

March 11, 2025

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Jarecke, Kucera, Weller, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz 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 Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Agenda: Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes
Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve the minutes from February 25, 2025 with the correction of "Board of Supervisors to convene" mentioned twice. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Township meeting March 6th-Weller, Wiegert, Kucera, Placke, Kreachbaum, Dexter, Jarecke. Handbook meeting February 25th-Jarecke, Kreachbaum; Problem Solving Court Graduation March 3rd-Dexter, Wiegert, Jarecke; Dexter-Zoom teams meeting with Five Nines March 4th and Merrick County Economic Development on March 6th; Jarecke-CNCAP meeting March 10th; Kreachbaum conference calls with Mid-Plains throughout the week; Wiegert-Midland Area on Aging March 6th.

Officials Reports: Treasurer Gilg handed out the fund balance report and stated there is a bill in the legislature regarding the possibility of using Opioid funds for adult drug court. Human Resource Sedlacek has the first draft of revisions for the handbook and will be presented to all department heads for review.

Once approved it will be presented to the board for approval. Sedlacek has also been approached to work with the finance committee for financial planning for the Sheriff's and Road Department. Highway Superintendent Kunze informed the board the VonOhlen Bridge structure is complete with the projection of being open for traffic next month. NIRMA was on site at the shop to do a shop and sign audit. Attorney Kunz stated the Child Support office will be purchasing a new copy machine.

Public Comment: Jen Myers stated the 4H Pancake feed will be held Thursday, March 20th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building. Brad Wells addressed the board to ensure the Ag Society and Extension Building Committee would have the opportunity to look over the audio/visual agreements before implementing. Wells also stated he would like to meet with other fire departments in the county in regards to dispatching and radios.

No update on Long-Term Care at this time.

Moved Dexter, second Placke to have the chairwoman sign the RDG contract in the amount of \$28,000.00 for Phase I with the approved addendums. Roll Call: Ayes-Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Jarecke, Dexter, Placke, Kucera. Nays-Weller. Motion approved 6-1.

Hilary Betka with Hamilton County appeared before the board regarding an Interlocal Agreement for Flood Plain Administrator.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to move into Executive Session for contract negotiations. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to move out of Executive Session at 9:39 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
Flood Plain Administrator Interlocal with Hamilton County to be tabled until next board meeting.

Moved Wiegert, second Weller to approve the chairwoman to sign the Public Defender contract with Jennifer Kearney. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion to have the financing committee to meet regarding funding for possible future projects.
Treasurer Gilg held the tax sale on Monday March 3rd resulting in fourteen of the twenty-two parcels being sold in the amount of \$25, 261.00.

Audio and video system for the Extension Building was discussed. No action taken and tabled until the next board meeting.

Moved Weller, second Wiegert to approve the Special Designated Liquor license for VFW Post 4832 on March 29, 2025 at DASH Farms from 5:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. for Tri-Community Foundation, Inc fundraiser. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

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

GENERAL	AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY	SUBSCRIPTION	\$140.00
	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICE AGREE	\$240.00
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,139.69
	BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	REPAIR	\$77.20
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$37.48
	LEAH BROWN	SPELLING BEE	\$145.00
	BRYAN HEALTH	PRISONER HC	\$268.65
	CANDLEWOOD SUITES	LODGING	\$249.90
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$981.54
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$17.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$63.56
	CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION LLC	MAINTENANCE	\$10,000.00
	CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$316.20
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	OLD HOSP-UTILITIES	\$3,731.90
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$3,199.75
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$15.75
	CORNERSTONE OVERHEAD DOORS	REPAIRS	\$181.00
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	DRINKING WATER	\$378.00
	CVSOAN	REGISTRATION	\$60.00
	ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$100.10
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$84.16
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$209.05
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	\$154.09
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$106.71
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	\$315.86
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$972.15
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	PUBLICATION	\$83.07
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$225.21
	TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	HRA BUYDOWN	\$232.00
	FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	PHONE/INTERNET	\$6,157.80
	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
	GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$967.80
	SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$93.99
	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
	MRS. MARY GREGOSKI	SPELLING BEE	\$99.79
	HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$3,100.00
	HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK	DISPATCH AGREE	\$49,138.47

HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$3,545.58
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$304.84
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP	\$245.87
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$34.02
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$239.25
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$156.02
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	REPAIR	\$1,601.45
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$18.73
DOUG MAW	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$153.59
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$137.80
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HEALTH	PRISONER CARE	\$180.00
MERRICK CO DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	\$775.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	CO COURT COST	\$869.16
		\$205,000.0
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUND	0
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSES	\$19.47
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$324.38
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	IMAGING	\$125.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$21.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	TRANSPORT	\$1,264.60
MILLER TROPHY & AWARDS	SPELLING BEE	\$112.00
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$3,657.63
JENNIFER MYERS	MILEAGE/PHONE	\$156.00
NACEB	REGISTRATION	\$100.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$450.00
NEBR. SUPREME COURT PUBLICATIONS	PUBLICATION	\$217.15
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	WEED CONTROL	\$150.00
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$133.35
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$2,521.59
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$633.95
PALMER PUBLIC SCHOOL	SPELLING BEE	\$145.00
PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR	\$22.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHRED	\$62.00
PINNACLE BANK CC	SUPPLIES	\$255.28
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$242.43
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$31.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$404.53
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$756.06
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/SUPPLIES	\$132.53
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$509.50
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$306.54
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$208.27
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	EQUIP/SUPPLY	\$3,936.69

PLAINS RADIOLOGY SERVICES	PRISONER HC	\$37.00
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$494.44
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$696.10
STROMSBURG SOFT WATER	SUPPLIES	\$19.50
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$501.42
TOP QUALITY GLOVES	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$155.45
TRANSIT WORKS	EQUIPMENT	\$217.14
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$195.14
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE	\$1,058.50
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	EQUIPMENT	\$5,159.24
UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES	SUPPLIES	\$249.74
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	\$93.73
PINNACLE BANK	EXPENSES	\$1,700.62
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	EXPENSES	\$1,667.44
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$199.92
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$4,687.50
ZELLE LLC	HR CONSULTING	\$10,123.95
308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CENTER, LLC	ATTORNEY COSTS	\$14,801.83
		\$355,286.3
TOTALS		1

ROADS	AKRS EQUIPMENT	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$2,915.01
	BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	SIGNS	\$92.70
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$306.15
	BLACKWATER PUMPING	MAINTENANCE	\$315.00
	BLUEBEAM, INC	SOFTWARE	\$330.00
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$310.64
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	SUPPLIES	\$3,513.78
	BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	GARBAGE	\$35.00
	COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO	REPAIR	\$174.30
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$622.79
	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	HRA BUYDOWN	\$88.00
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,082.61
	GALUSHA ELECTRIC	DIESEL/REPAIRS	\$5,953.90
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$155.24
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLY	\$493.27
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS	\$49.96
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$70.10
	MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$136.23
	NACO	REGISTRATION	\$50.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR	\$387.29
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE/SHOP	\$84.22

	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIR	\$57.91
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$256.11
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$2,803.00
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$620.85
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$1,501.64
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	METER READING	\$97.89
	RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	REPAIR	\$310.40
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$58.40
	SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$1,479.99
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	\$998.86
	SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS	ENGINEER FEES	\$1,802.50
	STATE GLASS, INC.	REPAIR	\$260.63
	T & R AUTO PARTS	REPAIR	\$172.10
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$303.05
	WELDON PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$172.06
TOTALS			\$28,136.58
JUVENILE DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$377.39
	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	HRA BUYDOWN	\$8.00
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$49.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JD	\$5.52
	US CELLULAR	CELLPHONE	\$265.46
TOTALS			\$705.37
ADULT DRUG COURT TOTALS	CENTRAL CITY MALL	EXPENSES	\$155.59
			\$155.59
K-9 FUND TOTALS	BLUESTREAK K9, LLC	K9	\$14,500.00
			\$14,500.00
4-H BLDG FUND TOTALS	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,353.94
	ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC	ANNUAL FEE	\$300.00
TOTALS			\$2,653.94

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

Moved Wiegert, second to adjourn at 10:16 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk