

## September 9, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, September 9, 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 9:05 a.m.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes  
Agenda: Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve the agenda with the postponement of the budget hearing to be held at 1:30 p.m. to be moved to September 18th. Roll Call: All Ayes

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve the minutes from August 26, 2025 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: September 8 Problem Solving graduation-Weller, Dexter, Placke, Wiegert; September 5 Safety meeting, Merrick County Economic Development-Dexter; September 5 MNIS Conference Call-Kucera; August 26 Appointed officials performance evaluation-Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Wiegert.

Officials Reports: Anna Sedlacek, HR reported via text to Kucera the performance evaluations were performed August 26<sup>th</sup>; Highway Superintendent Kunze stated Rod Bergmark will now be a full-time employee; Planning & Zoning Betka informed the board a company out of Iowa is asking for an amendment to allow a Data Center. Betka will be looking to developing a new planning & zoning map in the future.

Public Comment: Lori Sautter addressed her concerns regarding the accountability of the Sheriff's Department to the board.

Tyson Benner appeared before the board and asked how the county is keeping the townships accountable for their accounts payable. Benner also questioned if it had been decided whether the Long-Term Care bond would be voted on by the people or the supervisors.

Discussion continued on the Long-Term Care bond. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to move forward with the approval of the board of supervisors to make the final decision on Long Term Care. After much consideration, Kreachbaum rescinded his motion before roll call was taken. The board discussed in length on whether the vote for a bond for Long Term Care should go to the vote of the people or for it to be the decision of the supervisors.

Moved Wiegert, second Jarecke to approve the SDL application received from the Eagles Fraternity Oder 3795 for a wedding reception to be held at the Merrick County Youth & Ag Center on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding the 2024-2025 audit was held on who to contact regarding this service. Contryman & Associates as well as Lengemann & Associates. County Clerk Strobel will reach out to see if either would be interested in providing the service.

Moved Dexter, second Placke to accept and approve the chairwoman to sign the new Bridge Inspection Service Contract with Michael Meyer. Roll Call: All Ayes

Supervisor Kreachbaum stated he has been working with Sheriff Westman on the county owned property of Stranberg Park. The River Rats Association helps with the year-round upkeep and would like to see signage for abandoned vehicles on the property.

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

GENERAL	ANDERSON PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$2.80
	JADE ARNSMEIER	MILEAGE	\$21.56
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,126.53

BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$29.65
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$2,124.16
CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$40.00
CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K9 CARE	\$67.95
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$20.98
CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$316.04
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES/HOSPITAL	\$2,028.23
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,783.29
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$4,004.06
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$15.75
TIFFANY CROUCH	MILEAGE/FOOD	\$50.05
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$331.00
DODGE CO SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$7.46
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSES	\$13.11
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$25.98
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$12.57
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$475.46
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	\$178.69
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$166.60
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$306.60
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
FIRST CONCORD	HRA BUYDOWN	\$4,827.95
FIRST CONCORD	HRA FEES	\$252.00
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY	CYBERSECURITY	\$6,227.80
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$64.17
SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$49.98
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$95.88
GWORKS	GWORKS MAPPING	\$4,725.00
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COST	\$1,650.00
HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK	INTERLOCAL	\$10,000.00
HAMILTON COUNTY TREASURER	COURT COSTS	\$1,293.64
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$3,545.97
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$358.23
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$313.50
HENNING BROTHERS LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$140.00
HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY	LODGING	\$134.95
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$245.87
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$67.48
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$215.69
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$159.74
JOHNSON CONTROLS SECURITY	CYBERSECURITY	\$537.50
JUVENILE DIVERSION FUND	TRANSFER	\$5,000.00
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	MAINTENANCE	\$3,354.21

MARIA KOHL	MILEAGE/FOOD	\$57.86
MCILNAY & CO	PARTS	\$4.36
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUND	\$205,000.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT COST	\$102.66
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$266.03
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	MICROFILM	\$125.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	JUVENILE SERV	\$1,351.00
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$3,795.14
JENNIFER MYERS	MILEAGE	\$438.80
NACO	CDM REGISTER	\$455.00
NAPA AUTO & TRUCK PARTS GI	WEED CONTROL	\$60.45
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$186.00
NEBRASKA STATE PATROL	LICENSE	\$232.00
KAREN NELSON	POSTAGE	\$10.48
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$133.35
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIR	\$7.49
PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR	\$619.35
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$124.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$153.89
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$254.90
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$765.50
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$649.11
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$670.61
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$608.16
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$147.38
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$137.11
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$255.07
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$751.76
PINNACLE BANK	FUEL	\$491.15
RAPID FIRE PROTECTION	EQUIP INSPECT	\$250.00
MARIA RODRIGUEZ	SUPPLIES	\$201.43
SEILER GEOSPATIAL	SUBSCRIPTION	\$1,500.00
EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$47.60
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM	TELETYPE	\$1,495.60
STRYKER SALES, LLC	EQUIPMENT	\$736.00
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$551.46
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MED	\$587.44
UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES	SUPPLIES	\$277.34
UNL-HASKELL AG LAB	REGISTRATION	\$230.00
VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING COST	\$300.00
VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$6,629.68
PINNACLE BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$527.82
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	TRAINING	\$2,656.70

	CHRISTY WANDFLUH	MILEAGE	\$122.10
	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$81.76
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$462.50
	WOODBURY SHERIFF OFFICE	COURT EXPENSE	\$38.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$1,031.14
	308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CNTR	PUBL DEFENDER	\$10,000.00
TOTALS			\$249,596.45

ROADS	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$29,901.04
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$2,522.73
	BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	EQUIPMENT	\$3,398.40
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$94.83
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$86.78
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	FUEL/SHOP	\$4,404.44
	BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	TIRE AMNST	\$38,106.50
	CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	SIGNS/POSTS	\$2,038.10
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	INV678335	\$401.76
	FILTER CARE	CLEANING	\$82.55
	FIRST CONCORD	HRA BUYDOWN	\$404.85
	FIRST CONCORD	HRA FEES	\$99.00
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,348.12
	GROSSHANS, INC.	PARTS	\$1,528.58
	HALL COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPT	PAINT STRIPING	\$1,571.88
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$120.24
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$34.95
	INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICES, INC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$1,507.46
	MENARDS	ASPHALT	\$723.87
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROAD	\$73.24
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$70.10
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRES	\$2,267.61
	MIPS INC.	GWORKS	\$136.23
	NACO	KUNZE	\$50.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	SUPPLY/REPAIRS	\$1,972.11
	NEBRASKA GLASS COMPANY LLC	REPAIR	\$159.80
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/ROADS	CELL PHONE	\$88.28
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	FUEL/SUPPLIES	\$608.24
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$29,607.10
	PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLISHING	\$224.26
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL/TIRES	\$4,964.20
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$50.00
	PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$3,094.71

	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER	ELECTRICITY	\$34.21
	RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	PARTS	\$805.32
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$284.70
	SAPP BROS. INC	FUEL	\$2,495.03
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$577.38
	TODKO DRAFTING SERVICE	PROJECT	\$3,500.00
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$79.92
	VONTZ PAVING INC	BITUMINOUS	\$6,170.00
TOTALS			\$145,763.52
JUV DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$27.22
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$9.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$12.58
	US CELLULAR	PHONE	\$265.36
TOTAL			\$314.16
DRUG TEST	INTOXIMETERS, INC	D&A COSTS	\$373.00
TOTAL			\$373.00
DRUG CRT	CENTRAL CITY MALL	EXPENSES	\$61.41
TOTAL			\$61.41
COMMISSARY	CIDNET	COMMISSARY	\$25.00
TOTAL			\$25.00
BLDG PROJECT	KBL CONSTRUCTION INC	CONCRETE REPAIR	\$24,558.00
TOTAL			\$24,558.00
4-H BLDG FUND	PROCLEAN SOLUTIONS	SERVICE	\$629.62
	US FOODS DIVISION #2365	SUPPLIES	\$1,132.16
	YANDA'S PRO AUDIO	AUDIO SYSTEM	\$29,645.96
TOTAL			\$31,407.74

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the September claims. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to open the Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

County Attorney Kunz informed the board the fair market value for property located in part Section Twelve (12), Township Thirteen (13), Range Six (6) is \$2940.00. Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to close the public hearing at 10:07 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Dexter, second Kreachbaum to set a date to sell or lease the property as presented by County Attorney Kunz. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarcke, second Wiegert to adjourn at 10:14 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk