

November 25, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Weller, Kucera and County Clerk Strobel were 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 9:05 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 9:05 a.m.

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

Minutes: Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the minutes of November 10, 2025 as published. Roll Call: Ayes

Meeting Reports: November 13th County Government Day-Weller, Dexter, Placke, Wiegert, Jarecke and Kucera; November 18 Bader Park-Weller; November 14 Merrick County Economic Development, November 24 phone conference with Mitch Elliot with RDG-Dexter: November 18th Good Life Senior Center and November 19 Long Term Care-Placke; November 19 Long Term Care and Mid Plains Area on Aging-Wiegert; November 17 Central District Health-Kreachbaum,

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers informed the board the county vehicle was picked up and is stored in the garage. Treasurer Gilg stated her office will be using the MIPS full service for printing, sorting and mailing out the tax statements. Clerk Strobel mailed out the certifications to the subdivisions that were due out by December 1st for the Primary Election. Prairie Island, Central and Mead Township budgets were all approved by the state auditors. She also informed the board there was a transfer miscoded in the 2021-2022 budget the state auditor brought to her attention. Highway Superintendent Kunze said the E911 sign order had been placed, Bader Park Bridge project is still moving forward. He also received the engineer's recommendation on the school zone for Nebraska Christian; the speed limit will be changed to 25 mph. There will also be some bidding on projects for the December 9th board meeting. Madie Hughes, Director of Consulting with Zelle updated the board with the County Administrator position that will be posted.

Melissa Van DeWalle provided an update on Long Term Care. She also stated that Good Samaritan would like First Rights of Refusal after the decoupling of the hospital to Good Samaritan Village.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to approve the SDL application for Scotty's LLC-Merrick County Fairgrounds on January 16, 2026. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the application received for a county burial. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding decals for the county owned vehicle was discussed. It was decided Assessor Myers, Highway Superintendent and Doug Maw will work together in order to come up with a design for the vehicle.

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to pay the clerk \$3000.00 for the 2025-2026 budget. Roll Call: All Ayes
The 2027-2030 Official Salary is due by resolution by January 15, 2026. The finance committee and the officials will meet on Wednesday, December 3rd to begin discussions.

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

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to open the One- & Six-Year Plan Hearing at 19:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Placke, second Kreachbaum to close the One-& Six Year Plan Hearing at 10:44 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Highway Superintendent Kunze presented his One-&Six-Year Plan with a power point presentation.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2025-26 adopting the 2025-2026 One- & Six-Year Highway Improvement. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Dexter, second Placke to move into Executive Session to discuss the courthouse security cameras at 10:52 a.m. for the protection of the public interest. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to move out of Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Dexter, second Placke to move into Executive Session at 11:21 a.m. to discuss maintenance on a county owned building for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to move out of Executive Session at 12:35 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to adjourn at 12:36 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk