October 14, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, October 14, 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.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:16 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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 9:16 a.m.

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Welller to approve the minutes from September 23, 2025 as published with the correction of Highway Superintendent Kunze discussing the past due balances and not Treasurer Gilg. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: October 3rd-Merrick County Economic Board and SCEDD zoom; October 8th-SCEDD in Holdrege-Dexter: October 9th-NACO Salary study in Beatrice-Dexter, Jarecke and Kreachbaum; October 2nd-Midland Area on Aging Hastings-Wiegert. Placke stated she had spoke with Judd Allen with BC/BS and he informed her with the decision to change to a higher deductible the county has saved approximately $95,000 since January.

Officials Reports: Attorney Kunz attended continuing education classes. Treasurer Gilg handed out intake reports from her office for the board to look over. Clerk Strobel stated she would be in meetings Kearney Thursday and Friday regarding election. Veteran Service Officer Reimers informed the board the state database new user agreement needed to be updated. Highway Superintendent Kunze stated equipment has arrived at the Bader Park Bridge. The surplus property auction was held last Wednesday for the old equipment. Kunze also provided an update on the 3rd Road Interlocal Agreement.

Dexter informed the board he had spoken with Bill Janis with Helios Healthcare Advisors, LLC. Janis is interested in helping with options for the former hospital and current Long Term Care facility. Helios Healthcare helped with the sale of Cottonwood. Long Term Care board will meet tomorrow to discuss as well.

Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2025-18 directing the transfer of funds-Juvenile Services Grants to General Fund in the amount of $5,508.09. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Placke to approve and certify Resolution 2025-19 to setting the 2025-2026 tax levies for the Merrick County subdivisions. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2025-20 directing the transfer of funds from General to Roads. Roll Call: All Ayes

Chairwoman Kucera read an email received from Elaine Menzel, Legal Counsel from NACO that was sent to all counties. The letter was a survey to see which counties would be able to provide state prisoners quality work release, while residing in the county's facility. It was discussed that with lack of space and housing inmates in other facilities, it was not feasible at this time.

Highway Superintendent Kunze received two quotes for a motor grader. John Deere quote was $311,000.00 772 AWD and Caterpillar $294,625.00 140 AWD with a trade in.. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the purchase of the motor grader from Caterpillar with the trade in. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Placke absent at 9:59 am.

Kunze also brought up the Grand Street intersection out by Nebraska Christian. Kunze spoke to Sheriff Westman and they both agreed updating of signs and lowering speed limit may be needed. In order to achieve this, there would have to be an engineer's recommendation and to have a school zone for Nebraska Christian, the board would need to pass a resolution.

The highway/surveyor past due accounts explained by Attorney Kunz is the county legally only has one option and that is to write off the old accounts since some of them go back to 2014.
Chairwoman Kucera was informed by an Extension Office employee that the position needed to be full-time in order to continue fulfilling the duties. Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to moved into Executive Session at 10:22 a.m. for contract negotiations regarding the Extension Office position. Roll Call: All Ayes
Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to move out of Executive Session at 10:47 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to make the part-time position to a full-time position changing from 25 hrs./wk. to 36 hrs./wk. Roll Call: All Ayes.
Discussion continued in regards of a county vehicle for various offices usage. It was decided to have Assessor Myers look into the Nebraska Federal Surplus website for the purchase of a used vehicle with the budged amount of $15,000.00 or less.
Time clock usage discussion. Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to move into Executive Session for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual at 10:57 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to move out of Executive Session at 11:08 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to approve the September fees from the District Court, Sheriff and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SECURITY	$240.00
	JADE ARNSMEIER	MILEAGE	$26.88
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	$1,140.96
	AURORA FIRE DEPARTMENT	PRISONER CARE	$1,518.40
	AURORA NEWS REGISTER	SUPPLIES	$56.75
	AURORA NEWS REGISTER	SUPPLIES	$278.23
	AXON ENTERPRISE, INC	EQUIPMENT	$1,140.00
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	$50.95
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	$47.97
	CRYSTAL BURKHARDT	MEAL/MILEAGE	$227.95
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	$1,711.32
	CEDARS	JUV INSTITUTE	$4,875.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	$45.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	$45.82
	CENTRAL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPORT	$7,000.00
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	$41.93
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	$29.99
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	EQUIPMENT	$20.98
	CENTURY LINK	PHONE	$316.04
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	$1,886.12
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	$3,383.24
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	$15.75
	CLARKS PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPORT	$1,000.00
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	$549.00
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	$412.00
	DISTRICT 5 PROBATION	SUPPORT	$14,355.21
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	SUPPLIES	$108.98
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	$61.38

EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP LEASE	$102.92
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP LEASE	$220.28
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	$85.40
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	$49.98
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	$150.24
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	$34.32
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	$25.47
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	RENT/SUPPLIES	$799.24
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	RENT/SUPPLIES	$183.81
FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES	LODGING	$404.85
FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS LTD	PLAT BOOKS	$280.00
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/MILEAGE	$306.86
FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN EFN	HRA BUYDOWN	$2,261.11
FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	$252.00
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	$3,368.66
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	$839.71
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	$64.17
GI AREA CLEAN COMMUNITY SYSTEM	SUPPORT	$2,000.00
SHARON GILG	MISC	$129.08
THERESA GOOD	PHONE/MILG	$23.24
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	SERVICES	$95.88
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	COURT EXPENSE	$40.38
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COST	$2,300.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/CABLE	$3,552.08
HAMPTON INN	FALL TRAINING	$321.00
DEAN HARTWIG	POSTAGE	$17.94
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	$450.73
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	DISPOSAL	$330.60
HENNING BROTHERS LEASING	EQUIP LEASE	$280.00
HILDER IMPLEMENT INC	PARTS	$250.88
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	$678.87
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	$79.91
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	$165.96
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	$119.91
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	$215.82
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	$159.62
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	REPAIR	$669.85
MARIA KOHL	MILEAGE	$101.22
AARON J KUNZ	MILEAGE	$123.76
DOUG MAW	PHONE	$185.55
MAXIMUS CONSULTING SERVICES, INC	CONSULT FEE	$2,100.00
MCILNAY AND COMPANY	REPAIR	$180.00
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	$232.12

MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUND	$96,863.33
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT COST	$45.10
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	$209.16
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	MICROFILM	$90.00
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	MICROFILM	$35.00
MID NEBR. INDIVIDUAL SERVICES	SUPPORT	$7,668.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	DISPOSAL	$192.60
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	$3,795.14
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE/MILEAGE	$582.30
NACO	DUES	$2,228.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	$370.00
NEBR. CO. ATTORNEYS ASSOC.	REGISTRATION	$1,100.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	$12.00
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	MEMBER DUES	$235.00
NEBRASKA AIR FILTER, INC	SUPPLIES	$523.58
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	$270.73
NORTHEAST NE JUVENILE SERVICE	JUV INSTITUTE	$8,082.50
NSA/POSAN	TRAINING	$440.00
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLISHING	$439.96
PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPORT	$1,000.00
PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR	$86.31
PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR	$71.70
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	$142.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	$173.42
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/POSTAGE	$33.70
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/POSTAGE	$43.88
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	$312.36
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	$680.80
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	$539.65
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	$465.90
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	$119.50
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	$92.78
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	$632.01
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSE	$4,221.39
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSE	$41.22
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSE	$212.38
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	$609.77
PLATTE PEER GROUP	SUPPORT	$6,000.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	EQUIPMENT	$265.00
DEPT OF REVENUE/PROPERTY ASSESS	ASSESSOR TEST	$75.00
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	POSTAGE LEASE	$516.99
TOM REIMERS	MILEAGE	$526.08
REPUBLICAN NONPARIEL	PUBLICATION	$1,593.68

	SECRETARY OF STATE/ELECTION DIV	TRAINING DUES	$230.00
	SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP LIBRARY	SUPPORT	$1,000.00
	SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORPORATION	MAINTENANCE	$450.12
	STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM	TELETYPE	$198.00
	STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM	TELETYPE	$537.60
	STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTY FEES	$2,050.00
	STEVENS MEDICAL CLINIC	PRISONER CARE	$100.00
	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	$526.49
	TOP QUALITY GLOVES	JAIL SUPPLIES	$90.75
	TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	$198.03
	UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES	PRINTING	$193.62
	VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING	$150.00
	VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	$8,886.15
	PINNACLE BANK	SUBS/SUPPLIES	$14.99
	PINNACLE BANK	SUBS/SUPPLIES	$539.13
	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	$308.63
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTY FEES	$3,912.50
	ZELLE LLC	HR ADMIN	$5,000.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	$199.99
	308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CENTER, LLC	PUBLIC DEFEND	$10,000.00
TOTALS			**$241,043.19**
ROADS	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	$1,898.00
	BEATRICE SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	$4,091.56
	BIG IRON	EQUIPMENT	$4,950.00
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	$105.36
	BOMGAARS	REPAIR	$43.94
	BOMGAARS	REPAIR	$18.99
	CARDIO PARTNERS INC	SUPPLIES	$323.50
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	$33.57
	EQUIPMENT BLADES INC	PARTS	$5,920.00
	FASTENAL CO	REPAIR	$18.46
	FILTER CARE	SUPPLIES	$273.75
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN EFN	HRA BUYDOWN	$4,967.00
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	$99.00
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	$1,539.14
	GENEVA TIRE & AUTO INC	REPAIR	$435.48
	GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	REPAIR	$189.76
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	$120.51
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	$34.95
	HERK'S WELDING SHOP	REPAIR	$240.28
	INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	PARTS	$6.60
	INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	PARTS	$39.55

	ISLAND LANDHANDLERS LLC	GRAVEL	$1,532.02
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	PARTS	$898.90
	KRAIN CREEK FABRICATION, INC	PARTS	$366.62
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS	$21.33
	METROCOUNT USA INC	EQUIPMENT	$518.00
	MICHAEL MEYER	SUPPLY	$99.99
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	DISPOSAL	$70.10
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	PARTS	$4,470.00
	MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	$136.23
	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	PARTS	$9.72
	NACO	REGISTRATION	$160.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/SUPPLY	$4,581.40
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/SUPPLY	$621.78
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/SUPPLY	$183.60
	NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	$1,128.00
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE SERVICE	$91.72
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIR	$16.78
	OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	ENGINEER FEE	$24,496.25
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	$28,735.03
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	$4,574.40
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	LABOR	$753.95
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	$58.86
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	$1,526.94
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	$34.86
	REPUBLICAN NONPARIEL	PUBLICATION	$57.80
	ROE-BUICK-CHRYSLER	PART	$78.60
	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM, INC	DIESEL	$22,819.39
	SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR, LLC	LABOR	$827.81
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	$565.26
	VERIZON	PHONE	$905.72
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	$39.93
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	$40.01
	WELDON PARTS	PARTS	$216.68
TOTAL			**$126,062.08**
JUVENILE	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	$750.00
DIVERSION	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	$9.00
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	$73.50
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	$3.70
	US CELLULAR	PHONE	$132.57
TOTAL			**$968.77**

K9 FUND	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	SUPPLIES	$144.55
TOTAL			**$144.55**
COMMISSARY	CIDNET	COMMISSARY	$30.00
TOTAL			**$30.00**
4H BLDING FUND	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	$2,376.79
TOTAL			**$2,376.79**

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the October claims. Roll Call: All Ayes
Moved Wiegert, second Kreachbaum to approve payroll. Roll Call: All Ayes
Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman
/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk