

April 8, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Kucera, Weller, and County Clerk Strobel 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 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 as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the minutes from March 25, 2025 with the addition of Kreachbaum attending Long Term Care Board meeting March 21st. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Township meeting April 3rd-Dexter, Placke, Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Kucera, Jarecke; Dexter and Kucera-Five Nines at the courthouse April 7; Dexter- RDG at Long-Term Care April 8 and Merrick Economic Development April 4; Wiegert-4H Building March 31 and Midland Area on Aging April 3rd; Kreachbaum-March 31st 4H Building Special Committee meeting, March 26th participated in the Connecting the Dots at the high school.

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers stated March 19th was the date all valuations needed to be set. Reports and opinions for Merrick County are available online. 73% Agriculture; 94% Residential and 98% Commercial for 2025. Assessor Myers stated the valuation notices will be mailed out June 1.

Anna Sedlacek-Human Resources, is needing one more in person meeting with the officials and handbook committee to go over Bereavement Leave. Sedlacek will be meeting with Strobel to look over any contracts or monthly invoices to determine spending utilization. Sedlacek will also be meeting with the Extension Office on Wednesday. Treasurer Gilg stated the board to date, 27% of taxes have been collected for 2024. Highway Superintendent Kunze communicated Von Ohlen Bridge is now open to traffic. 22nd and V will possibly be open next week and Worms Highway should be done with resurfacing next week as well. Kunze and Kucera will be meeting in Hamilton County on Wednesday regarding bundling grants with other counties for bridges and paving. Kunze handed out packets for potential equipment and building plans/purchases for the next five years, as well as a Preliminary Pavement Rehab Plan.

Jim Edinger and Nick Blase with Hamilton Telecommunications approached the board to sign a Letter of Support for a broadband grant application. Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to have the chairwoman sign the Letter of Support. Roll Call: All Ayes

Melissa VanDeWalle provided a Long-Term Care update. RDG will be doing their walk through the facility until 3:00 p.m. today.

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve the appointment of Rick Tank, Kendra Jefferson, Betty Wemhoff and Deb Spencer to the Long-Term Care Board. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign the Annual Noxious Weed program 2024 evaluation as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding repair to a bridge on 22nd and A Road over Prairie Creek. Highway Superintendent Kunze received an estimate for a bridge abutment repair was \$99,698.00, an entire new bridge would be estimated at approximately \$4000.00/linear ft. The board decided to have an engineer provide replacement options.

Clerk Strobel informed the board the budget request sheets had been handed out to all department heads, with a date of May 2nd to have the preliminary requests turned into the clerk's office. The board decided the department heads could use a 2.5% increase on wages to help estimate potential costs. This does not mean it could not change before the budget is approved.

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

GENERAL	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICE AGREE	\$240.00
	AT&T	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,139.69
	BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS	MEALS	\$508.00
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$96.97
	BRYAN HEALTH	PRISONER HEALT	\$1,509.07
	DANICA CARROLL	MILEAGE	\$62.44
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$1,857.78
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$31.97
	CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION LLC	MAINTENANCE	\$4,400.00
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	REPAIR	\$21.97
	CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$328.20
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$3,344.19
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$3,144.04
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$15.75
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	COURT COST	\$325.00
	CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTOR	REPAIR	\$905.59
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$353.00
	ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$99.26
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$131.05
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$274.77
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$264.54
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$491.35
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	COPIER LEASE	\$551.48
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$768.43
	TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE	\$30.00
	FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	PHONE/INTERNET	\$13,239.96
	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
	MIKE FUEHRER/CO LEGION COMMANDER	CO. GOV. DAY	\$130.41
	GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$148.42
	SHARON GILG	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
	THERESA GOOD	MILEAGE	\$221.34
	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES	\$95.88
	HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING	\$358.00
	HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$2,700.00
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$3,548.21
	HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$601.05
	HEINS LAWN & LANDSCAPE INC	CHEM APP	\$2,191.86
	HENNING BROTHERS LEASING	EQUIP LEASE	\$140.00
	HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$245.87
	IBCCES	ABCCES RENEW	\$3,150.00
	INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM	SUPPLIES	\$39.99

JACKSON SERVICES	RUG SERVICES	\$209.17
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	CAR	
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	MAIN/REPAIR	\$1,737.31
RUSSELL KREACHBAUM	MILEAGE	\$120.40
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	PRISONER WARD	\$41.11
LTA TOWING LLC	TOWING SERVICE	\$150.00
MCILNAY & CO	MAINTENACE	\$300.00
MCILNAY AND COMPANY	MATERIALS	\$443.96
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$62.02
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUND	\$205,000.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	MILEAGE	\$74.47
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$277.52
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	SUPPLIES	\$125.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$210.60
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	JUV. SERVICES	\$660.00
MODELLBAHN OTT HOBBIES	SUPPLIES	\$12.22
JENNIFER MYERS	MISC	\$195.20
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$100.00
LISA LINDSAY	REGISTRATION	\$175.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$967.21
NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	COURT EXPENSE	\$54.64
NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL	INSPECTION	\$120.00
NEBRASKA AIR FILTER, INC	SUPPLIES	\$585.62
NEBRASKA EXTENSION	PHONE CONNECT	\$1,200.00
KAREN NELSON	POSTAGE/MISC	\$12.35
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$134.68
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR SUPPLIES	\$10.99
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$62.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$104.84
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$90.25
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$827.50
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$447.26
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$540.70
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/FOOD	\$579.93
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$199.38
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$83.27
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSE	\$3,821.96
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	REPAIR	\$872.60
PSYCHOLOGICAL RESOURCES	EVALUATION	\$450.00
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	POSTAGE RENTAL	\$516.99
TOM REIMERS	MILAGE	\$100.80
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$7.37

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	SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$42.14
	EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$33.60
	STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$1,069.60
	STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$3,450.00
	SURVEY RECORD REPOSITORY	COPIES	\$5.00
	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$501.42
	TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$102.04
	UNL PARKING & TRANSIT	MILEAGE	\$40.00
	VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$100.00
	VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$3,042.80
	PINNACLE BANK	MISC EXPENSE	\$1,322.71
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$1,145.25
	CHRISTY WANDFLUH	MILEAGE	\$100.10
	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$565.83
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$9,262.50
	ZELLE LLC	HR CONSULTING	\$5,000.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	PRINTER/ SCAN	\$5,897.91
	308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CENTER, LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$10,000.00
TOTAL			\$311,729.36
ROADS	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$32,409.25
	AKRS EQUIPMENT	SHOP	\$55.75
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$2,104.74
	BAUM HYDRAULICS	SIGNS	\$30.89
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$233.88
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$874.82
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	OIL	\$6,437.05
	CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	SIGNS	\$1,318.70
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$77.22
	ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INST	CONTRACT	\$1,100.00
	FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS LTD	SUPPLY	\$245.00
	FILTER CARE	CLEANING	\$59.65
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$384.34
	GSI ENGINEERING, LLC	PROJECT A24127	\$428.00
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	INTERNET/PHONE	\$155.28
	HERK'S WELDING SHOP	METAL	\$2,514.33
	INTERMOUNTAIN MACHINE & FAB, INC	REPAIR	\$223.68
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SUPPLY	\$49.40
	J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	EQUIPMENT	\$690.00
	MENARDS	ASPHALT SEAL	\$528.57
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROAD	\$20.44
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$70.10

	MIDLANDS CONTRACTING, INC	STRUCTURES	\$196,985.03
	MIDWEST ENGINEERING, INC	CONSTRUCTION	\$10,941.00
	MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE	REPAIR	\$160.07
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRES	\$870.00
	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO.INC	REPAIR	\$156.74
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	CONTRACT	\$2,159.96
	NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$509.00
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NEWMAN SIGNS, INC.	SIGNAGE	\$116.50
	NT&T	PHONE	\$87.79
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$37,366.88
	PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$92.00
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$1,885.00
	PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR	\$352.00
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	METER READING	\$67.20
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$58.40
	SACK LUMBER CO	REPAIR	\$66.71
	SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$1,230.26
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	\$712.12
	T & R AUTO PARTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$28.63
	TRAUSCH DYNAMICS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$614.20
	ULINE SHIPPING SUPPLIES	SUPPLIES	\$638.46
	VAN KIRK BROTHERS CONTRACTING	CULVERTS	\$216,094.46
	VERIZON	RECURRING SERV	\$303.05
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$93.73
	WELDON PARTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$344.12
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPORT	\$2,159.00
TOTAL			\$524,178.40
JUV DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$130.42
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$8.28
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$1.32
TOTAL			\$140.02
COMMISSARY	CIDNET	COMMISSARY	\$30.00
TOTAL			\$30.00
4H BLDG FUND	BOSSELMAN ENERGY, INC	FUEL	\$88.34
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,646.15
	HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$309.65
	MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY, LLC	SHOP MATERIAL	\$589.39
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$24.80
	BRAD WELLS	SNOW REMOVAL	\$750.00

TOTAL

\$3,408.33

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the April claims as presented with the removal of Planning & Zoning claim from Palmer Journal due to the Interlocal Agreement. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to adjourn at 11:01 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk