

August 12, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, August 12, 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 9:18 a.m.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:18 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
Agenda: Moved Dexter, second Placke to approve the agenda. Roll Call: All Ayes

Minutes: Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve the minutes from July 22, 2025 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: July 22nd Final Protest Hearing-Weller, Dexter, Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Kucera, Wiegert; July 24, SCEDD Housing zoom, July 31, SCEDD board meeting, August 7 NIRMA HR Roundtable discussion-Dexter; July 28-Mid-Plains Behavioral Health-Kreachbaum; July 31-Midland Area on Aging conference call, August 7-Midland Area on Aging in Hastings-Wiegert; GOP gathering July 24-Weller, Kucera.

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers stated her office will be closed Monday, August 25th until Thursday, August 28th. Treasurer Gilg presented the Fund Balance Listing. Highway Superintendent Kunze stated the tire amnesty will be held at the Fairgrounds on Saturday.

Public Comment: Jason Buss provided an update on the Central City Riverfront project as well as the Land and Water conservation grant.

Melissa Vandewalle gave an update on Long Term Care.

Doug Reeves approached the board regarding purchasing property. County Surveyor will establish property lines and a notice for open bids will be published.

Moved Dexter, second Placke to have the chairwoman sign a letter approving a reduction of the surety bond obligation with Alloway Holdings, LLC from \$242,952.18 bond to \$66,000.00 for Echo Hawk Lake Development. Roll Call: All Ayes

No discussion on county building purchase.

Mitch Elliott with RDG Planning & Design, Inc provided the board with a proposed contract with a summary of scope of work and fees for Part 1 & Part 2 phases for remodel of Long-Term Care. Part 1: Design work for "de-coupling" of the mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems of the abandoned hospital. Gross Fees: \$140,385. Part 2: Remodeling of the existing nursing home and portions of abandoned hospital, not involving demolition. Gross fees: \$125,800 with \$28,000 credit for previous planning. Agreement total for both: \$356,185. Moved Placke, second Kreachbaum to sign the contract with RDG Planning & Design, LLC for \$356,185. Roll Call: Ayes-Dexter, Placke, Kreachbaum, Kucera; Nays-Jarecke, Wiegert and Weller. Motion carried 4-3.

Moved Weller, second Jarecke to accept 1 to 1 Technologies proposal for IT and security management at \$9380.00/month for 24 months. Roll Call: All Ayes

Doug Maw presented a quote he received from Jordan Masonry, LLC for tuckpointing. 100 % of "Building A"-new addition \$8300.00. "Building B"-old building (where needed) \$36,200 with a deposit of 50% upfront before start of project. Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the quote on Building A for \$8300.00 from Jordan Masonry, LLC using Courthouse Building Funds. Roll Call: All Ayes
Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve the quote on Building B for \$36,200.00 from Jordan Masonry, LLC using Courthouse Building Funds. Roll Call: Ayes-Placke, Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Dexter, Weller, Kucera. Nays-Jarecke. Motion carried 6-1.

Maw presented estimates for sidewalk and parking lot concrete repairs. Buller Contracting-\$26,150.00, Smith's Concrete-\$22,069.25, R.G. Turnkey Construction \$36,000.00 and KBL Construction, Inc

\$22,077.00. Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to approve KBL Construction, Inc quote for \$22,077.00 for concrete repair on parking lot and curbing. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2025-12 directing disbursement of money from the Inheritance Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Resolution 2025-13 was removed due to action no longer needed.

Moved Weigert, second Jarecke to approve Resolution 2025-14-County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Wiegert to approve SDL applications received from Dubs Pub for wedding receptions held at the Merrick County Fairgrounds-September 13, November 1 and December 6. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Discussion regarding permanent road closure on 10th Road between V Road and W Road. A resolution will be proposed at the next board meeting.

GENERAL	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SECURITY	\$240.00
	JADE ARNSMEIER	MILEAGE	\$36.96
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,125.02
	BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS	MEALS	\$13.95
	BG&S TRANSMISSIONS OF GRAND		
	ISLAND	MAINTENANCE	\$135.00
	BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	MAINTENANCE	\$70.95
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$45.27
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$1,571.19
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$82.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$48.13
	CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION LLC	MAINTENANCE	\$2,400.00
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$11.97
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$49.95
	CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$316.04
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,059.98
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$3,456.87
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,763.67
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$15.75
	CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	COURT EXPENSES	\$20.44
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	\$310.00
	COPYCAT PRINTING/SIGNS	PRINTING	\$216.47
	JOSIE CROUCH	MILEAGE	\$27.72
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$326.00
	CVOSAN/TOM REIMERS	REGISTRATION	\$60.00
	ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$98.28
	DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$23.19
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$52.98
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$296.00
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$11.96
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$306.68
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES/EQUIP	\$508.20
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	RENTAL	\$169.89

EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$65.42
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$437.65
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN EFN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$8,818.55
FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$540.00
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$6,197.80
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICE	MAINTENANCE	\$214.40
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
FULLERTON DENTAL CARE	PRISONER HEALT	\$154.00
SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$53.03
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$1,050.00
HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK	DISPATCH CONS	\$49,138.47
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$2,568.55
ANDREW D HANQUIST	ATTNY FEES	\$1,625.00
DEAN HARTWIG	WEEDS SUPPLY	\$32.22
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$322.37
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$313.50
HENNING BROTHERS LEASING	EQUIP LEASE	\$560.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$275.87
INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS	SECURITY	\$193.00
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$431.85
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$159.68
JUVENILE DIVERSION FUND	FISCAL YR TRAN	\$15,406.00
KENDRICK WINDSHIELD REPAIR	CAR REPAIR	\$385.00
LENGEMANN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.	AUDIT FEE	\$18,500.00
LEXIPOL, LLC	TRAINING	\$480.80
DOUG MAW	PHONE	\$169.48
MCILNAY & CO	REPAIR	\$857.03
MCILNAY AND COMPANY	BUILD REPAIR	\$119.14
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$205,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$4,369.64
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$125.00
MIDWEST CONNECT	SUPPLIES	\$390.00
MIPS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$17.56
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$3,860.14
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING, INC	PEST CONTROL	\$240.00
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE	\$535.40
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$550.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$732.00
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$133.35
NORTHEAST NE JUVENILE SERVICE	EXPENSES	\$3,888.75
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS	\$248.00

	PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$898.52
	PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR	\$2,007.77
	PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$124.00
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$95.39
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$83.46
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$520.95
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$564.26
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/POSTAGE	\$498.90
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$288.15
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$216.28
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$459.30
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$492.65
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	LODGING	\$637.18
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$417.51
	PLATTE VALLEY WEED MGMT	RENEWAL FEE	\$500.00
	KIMBERLY J QUANDT, AAL	ATTNY FEES	\$2,731.25
	REGION 3 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	SUPPORT	\$5,133.74
	RHD PUBLISHING LLC	PUBLICATION	\$87.80
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$377.69
	MARIA RODRIGUEZ	EQUIPMENT	\$533.98
	SHOWORKS, LLC	DUES/REGISTRA	\$816.30
	SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORPORATION	MAINTENANCE	\$2,090.88
	STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$735.60
	STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTY FEES	\$7,558.60
	THOMAS CREATIVE APPAREL, INC	SUPPLIES	\$511.85
	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$501.42
	VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$3,133.30
	CHRISTY WANDFLUH	MILEAGE	\$92.40
	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE/MEALS	\$127.29
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTY FEES	\$11,000.00
	ZELLE LLC	HR ADMIN	\$5,000.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	PARTS	\$74.99
	308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CENTER, LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$20,000.00
TOTAL			\$413,530.62
ROADS			
	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$20,687.01
	AKRS EQUIPMENT	SUPPLY	\$5.55
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$4,255.10
	BANKS WRAPS & SIGNS	SIGNS	\$150.81
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$97.30
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$146.11
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	OIL	\$6,795.13
	BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	GARBAGE	\$30.00

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	CONTRACT	\$46.85
KRISTOPHER ERICKSON	REIMBURSEMENT	\$44.80
FILTER CARE	CLEANING	\$279.60
FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$4,025.14
FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$189.00
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,269.23
CORBY GOERL	REIMBURSEMENT	\$49.80
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$42.63
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$120.24
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$34.95
HERK'S WELDING SHOP	REPAIR	\$347.78
HOOKER BROS SAND & GRAVEL INC	GRAVEL	\$1,697.40
INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	PARTS	\$289.63
INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS	MAINTENANCE	\$2,303.00
INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICES, INC	REPAIR	\$183.51
J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	SIGNS	\$9,822.50
J.I.L. ASPHALT PAVING CO.	PAVING	\$1,178.25
KACO SUPPLIES	SUPPLIES	\$437.10
KRAIN CREEK FABRICATION, INC	PARTS	\$102.33
MATT FRIEND TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC	REPAIR	\$89.34
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS	\$15.49
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$70.10
MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE	REPAIR	\$588.04
MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRES	\$2,376.24
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$136.23
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING, INC	EXTERMINATION	\$90.00
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	PARTS/REPAIR	\$1,385.45
LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
NT&T/SHOP	PHONE SERVICE	\$88.28
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$187.80
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$72,578.81
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$37.78
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL/REPAIR	\$2,197.05
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$591.75
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	REPAIR	\$67.05
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER	METER READ	\$33.80
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$284.67
SACK LUMBER CO./ROADS	PARTS	\$139.95
SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$2,667.50
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$549.02
VERIZON	PHONE	\$303.05
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$79.92
WELDON PARTS	REPAIR/PARTS	\$1,078.01

TOTAL			\$140,341.08
JUV DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$27.22
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN EFN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$197.43
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$18.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$37.00
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$265.47
TOTAL			\$545.12
ADULT DRUG CRT	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	EXPENSES	\$38.97
	MORGAN CAMPBELL-PSCC	EXPENSES	\$100.00
TOTAL			\$138.97
INHERITANCE	NEBRASKA TITLE COMPANY	INHER/REFUND	\$1,017.32
TOTAL			\$1,017.32
4H BUILDING FUND	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$64.72
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$109.99
	MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$525.39
	TOTAL		\$700.10
SHERIFF SINKING	PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$3,795.31
TOTAL			\$3,795.31

Weller absent at 12:20 p.m.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve July Fees as presented from County Clerk, District Court and County Sheriff. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to approve the August 2025 claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Dexter, second Placke to adjourn at 12:25 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk