

## **May 13, 2025,**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 9:05 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 9:05 a.m. Moved Wiegert, second Kreachbaum 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 Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve the minutes from April 22, 2025 with the typo corrections of "grant" instead of "grand" and "Placke" instead of "Place" Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: May 8 Budget Workshop in York-Weller, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, Dexter, Wiegert, Kreachbaum and Placke; April 24 NIRMA in Kearney-Placke, Kucera, Dexter, Kreachbaum, Weller, Jarecke, Wiegert; April 29 meeting with Andy Forney, DA Davidson-Placke, Jarecke, Kreachbaum; May 7 Jail tour at Antelope County-Dexter, Weller, Jarecke; May 1 meeting with Prochaska at the jail-Dexter; May 8 Merrick County Economic Board-Dexter.

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers informed the board the TERC Hearing will be held May 21 in Lincoln for Randy Zmek. County Attorney Kunz and Deputy County Luzum attended continuing education last week in Kearney. Steve Melvin, Extension Educator reported six applicants have applied for the part time position.

Tyson Benner approached the board with one of four options he believes should be decided for Long Term Care. Continue ownership-no improvement, continue ownership with remodel, continue ownership with a new build or close and sell. He expressed the board needs to make a decision in what direction they are willing to proceed within the next few weeks. RDG will be providing estimates for the remodel at the next board meeting.

Emergency Manager Jenna Church provided an update. The federal grant she applies for every year is on track which helps with her salary and benefits. Merrick County Storm Spotter class was held in Silver Creek with the weather service. Church will be on leave until the end of July, Nance County Deputy Eric Griffin will be the acting Emergency Manager until that time.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the chairwoman to sign the National Insurance Renewal Long Term Disability and Madison National Life Insurance policy. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the County Clerk to surplus a computer tower and printer. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve Resolution 2025-2 approving the application to rezone a tract of ground from PRC to RR-1 located on Section 12, Township 13, Range 6W, SE ¼ and Section 7, Township 13, Range 5W, lots 6,7,8 Merrick County, Nebraska. Roll Call: Ayes-Weller, Placke, Wiegert, Dexter, Jarecke, Kucera; Nays-Kreachbaum. Motion carried 6-1.

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to approve Resolution 2025-3 to transfer \$300,000.00 from the General Fund to the Road Sinking Fund (\$200,000.00), Sheriff Sinking Fund (\$50,000.00) and the County Sinking Fund (\$50,000.00). Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve Resolution 2025-4 to pay the Courthouse Bond interest payment due on June 2, 2025 in the payment of \$385.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve Resolution 2025-5 to pay the 4-H Building Bond interest payment due on June 2, 2025 in the amount of \$4,688.75. Roll Call: All Ayes

No discussion on township roads, will be placed on the next board meeting agenda.

Human Resource administrator Sedlacek was unavailable for the meeting, no discussion regarding the handbook until the next meeting.

Clerk Strobel stated the majority of the offices have turned in their preliminary budget requests.  
 Moved Jarecke, second Placke to approve the April fees as collected by County Clerk, District Court and Sheriff's Department. Roll Call: All Ayes

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| <b>GENERAL</b> | AGRICULTURAL SERVICES INC          | WEED CONTROL   | \$122.00   |
|                | APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES    | SECURITY       | \$240.00   |
|                | AT&T MOBILITY                      | PHONE SERVICE  | \$2,279.35 |
|                | BRITE                              | EQUIPMENT      | \$5,094.00 |
|                | BRYAN HEALTH                       | PRISONER HC    | \$1,509.07 |
|                | CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING               | PRISONER CARE  | \$992.00   |
|                | CENTRAL CITY MALL                  | FUEL           | \$45.00    |
|                | CENTRAL CITY MALL                  | PRISONER FOOD  | \$23.13    |
|                | CENTRAL TRUE VALUE                 | SUPPLIES       | \$6.29     |
|                | CENTURY LINK                       | E911 PHONE     | \$328.32   |
|                | CHRISTENSEN INSURANCE              | SURETY BOND    | \$40.00    |
|                | CITY OF CENTRAL CITY               | UTILITIES-HOSP | \$5,069.27 |
|                | CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT        | UTILITIES      | \$15.75    |
|                | CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC         | COURT COSTS    | \$798.00   |
|                | CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND           | WATER SERVICE  | \$353.00   |
|                | DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES      | BOARDING COSTS | \$2,800.85 |
|                | ED DEXTER                          | MILEAGE        | \$157.92   |
|                | EAKES OFFICE PLUS                  | SUPPLIES       | \$36.99    |
|                | EAKES OFFICE PLUS                  | SUPPLIES       | \$247.93   |
|                | EAKES OFFICE PLUS                  | OFFICE SUPPLY  | \$318.15   |
|                | EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS             | SUPPLY/EQUIP   | \$221.42   |
|                | EAKES OFFICE PLUS                  | COPIER RENT    | \$127.36   |
|                | EAKES OFFICE PLUS                  | SUPPLIES       | \$16.06    |
|                | EAKES OFFICE PLUS                  | SUPPLY/REPAIR  | \$191.94   |
|                | SUANN ENGEL                        | BUDGET ASSIST  | \$975.00   |
|                | TRISHA FATE-STROBEL                | PHONE/TRAVEL   | \$202.62   |
|                | FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC  | HRA BUYDOWN    | \$480.00   |
|                | FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC   | CYBERSECURITY  | \$40.00    |
|                | FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICE            | CAR REPAIR     | \$1,099.07 |
|                | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS            | PHONE SERVICE  | \$64.17    |
|                | GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY          | UNIFORMS       | \$1,517.44 |
|                | GALUSHA ELECTRIC                   | SUPPLIES       | \$32.49    |
|                | GEO COMM CORP                      | MAP DATA       | \$5,671.26 |
|                | SHARON GILG                        | PHONE/MILEAGE  | \$129.40   |
|                | GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS        | PHONE SERVICE  | \$95.88    |
|                | HALL COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT           | COURT EXPENSES | \$44.76    |
|                | HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS            | BOARDING COSTS | \$655.00   |
|                | HAMILTON CO ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER | INTERLOCAL     | \$7,725.00 |
|                | HAMILTON CO SHERIFF                | BOARDING COSTS | \$1,700.00 |
|                | HAMILTON INFORMATION SYSTEMS       | EQUIPMENT      | \$365.00   |

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| HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS             | PHONE/CABLE    | \$3,556.21   |
| DEAN HARTWIG                            | WEED CONTROL   | \$49.56      |
| HD SUPPLY                               | SUPPLY/REPAIR  | \$550.80     |
| HOMETOWN LEASING                        | EQUIPMENT      | \$245.87     |
| JACKSON SERVICES                        | SERVICE SUPPLY | \$209.21     |
| JACKSON SERVICES                        | SERVICE SUPPLY | \$153.87     |
| JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY                   | PRISONER MEDS  | \$30.12      |
| KEARNEY & DESIMONE LAW, LLC             | ATTORNEY FEES  | \$2,622.10   |
| KEN'S AUTO SERVICE                      | CAR REPAIR     | \$3,019.71   |
| DOUG MAW                                | PHONE/SUPPLIES | \$256.98     |
| MCILNAY & CO                            | BLDG REPAIR    | \$909.43     |
| MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC                | D & A TESTING  | \$72.00      |
| MERRICK CO. CLERK                       | SUPPLIES       | \$16.00      |
| MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.               | TRANSFER FUNDS | \$205,000.00 |
| MERRICK CO. TREASURER                   | MISC EXPENSES  | \$292.32     |
| MICHAEL MEYER                           | EQUIPMENT      | \$320.97     |
| MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC          | EQUIPMENT      | \$125.00     |
| MIDSTATES ORGANIZED CRIME INFO          | MEMBERSHIP FEE | \$100.00     |
| MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC            | PRISONER TRANS | \$312.65     |
| MIPS INC.                               | COMPUTER SUPP  | \$3,657.63   |
| MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING                  | PEST CONTROL   | \$240.00     |
| JENNIFER MYERS                          | TRAVEL/POSTAL  | \$254.05     |
| NACO                                    | REGISTRATION   | \$1,350.00   |
| NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES              | INSTITUTIONS   | \$366.00     |
| NE WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION             | REGISTRATION   | \$150.00     |
| NNTC                                    | PHONE SERVICE  | \$269.40     |
| NORFOLK LODGE & SUITES                  | LODGING        | \$485.00     |
| O'REILLY AUTO PARTS                     | CAR REPAIR     | \$224.41     |
| PALSER SERVICE                          | CAR REPAIR     | \$334.07     |
| PAPER TIGER SHREDDING                   | SHREDDING      | \$102.00     |
| PATHOLOGY MEDICAL SERVICES-<br>ANATOMIC | PRISONER CARE  | \$198.00     |
| PHYSICIANS LABORATORY, PC               | CORONER        | \$2,750.00   |
| PINNACLE BANK CC                        | SUPPLIES       | \$21.25      |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA                      | FUEL           | \$204.00     |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA                      | FUEL           | \$219.83     |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA                      | FUEL           | \$80.54      |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA                      | FUEL           | \$849.33     |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA                      | FUEL           | \$474.19     |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA                      | FUEL           | \$534.27     |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA                      | FUEL           | \$200.45     |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA                      | FUEL/LODGING   | \$441.80     |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA                      | FUEL           | \$700.05     |

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| NAME UNKNOWN                        | FUEL          | \$870.10            |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA                  | MISC EXPENSES | \$3,702.47          |
| PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC   | EQUIPMENT     | \$1,636.00          |
| TOM REIMERS                         | MILEAGE/MEALS | \$166.25            |
| RHD PUBLISHING, LLC                 | PUBLICATION   | \$310.75            |
| RHD PUBLISHING, LLC                 | PUBLICATION   | \$1,668.68          |
| ROWLEY LAW LLC                      | ATTORNEY FEES | \$262.50            |
| SACK LUMBER                         | BLDG REPAIR   | \$10.69             |
| SEILER INSTRUMENT                   |               |                     |
| MANUFACTURING, INC                  | EQUIPMENT     | \$591.95            |
| STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC  | PHONE SERVICE | \$1,737.60          |
| STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO            | ATTORNEY FEES | \$1,887.50          |
| THOMSON REUTERS-WEST                | LAW LIBRARY   | \$501.42            |
| VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.                | WEED CONTROL  | \$3,745.10          |
| VERIZON WIRELESS                    | PHONE/EQUIP   | \$93.72             |
| PINNACLE BANK                       | MISC EXPENSE  | \$3,517.69          |
| PINNACLE BANK-VISA                  | MISC EXPENSE  | \$562.18            |
| TOM WELLER                          | MILEAGE       | \$345.38            |
| KARA WELLS                          | MILEAGE       | \$588.14            |
| WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,            | ATTORNEY FEES | \$6,737.50          |
| ROGER WIEGERT                       | MILEAGE       | \$160.72            |
| ZELLE LLC                           | H/R ADMIN     | \$5,000.00          |
| 1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES                 | SUPPLIES      | \$644.95            |
| 308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CENTER, LLC | ATTORNEY FEES | \$10,893.75         |
| 911 CUSTOM                          | EQUIPMENT     | \$875.00            |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                       |               | <b>\$320,290.00</b> |

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| <b>ROADS</b> | ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.        | CULVERTS      | \$1,265.00  |
|              | AKRS EQUIPMENT                    | SUPPLY/REPAIR | \$1,013.04  |
|              | AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.         | FUEL          | \$4,163.10  |
|              | BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC      | SIGNS/POSTS   | \$3,734.26  |
|              | BLACK HILLS ENERGY                | GAS SERVICE   | \$132.00    |
|              | BOMGAARS                          | SUPPLY/REPAIR | \$577.48    |
|              | BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC              | SIGNS/FUEL    | \$3,078.35  |
|              | BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL            | TRASH REMOVAL | \$105.00    |
|              | CENTRAL TRUE VALUE/ROADS          | REPAIR        | \$47.77     |
|              | CONTRACTOR SERVICES, INC          | RUMBLE STRIPS | \$27,500.00 |
|              | CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES       | SIGNS & POSTS | \$378.90    |
|              | EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS            | OFFICE SUPPLY | \$93.86     |
|              | KRIS ERICKSON                     | SHOP SUPPLIES | \$84.24     |
|              | FILTER CARE                       | SHOP SUPPLIES | \$82.55     |
|              | FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC | HRA BUYDOWN   | \$176.00    |
|              | FRONTIER COOPERATIVE              | FUEL          | \$1,674.37  |

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|                   | GRAND ISLAND CLINIC               | D&A TESTING    | \$55.00             |
|                   | GSI ENGINEERING, LLC              | ENGINEER TEST  | \$805.35            |
|                   | HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS       | PHONE          | \$155.28            |
|                   | ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.         | SHOP SUPPLIES  | \$281.37            |
|                   | J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS            | SIGNS & POSTS  | \$3,100.00          |
|                   | MERRICK CO. TREASURER             | ROADS-POSTAGE  | \$166.90            |
|                   | MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER            | LAB COLLECTION | \$72.00             |
|                   | MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC        | TRASH DISPOSAL | \$70.10             |
|                   | MIDLANDS CONTRACTING, INC         | STRUCTURES     | \$29,610.73         |
|                   | MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE/ROADS   | EQUIP REPAIR   | \$25.00             |
|                   | MIPS INC.                         | COMPUTER SUPP  | \$136.23            |
|                   | MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING            | PEST CONTROL   | \$90.00             |
|                   | NEBR. MACHINERY CO.               | REPAIR/EQUIP   | \$868.30            |
|                   | LEE NEEL                          | UTILITIES      | \$75.00             |
|                   | NEWMAN SIGNS, INC.                | SIGNS          | \$13.41             |
|                   | NT&T/SHOP                         | PHONE SERVICE  | \$88.34             |
|                   | O'REILLY AUTO PARTS               | REPAIR         | \$1.09              |
|                   | OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL            | GRAVEL         | \$56,435.61         |
|                   | PALMER JOURNAL                    | PUBLICATION    | \$92.00             |
|                   | PALMER SERVICE CENTER             | GREASE/FUEL    | \$2,408.00          |
|                   | PALSER SERVICE                    | TIRES/SUPPLIES | \$285.72            |
|                   |                                   | COMPUTER       |                     |
|                   | PINNACLE BANK-VISA                | SUPPORT        | \$3,813.74          |
|                   | POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER    |                |                     |
|                   | DIST                              | ELECTRICITY    | \$34.43             |
|                   | RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY          | EQUIP REPAIR   | \$650.00            |
|                   | SAPP BROS. INC                    | DIESEL         | \$21,390.61         |
|                   | SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT           | ELECTRICITY    | \$588.69            |
|                   | STRAIGHT LINE STRIPING INC        | LINE STRIPING  | \$4,353.70          |
|                   | T & R AUTO PARTS                  | FUEL/REPAIR    | \$239.46            |
|                   | TRAUSCH DYNAMICS                  | SHOP SUPPLIES  | \$497.19            |
|                   | VAN KIRK BROTHERS CONTRACTING     | STRUCTURES     | \$26,959.39         |
|                   | VERIZON                           | EQUIPMENT      | \$303.05            |
|                   | VONTZ PAVING INC                  | SURFACING      | \$31,807.91         |
|                   | WELDON PARTS                      | EQUIP REPAIR   | \$236.60            |
| <b>TOTALS</b>     |                                   |                | <b>\$229,816.12</b> |
| <b>JUV.</b>       |                                   |                |                     |
| <b>DIVERSION</b>  | FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC | HRA BUYDOWN    | \$16.00             |
|                   | MERRICK CO. TREASURER             | JUVDIV-POSTAGE | \$6.21              |
| <b>TOTALS</b>     |                                   |                | <b>\$22.21</b>      |
| <b>DRUG COURT</b> | DISTRICT 5 PROBATION              | ADULT DRUG EXP | \$187.84            |

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| <b>TOTAL</b> |  |  | <b>\$187.84</b> |
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| <b>K-9 FUND</b> | BLUESTREAK K9,LLC       | K9 CARE  | \$460.00 |
|                 | CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC | K9 CARE  | \$101.47 |
|                 | PINNACLE BANK           | K-9 CARE | \$30.98  |

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| <b>TOTALS</b> |  |  | <b>\$592.45</b> |
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| <b>4-H BLDG<br/>RUND</b> | BOMGAARS                | SUPPLIES       | \$9.98      |
|                          | CITY OF CENTRAL CITY    | UTILITIES      | \$1,382.52  |
|                          | ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC | ANNUAL FEE     | \$151.57    |
|                          | HEARTLAND DISPOSAL      | TRASH DISPOSAL | \$310.07    |
|                          | RHD PUBLISHING, LLC     | PUBLISHING     | \$19.30     |
|                          | YANDA'S MUSIC           | AUDIO SYSTEM   | \$29,640.00 |

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| <b>TOTALS</b> |  |  | <b>\$31,513.44</b> |
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Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the May claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk