

June 10, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, June 10, 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. Also present were Tyson Benner, Grant Brooks and Gail Ferris.

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 Placke to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Agenda: Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the agenda. Roll Call: All Ayes

Minutes: Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the minutes from May 27, 2025 with the corrections of Kreachbaum making the motion to convene as Board of Supervisors and Wiegert second. Also, the proposed county vehicle used primarily by the assessor for reviews instead of valuations as stated. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: NACO meetings in Kearney June 4th and 5th-Kucera, Wiegert, Weller, Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter. Dexter-May 28 SCEDD investment call, May 29th- SCEDD Board meeting, June 6-Merrick County Economic Development, June 9-met with Five Nines at the courthouse. Placke attended the City Council meeting June 9; Kreachbaum-Mid-Plains Behavioral conference call May 29.

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers reported the valuation notices were sent out May 30th: Treasurer Gilg stated the tax collections have slowed down and will be attending the treasurer's conference the next two days; Sedlacek has one more policy to clarify before presenting the handbook to the board for approval; Clerk Strobel informed the board the county was awarded a \$107,450.00 Cybersecurity Grant. Highway Superintendent Kunze reported NIRMA performed their second audit on Monday June 2.

Andy Forney with D.A Davidson supplied the board a packet of information regarding bond possibilities for any future capital projects for Merrick County.

Discussion on the future of Long-Term Care continued while focusing on the plans provided by RDG Planning & Design from the last board meeting along with other projects that also need to be addressed. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to proceed forward with Option 2 as presented from RDG Planning & Design. Roll Call: Ayes-Placke, Wiegert, Placke, Kreachbaum, Dexter and Kucera. Nays-Jarecke and Weller. Motion carried: 5-2.

Treasurer Gilg presented five parcels that will be on the County Tax Sale unless payment is made before June 20.

Priority List for the county was briefly discussed. Possible capital projects could include Long-Term Care, roads/bridges, new county shop and jail construction.

Highway Superintendent Kunze provided an outline of possible lighting for the Worms and Chapman intersection. Cost would be \$4300.00 construction costs and \$30/month to light.

Extension Office was three interviews today for the open part-time position.

Budget: County administration position was discussed along with wages.

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to allow up to a 2.5% wage increase for the employees. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the fees collected from District Court, County Clerk and the Sheriff's Department for May 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL	AGRICULTURAL SERVICES INC	FERTILIZER	\$122.00
	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SECURITY	\$480.00
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,152.37
	BANKS WRAPS & SIGNS	EQUIPMENT	\$2,600.00

BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$3,435.31
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$76.41
BRITE	EQUIPMENT	\$680.00
BRYAN HEALTH	PRISONER CARE	\$357.00
CARDIO PARTNERS INC	SUPPLIES	\$848.76
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$2,090.32
CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$88.00
CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$32.55
CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT	SUPPORT	\$16,000.00
CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$328.32
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,754.14
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$1,787.51
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$15.75
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COST	\$108.00
COLUMBUS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	HEALTH CARE	\$1,252.40
TIFFANY CROUCH	MILEAGE	\$100.52
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$349.00
DETECTACHEM INC	EQUIPMENT	\$282.89
DISCO32 TACTICAL ANTENNAS	EQUIPMENT	\$610.45
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$63.46
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$54.23
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$187.65
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	LEASE	\$106.71
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$96.74
EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	SUPPLIES	\$275.44
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$1,246.27
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	PRINTING	\$309.21
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	\$169.45
ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC	ANNUAL FEE	\$159.40
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	MILEAGE/PHONE	\$146.48
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	HRA BUYDOWN	\$240.00
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	INTERNET	\$6,197.80
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$4,232.79
SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$262.05
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
GT DISTRIBUTORS	EQUIPMENT	\$3,590.46
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING	\$606.00
HALL COUNTY COURT-DISTRICT NINE	COPIES	\$1.75
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$1,400.00
HAMILTON COUNTY	DISPATCH AGREE	\$49,138.47
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$3,301.72
DEAN HARTWIG	POSTAGE/GUIDE	\$77.07

HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$781.01
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS OGALLALA	LODGING	\$149.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$189.91
ISLAND GLASS CO	REPAIR	\$877.50
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	UNIFORMS	\$619.64
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$209.15
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$153.83
JUSTICE DATA SOLUTIONS INCORPORATED	SOFTWARE	\$6,500.00
MARIA KOHL	MILEAGE	\$106.61
KS STATE BANK	VEHICLE	\$79,481.86
AARON J KUNZ	MILEAGE	\$114.52
LICHTI'S INC	REPAIR	\$2,834.80
ROSS A LUZUM	MILEAGE	\$101.08
DOUG MAW	MISC/MILEAGE	\$177.47
MAXIMUS CONSULTING SERVICES, INC	CONSULT FEE	\$1,561.71
MCILNAY & CO	VALVE KIT	\$30.39
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$145.74
MERRICK CO. CLERK	SURVEYOR	\$40.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	CO COURT COST	\$939.20
		\$205,000.0
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	0
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT COST	\$104.16
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$296.29
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$339.15
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	MICROFILMING	\$215.00
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$3,657.63
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	EQUIPMENT	\$13,950.19
JENNIFER MYERS	MISC	\$939.60
NORTH AMERICAN RESCUE, LLC	EQUIPMENT	\$1,788.64
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$30.00
NCJTC-NATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE	L.E. TRAINING	\$325.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTION	\$360.00
NEBRASKA.GOV	COURT EXPENSE	\$8.50
NIRMA	REGISTRATION	\$40.00
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$133.35
NORTHEAST NE JUVENILE SERVICE	JUV. SERVICES	\$3,965.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$18.98
OWN THE NIGHT	EQUIPMENT	\$6,235.18
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$900.94
PALSER SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$926.07
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$139.78
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$91.25
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$538.38

PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$501.66	
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$265.35	
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$810.94	
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$640.89	
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$242.91	
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$567.84	
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSE	\$3,798.47	
PIP MARKETING SIGNS PRINT	SUPPLIES	\$2,000.00	
JAN PLACKE	MILEAGE	\$259.98	
PLATTE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY	TRAINING	\$75.00	
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$5,073.56	
POSTMASTER	POSTAL RENTAL	\$352.00	
PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS ASSOC OF NE	LODGING	\$130.00	
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PRINTING	\$11.05	
RHD PUBLISIHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$202.30	
RMA ARMAMENT, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$787.90	
MARIA RODRIGUEZ	SUPPLIES	\$837.54	
THE CITY OF HASTINGS	2025 DUES	\$1,000.00	
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$28.84	
EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$165.62	
STANTON COUNTY COURT	COPIES	\$2.25	
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$735.60	
STATE/NE DEPT CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	BOARDING	\$1,762.58	
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,565.00	
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	EQUIPMENT	\$1,051.35	
SURVEY RECORD REPOSITORY	COPIES	\$5.00	
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$501.42	
TOP QUALITY GLOVES	SUPPLIES	\$418.80	
TOTAL AUTO BODY	DEDUCTIBLE	\$3,000.00	
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$281.89	
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (NEOPOST)	POSTAGE	\$45,000.00	
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	\$93.72	
PINNACLE BANK	EQUIPMENT	\$4,683.82	
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	UNIFORMS	\$3,689.11	
CHRISTY WANDFLUH	MILEAGE	\$60.90	
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$19.67	
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$2,125.00	
ROGER WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$74.34	
ZELLE LLC	H/R ADMIN	\$5,000.00	
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	COMPUTER	\$5,454.87	
911 CUSTOM	EQUIPMENT	\$5,009.00	
ROADS	AKRS EQUIPMENT	LABOR	\$877.90

AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$37,647.54
BILL'S VOLUME SALES	REPAIR	\$25.22
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$96.25
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$195.69
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	INV652843	\$708.13
FILTER CARE	SUPPLIES	\$42.40
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	HRA BUYDOWN	\$88.00
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$906.37
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$20.93
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	11049133	\$120.33
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	\$34.95
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SUPPLIES	\$147.72
J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	SIGNS	\$3,922.50
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS	\$22.08
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$70.10
MIPS INC.	25060920	\$136.23
POWERPLAN	REPAIR	\$316.86
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR	\$58,536.80
		\$391,533.6
NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO	MACHINERY	0
LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
NIRMA	REGISTRATION	\$68,109.00
NT&T/SHOP	PHONE SERVICE	\$88.34
OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	ENGINEER FEE	\$38,330.90
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$32,489.37
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLISHING	\$42.00
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL/OIL	\$1,915.00
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$75.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SIGNS/POSTS	\$116.28
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	METER READ	\$33.87
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$17.30
SACK LUMBER CO./ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$89.99
SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$874.27
SIGN SOLUTIONS USA LLC	SIGNS	\$2,137.59
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$527.45
STATE STEEL SUPPLY CO.	PIPE	\$2,719.31
VERIZON	EQUIPMENT	\$303.05
WELDON PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$151.22
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$1,183.99
LODGING TAX		
ABC CLUB	VISITOR PROMO	\$500.00
CC AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	VISITOR PROMO	\$2,000.00

	CHAPMAN COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOC	VISITOR PROMO	\$500.00
	CLARKS BUSINESS PEOPLE'S ASSOC	VISITOR PROMO	\$500.00
	MERRICK CO. HISTORICAL MUSEUM	VISITOR PROMO	\$2,500.00
	PALMER COMMERCIAL CLUB	VISITOR PROMO	\$500.00
	PLATTE PEER GROUP	VISITOR PROMO	\$500.00
	RHD PUBLISHING LLC	VISITOR PROMO	\$3.68
	RIVER RATS JEEP JAMBOREE	VISITOR PROMO	\$200.00
JUVENILE DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$70.43
	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	HRA BUYDOWN	\$8.00
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$28.84
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JD	\$5.52
	3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	EDUCATION	\$150.00
K9 FUND	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9 CARE	\$256.72
	RAY ALLEN MANUFACTURING CO INC	K-9 SUPPLIES	\$2,389.95
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	K-9	\$137.35
LATCF	RDG PLANNING & DESIGN	CONCEPT PLAN	\$17,403.38
EMERGENCY MGMT	NANCE COUNTY TREASURER	EMERGENCY MGMT	\$5,072.83
4H BLDG FUND	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$8.98
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$889.88
	ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIPMENT	SERVICE REPAIR	\$450.00
	ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING COMPANY	SERVICE	\$1,575.00
	STANEK FIRE PROTECTION	INSPECTION	\$227.00
	YANDA'S PRO AUDIO	AUDIO SYSTEM	\$59,280.00
SHERIFF SINKING FUND	BANKS WRAPS & SIGNS	EQUIPMENT	\$1,360.00
	BRITE	VEHICLES	\$7,995.00
	GT DISTRIBUTORS	VEHICLE	\$4,011.00

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the claims as presented with the addition of \$17,403.38 to RDG using the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to move into Executive Session for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual at 11:01 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to move out of Executive Session at 11:16 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to adjourn at 11:23 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk