

April 22, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 9:09 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, 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 9:09 a.m. Moved Placke, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:09 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Agenda: Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the agenda with the removal of Resolution 2025-2.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Minutes: Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve the minutes from April 8, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes
Meeting Reports: RDG walkthrough at Long-Term Care April 8-Dexter, Jarecke, and Kreachbaum; Good Life Senior Center-Placke April 5; Long-Term Care Board meeting-Placke, Jarecke, Kreachbaum-April 16th; 4-H Building Committee meeting-Kreachbaum, Wiegert-April 21st.

Officials Reports: Emily Soll, 4-H Extension Educator, presented the board with a report on the programs and/or classes the 4-H Extension has offered to the youth of Merrick County. Treasurer Gilg informed the board 38% of the 2024 taxes have been collected. Sedlacek will be working with the handbook committee for a final review. Highway Superintendent Kunze stated 22nd & V Road is now open.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the surplus of one printer from the Child Support and one attorney's office at the discretion of the County Attorney. Roll Call: All Ayes

There was no discussion regarding Long-Term Care.

Jason Buss, Vice President of Platte PEER Group, appeared before the board with a request for a letter of support for Merrick County to serve as a fiscal agent for the Central City Riverfront Development Project. A public agency serving as a fiscal agent will help in the ability to seek funding from federal, state and private grant programs. Buss handed out a map for the potential development of a high-quality RV park and public recreation area with direct access to the Platte River along with Dark Island Trail in proximity as well. Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign a letter of support for the Platte River PEER Group regarding the Central City Riverfront Development Project. Roll Call: All Ayes
Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to have the chairwoman sign the Road Maintenance Agreement between Merrick County and Lone Tree Township. Roll Call: All Ayes

A representative from DA Davidson did not appear, no discussion was held.

Proposals from Yanda's Music & Pro Audio and R8 Productions were made available for the boards review for the audio & visual system for Merrick County Extension. Yanda's Music: Bid #1 Merrick County Youth & Ag Education Center-\$99,860.13.00, Bid #2-Livestock Areas: \$18,705.83. R8 Productions LLC: Bid #1 Youth & Ag Education Center \$114,884.00, Bid #2-Livestock Barns \$9,506.00. Funding would come from the 4-H Building Fund which receives donations, grants and rental income. Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to approve the proposal from Yanda's Music & Pro Audio. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The open position at the Extension Office was discussed and tentatively starting at \$18/hr., 25 hours a week. This position would be a morning position.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to open the public hearing at 10:01 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Planning & Zoning Administrator Betka spoke to the board concerning a rezone application that was received for pt SE ¼ 15-13-6 for the development of a future subdivision for more development along the river.

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to close the public hearing at 10:08 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign the rezone application for pt SE ¼ 15-13-6. Roll Call: Ayes-Weller, Placke, Wiegert, Jarecke, Dexter and Kucera; Nays-Kreachbaum. Motion Carried 6-1.

Moved Wiegert, second Weller to open the public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit at 10:09 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Planning & Zoning Betka explained this would be for a mobile home which would be used for workers quarters. If there is no use of the mobile home for one year, it must be moved off of the property. Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to close the public hearing at 10:13 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Wiegert to approve the conditional use permit for the mobile home. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Highway Superintendent Kunze discussed with the board a complaint he received from a resident near 13th & K Road, in regards to dust and traffic speed.

Kunze presented maps for grant applications for possible Merrick County Paving and Bridge Replacement bundles.

Village of Palmer is looking into resurfacing 3rd Road which connects Merrick and Nance County. No decision was made at this time.

County utility permits were discussed, County Attorney Kunz will check to see if the board needs to approve all permits presented.

Kunze stated he will be looking for a part-time, seasonal employee this summer to work as a Digital Inventory Data Collector for the roads department.

Discussion on various roads that are minimum maintenance that are not classified as such. Kunze is working to get them to their functional use.

Kunze presented a plan he is working on for satellite shop buildings for Chapman, Clarks and Archer.

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

ROADS	Adam Marshall	Machinery	\$13,159.00
	Vontz Paving	Resurfacing	\$509,350.21
TOTAL			\$522,509.21
SINKING FUND	Adam Marshall	Machinery	\$13,366.00
TOTAL			\$13,366.00

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

Moved Placke, second Dexter to adjourn at 11:36 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk