proposal from Heins Lawn, Landscape & Irrigation. Roll Call: Ayes-Dexter, Placke, Weller, Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Wiegert. Nays-Kucera. Motion carried with a vote of 6-1.

Brent Kunze, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board concerning the township meeting he would like to hold. Kunze provided a handout of some materials he is planning on disbursing to the township members. The handouts will contain information regarding township maps, levy information, township financial breakdowns, maintenance agreement and state statutes. Kunze hopes to hold the meeting in March sometime in the evening.

Opioid Fund being used for the Region III contract was discussed. Attorney Kunz will reach out to the Attorney General regarding the guidelines for usage.

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the January Fees as presented by District Court, County Clerk and the Sheriff's Department. Roll Call: All Ayes

| GENERAL | | | |
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| | APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES | EQUIPMENT | \$240.00 |
| | AT&T MOBILITY | PHONE SERVICE | \$1,139.69 |
| | JULIE L BELLIS | RECORDING | \$89.00 |
| | BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS | MEALS | \$277.95 |
| | BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC | INMATE SUPPLY | \$97.64 |
| | BOMGAARS | SUPPLIES | \$26.97 |
| | BRYAN HEALTH | HEALTHCARE | \$199.50 |
| | CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING | PRISONER FOOD | \$2,321.59 |
| | CENTRAL TRUE VALUE | SUPPLIES | \$39.96 |
| | CENTRAL TRUE VALUE | REPAIR | \$17.77 |
| | CENTURY LINK | PHONE SERVICES | \$316.20 |
| | CITY OF CENTRAL CITY | UTILITIES | \$3,873.94 |
| | CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES | UTILITIES | \$3,638.47 |
| | CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT | UTILITIES | \$15.75 |
| | CENTRAL NEBRASKA COUNTY ASSESSOR | CD DUES | \$25.00 |
| | CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND | WATER SERVICE | \$433.00 |
| | DANA F COLE & COMPANY | AUDIT/BUDGET | \$20,700.00 |
| | ED DEXTER | MILEAGE | \$96.88 |
| | EAKES OFFICE PLUS | SUPPLIES | \$104.93 |
| | EAKES OFFICE PLUS | SUPPLIES | \$227.23 |
| | EAKES OFFICE PLUS | EQUIPMENT | \$422.32 |
| | EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS | EQUIPMENT | \$315.62 |
| | EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT | RENTAL | \$168.98 |
| | EAKES OFFICE PLUS | SUPPLIES | \$1,037.83 |
| | EAKES OFFICE PLUS | OFFICE SUPPLIE | \$229.10 |
| | TRISHA FATE-STROBEL | PHONE | \$30.00 |
| | FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC | HRA BUYDOWN | \$232.00 |
| | FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC | CYBERSECURITY | \$6,197.80 |
| | FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICE | CAR REPAIR | \$750.91 |
| | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS | PHONE SERVICE | \$64.17 |
| | GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY | UNIFORMS | \$167.19 |
| | SHARON GILG | PHONE | \$34.78 |
| | THERESA GOOD | MILEAGE | \$88.84 |
| | GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS | PHONE SERVICES | \$95.88 |
| | HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS | BOARDING COST | \$110.00 |
| | HAMILTON CO SHERIFF | BOARDING COST | \$3,450.00 |
| | HAMILTON COUNTY | INTERLOCAL | \$7,725.00 |
| | HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS | PHONE/INTERNET | \$3,545.58 |
| | HD SUPPLY | SUPPLIES | \$370.71 |
| | HEARTLAND DISPOSAL | TRASH SERVICE | \$304.15 |
| | HEINS LAWN & LANDSCAPE INC | SUPPLIES | \$180.00 |

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| HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY | LODGING | \$139.95 |
| HOMETOWN LEASING | EQUIPMENT | \$245.87 |
| INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS | MAINTENANCE | \$315.00 |
| JACKSON SERVICES | RUGS | \$209.12 |
| JACKSON SERVICES | RUGS | \$462.24 |
| KEN'S AUTO SERVICE | REPAIR | \$77.26 |
| LANCASTER CO SHERIFF | COURT EXPENSES | \$21.50 |
| DOUG MAW | SUPPLIES | \$615.20 |
| MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC | D&A TEST | \$82.00 |
| MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT. | TRANSFER FUND | \$205,000.00 |
| MERRICK CO. SHERIFF | COURT EXPENSE | \$19.75 |
| MERRICK CO. TREASURER | POSTAGE | \$710.65 |
| MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC | EQUIPMENT | \$125.00 |
| MIPS INC. | JURY | \$323.77 |
| MIPS INC. | COMP SUPPORT | \$3,657.63 |
| MIPS INC. | PRINTING/SUPP | \$1,609.58 |
| JENNIFER MYERS | MILEAGE/MISC | \$365.20 |
| NACEB | DUES | \$150.00 |
| NACO | HANDBOOK | \$100.00 |
| NACO | REGISTRATION | \$100.00 |
| REBECCA ROSSELL | DUES | \$100.00 |
| LISA LINDSAY | DUES | \$75.00 |
| NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES | INSTITUTIONS | \$93.00 |
| NEBRASKA STATE PATROL | LICENSE | \$501.00 |
| O'REILLY AUTO PARTS | CAR REPAIR | \$62.17 |
| PALSER SERVICE/ROADS | MAINTENANCE | \$1,459.95 |
| PALSER SERVICE | REPAIR | \$162.90 |
| PAPER TIGER SHREDDING | PAPER SHRED | \$40.00 |
| PHYSICIANS LABORATORY, PC | CORONER | \$300.00 |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA | FUEL | \$45.36 |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA | FUEL | \$649.31 |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA | FUEL | \$570.23 |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA | FUEL | \$723.26 |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA | FUEL/SUPPLIES | \$517.72 |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA | FUEL | \$420.67 |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA | FUEL | \$427.80 |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA | FUEL | \$152.78 |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA | SUPPLIES | \$6,027.90 |
| PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC | EQUIPMENT | \$1,512.30 |
| POSTMASTER | POSTAGE | \$1,058.50 |
| KIMBERLY J QUANDT, AAL | ATTY FEES | \$1,327.00 |
| TOM REIMERS | MILEAGE | \$249.20 |
| RHD PUBLISHING, LLC | SUPPLIES | \$695.41 |

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| | RHD PUBLISIHING, LLC | PUBLICATION | \$494.44 |
| | RHD PUBLISHING, LLC | PUBLICATION | \$104.03 |
| | RHD PUBLISHING, LLC | PUBLICATION | \$29.48 |
| | NE SECRETARY OF STATE | ID CARD PRINT | \$30.00 |
| | STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC | TELETYPE | \$713.60 |
| | STATE/NE DEPT CORRECTIONAL SERVICES | SAFEKEEPER | \$542.10 |
| | STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO | ATTY FEES | \$512.50 |
| | THOMSON REUTERS-WEST | LAW LIBRARY | \$501.42 |
| | PINNACLE BANK | DUES/SUPPLIES | \$614.62 |
| | CHRISTY WANDFLUH | MILEAGE/MEAL | \$152.00 |
| | KARA WELLS | MEALS/MILAGE | \$864.19 |
| | JOHN WESTMAN | MEALS | \$13.16 |
| | WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH, | ATTY FEES | \$4,293.75 |
| | ZELLE LLC | HR | \$15,693.68 |
| | 1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES | COMP SUPPLIES | \$724.46 |
| TOTAL | | | \$316,186.94 |
| ROADS | AKRS EQUIPMENT | SHOP | \$53.08 |
| | AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO. | DIESEL | \$2,696.98 |
| | BLACK HILLS ENERGY | GAS SERVICE | \$288.37 |
| | BLUEBEAM, INC | SOFTWARE | \$330.00 |
| | BOMGAARS | REPAIR | \$758.85 |
| | BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC | DIESEL | \$16.14 |
| | CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT | SHOP | \$629.97 |
| | CEDAR VALLEY LUMBER CLARKS, LLC | SHOP | \$149.17 |
| | CENTRAL TRUE VALUE | SUPPLIES | \$168.96 |
| | EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS | SUPPLIES | \$195.02 |
| | FILTER CARE | SHOP | \$39.60 |
| | FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC | PLAN FEES | \$88.00 |
| | FRONTIER COOPERATIVE | DIESEL | \$1,085.44 |
| | GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS | REPAIR/SUPPLY | \$167.82 |
| | HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS | PHONE SERVICE | \$155.24 |
| | INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICES, INC | REPAIR | \$805.00 |
| | ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. | SUPPLIES | \$131.50 |
| | MERRICK CO. TREASURER | ROADS | \$5.31 |
| | MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC | TRASH DIPOSAL | \$70.10 |
| | MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO. | BLADES | \$4,649.73 |
| | MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE | SUPPLIES | \$7,356.20 |
| | MIPS INC. | COMP SUPPORT | \$136.23 |
| | NE DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION | ENGINEER FEE | \$135.47 |
| | NEBR. MACHINERY CO. | LABOR | \$2,524.69 |
| | NEBRASKA GLASS COMPANY LLC | REPAIR | \$219.75 |
| | LEE NEEL | UTILITIES | \$75.00 |

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| | NT&T/SHOP | PHONE | \$84.22 |
| | O'REILLY AUTO PARTS | OIL/SUPPLIES | \$134.71 |
| | PALMER SERVICE CENTER | GAS/DIESEL | \$3,788.88 |
| | PALSER SERVICE/ROADS | FUEL | \$605.00 |
| | PINNACLE BANK-VISA | #9553 ROADS | \$42.99 |
| | POLK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT | AGREEMENT | \$375.00 |
| | POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER | | |
| | DIST | METER READING | \$326.84 |
| | SACK LUMBER CO./ROADS | SUPPLIES | \$25.20 |
| | SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT | ELECTRICITY | \$890.15 |
| | SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS | ENGINEER FEES | \$1,518.75 |
| | STATE STEEL SUPPLY CO. | STEEL | \$2,570.58 |
| | T & R AUTO PARTS | REPAIR | \$339.55 |
| | VERIZON | PHONE SERVICE | \$303.05 |
| | VERIZON WIRELESS | PHONE/RENTAL | \$93.73 |
| TOTAL | | | \$34,030.27 |
| JUVENILE DIVERSION | | | |
| | EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS | SUPPLIES | \$27.22 |
| | FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC | PLAN FEES | \$8.00 |
| | STACEY HARLOW | MILEAGE | \$24.50 |
| | MERRICK CO. TREASURER | POSTAGE | \$6.90 |
| | US CELLULAR | PHONE | \$396.87 |
| | 3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS | EDUCATION | \$135.00 |
| | LYNN PEAVY COMPANY | SUPPLIES | \$275.85 |
| TOTAL | | | \$275.85 |
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| | BOSELMAN ENERGY, INC | FUEL/ DELIVERY | \$131.36 |
| | CITY OF CENTRAL CITY | UTILITIES | \$2,591.33 |
| TOTAL | | | \$2,722.69 |

Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve the February Claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Wiegert, second Placke to adjourn at 10:49 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk