

July 8, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Weller, Kucera present. 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 Jarecke to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:09 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the minutes from June 22, 2025 as published. Roll Call: Ayes-Weller, Placke, Wiegert, Kreachbaum, Dexter, Jarecke; Abstain: Kucera. Motion carried.

Meeting Reports: Drug Court graduation July 7-Weller, Dexter and Wiegert; Senior Board meeting June 25 and CNCAP zoom meeting June 30th-Placke; June 30 CNCAP-Jarecke; Kucera met with Highway Superintendent Kunze regarding road conditions after heavy rainfall.

Officials Reports: Treasurer Gilg reported the county is down to four county tax sales. Highway Superintendent discussed the heavy rainfall effect on roads.

Tyson Benner approached the board during public comment. Benner stated he strongly feels the county needs to look into hiring either a full-time or part-time administrator to help organize and prioritize, as he feels there is a lack of efficiency.

Deputy Director Jon Cannon with NACO addressed the board with legislation updates, as well as services provided to counties.

10:00 Gravel bid openings, with one gravel bid received from Overland Sand and Gravel for sand, gravel surfacing Class "A" annual contract. Gravel \$17.25/ton; mud rock \$18.40/ton; fill sand \$5.95/ton.

Moved Weller, second Jarecke to accept the Overland Sand & Gravel bid for gravel requirements for July 1, 2025 to July 1, 2026. Roll Call: All Ayes

First Light Child Advocacy Interim Director, Julissa Rivera, approached the board for a request of support in the amount of \$5,500.00. No action needed.

Hallie Razo, representing Willow Rising, Inc. requested \$3500.00 for annual support from the board. No action needed.

No discussion regarding Long Term Care.

Travis Maresh informed the board he may be interested in purchasing the old hospital in the future. No action required at this time.

Andy Forney with D.A. Davidson appeared before the board to explain the procedures and obligations for a general obligation bond for the Long-Term Care facility.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2025-10 stating the County has previously appointed a Board of Trustees for the Litzenberg Memorial Care Home. Approval for the construction of additions and improvements to the Nursing Home and desires to authorize issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of the project. Principal amount not to exceed \$6,950,000.00 and to levy taxes for payment of principal and interest on the bonds. Roll Call: Ayes-Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Kreachbaum, Kucera; Nays-Weller and Jarecke. Motion carried with a vote of 5-2.

Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Planning & Zoning Services and Floodplain Administration Services between Hamilton County and Merrick County in the amount of \$40,000.00 annually. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding the status of the ordering and placing of future E911 signage continued. No action required at this time.

Discussion regarding the Secondary Well Source in Silver Creek resulted in the board not knowing of any effects on the natural resources under the County's jurisdiction. No action required.

Treasurer Gilg provided a summary report of uncollected taxes.

Moved Placke, second Wiegert to approve the chairwoman to sign and accept the representation letter provided by Lengemann & Associates, P.C. in association with the audit ending June 30, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to approve the Grant Award packet in the amount of \$97,122.00 for Juvenile Diversion. Roll Call: All Ayes

Highway Superintendent Kunze provided a handout explaining the wage scale/increases for the suggested fiscal year for road employees. Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to accept Kunze's proposal as suggested. Roll Call: All Ayes.

County Clerk, County Treasurer and County Board went over their individual office budget requests. No action needed.

Placke absent at 11:56 a.m.

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

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

GENERAL	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SECURITY	\$240.00
	JADE ARNSMEIER	MILEAGE	\$9.24
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,137.94
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$72.97
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$2,415.32
	CEDARS	JUV. SERVICES	\$449.00
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$5.29
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	REPAIRS	\$12.37
	CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$328.32
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,640.05
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$2,543.53
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$15.75
	CJIS OPERATIONAL PROTECTION SERVICE	DUES	\$2,700.00
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$144.00
	COMFORT SUITES EAST LINCOLN	LODGING	\$134.00
	CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	LODGING	\$1,304.55
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	DRINKING WATER	\$349.00
	ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$100.10
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	LEASE	\$294.57
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	SUPPLIES	\$1,228.83
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$523.14
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$710.58
	TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	HRA REIMBURSE	\$46,885.86
	FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$6,217.80
	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
	SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$185.66
	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES	\$95.88

GWORKS	YEARLY MAINTEN	\$15,460.00
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$1,400.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$3,346.85
DEAN HARTWIG	POSTAGE	\$9.68
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$105.72
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$301.83
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$39.48
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$215.74
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KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	REPAIR	\$1,362.23
RUSSELL KREACHBAUM	MILEAGE	\$261.38
LIVESTOCKJUDGING.COM	RENEWAL	\$300.00
DOUG MAW	MISC	\$210.84
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D&A TESTING	\$36.00
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$86.87
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT COSTS	\$344.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$205,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$142.58
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	MICROFILMING	\$125.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	ACCT#34821	\$166.60
MIPS INC.	NOTICES	\$3,288.78
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$3,795.14
JENNIFER MYERS	MISC	\$114.00
NACEB	REGISTRATION	\$25.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$732.00
NORTHEAST NE JUVENILE SERVICE	INSTITUTIONS	\$4,575.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS/SUPPLY	\$119.45
PALSER SERVICE	FUEL	\$252.98
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$92.17
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$237.43
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$569.49
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$393.89
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$447.96
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$207.45
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$58.65
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$328.21
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$449.05
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$576.44
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSE	\$3,866.08
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	POSTAGE LEASE	\$516.99
KIMBERLY J QUANDT, AAL	ATTY FEES	\$20,992.00
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$10.42
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$571.02

	STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$1,115.60
	STATE/NE DEPT CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	PRISONER HEALT	\$107.24
	STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTY FEES	\$775.00
	SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	EQUIPMENT	\$371.04
	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$501.42
	TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$432.92
	VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$1,151.25
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$93.72
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$201.02
	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$265.76
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTY FEES	\$17,887.50
	ROGER WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$80.36
	ZELLE LLC	ADMINISTRATOR	\$5,000.00
	CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL		
	DISTRIBUTOR	REPAIR	\$450.00
			\$
TOTALS			369,564.65
ROADS	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$1,781.60
	BAUM HYDRAULICS	SIGNS	\$39.40
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$91.40
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$103.28
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	FUEL	\$4,880.45
	BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	TRASH REMOVAL	\$50.00
	DEERE CREDIT INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$10,273.92
	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	HRA REIMBURSE	\$1,675.10
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$971.22
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$120.24
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$34.95
	BUCKY HERMAN	LAND RENTAL	\$720.00
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$204.80
	BRENT KUNZE	FUEL	\$62.47
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROAD	\$14.77
	MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	LAB	\$36.00
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSE	\$70.10
	MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$136.23
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/EQUIP	\$9,862.43
	NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$1,083.00
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE SERVICE	\$88.29
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIR	\$24.36
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$80,053.34
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL/FUEL	\$24,651.72

	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$608.85
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	POSTAGE	\$16.00
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	METER READ	\$34.13
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$17.95
	SACK LUMBER CO./ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$136.41
	SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$807.72
	SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR, LLC	REPAIR	\$274.90
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$533.16
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$303.05
			\$
TOTAL			139,836.24
JUVENILE DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$59.20
	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	HRA REIMBURSE	\$8,854.26
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$0.69
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$132.79
	3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	EDUCATION	\$75.00
TOTAL			\$9,121.94
K-9 FUND TOTAL	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9 CARE	\$18.50
			\$18.50
LATCF TOTAL	RDG PLANNING & DESIGN	LITZ PLANNING	\$11,090.31
			\$11,090.31
4-H FUND TOTAL	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,067.38
	HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH SERVICE	\$620.14
			\$1,687.52

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

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to adjourn at 12:22 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk