

June 24, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Weller, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present. Kucera absent.

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.

Co-Chairman Dexter 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 Placke, second Weller to approve the agenda. Roll Call: All Ayes

Minutes: Moved Weller, second Wiegert to approve the minutes from June 10, 2025 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Weller-Bader Park June 17; Placke, Jarecke, Kreachbaum-Long Term Care Board June 18; Kreachbaum and Jarecke-Extension Office interview June 10; Wiegert- Midland Area on Aging in Hastings June 11 and conference call June 19-Midland Area on Aging; Dexter-called RDG regarding proceeding with Long Term Care June 10; Safety Meeting June 16, SCEED zoom call June 17, Adam Jurgens with Hamiton Telecommunications regarding Cybersecurity Grant June 23.

Officials Report: Human Resource Administrator Sedlacek informed the board the handbook will be ready for approval during the July 8 board meeting.

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to approve Resolution 2025-9 directing the issuance of county tax sale certificates as presented by the County Treasurer. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to appoint Eugene Urkoski replacing Robert Wyman to the Veteran Service Committee. Roll Call: All Ayes

Melissa Vandewalle provided an update on Long-Term Care.

Alloway Holdings, LLC bond renewal to be tabled until the next board meeting.

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to designate the State Print Shop for the printing of the LB644 postcards if needed. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Kreachbaum to accept the K9 Agreement between Shadow, the retired K9 dog, and Deputy Parker. Roll Call: All Ayes

At the request of a board member, Sheriff Westman presented a report regarding other counties and cities/villages dispatch procedures by population. No action required at this time.

Highway Superintendent Kunze supplied the board members with a hand out with drawings for potential satellite shops. Long term goals for Kunze are to have buildings in Archer, Chapman and Clarks. The board would like Kunze to put out for bids to know what finances would be needed in order to proceed with a project of this size.

Kunze discussed a structure bridge replacement at 22nd and AA Road. Recommended cost for option 1-concrete box culvert with two to three piers \$651,000.00; option 2-clear open span bridge, no piers \$900,000.00 and option 3-steel structure precast concrete \$375,000.00. No action taken at this time.

Kunze also brought up a structure for a low water crossing on 30th Road that needs addressed. No action taken at this time.

Kunze also spoke regarding concerns of the minimum maintenance road on 7th. No action required.

Moved Weller, second Wiegert to terminate the Five Nines contract and direct County Attorney Kunz to draft a letter to Five Nines terminating the contract. Roll Call: All Ayes

No discussion regarding handbook.

Clerk Strobel informed the board individual offices will start meeting with the board at the July 8 board meeting regarding their budget requests.

GENERAL HAMILTON COUNTY

INTERLOCAL-PZ

\$13,725.00

	NIRMA	INSURANCE	\$78,243.00
	308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CENTER, LLC	PUB DEFENDER	\$10,000.00
TOTAL			\$101,968.00

	LAWRENCE TRENCHING AND		
ROADS	EXCAVATING	EQUIPMENT	\$65,000.00
TOTAL			\$65,000.00

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

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

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to adjourn at 11:29 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Ed Dexter, Co-Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk