

December 9, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Weller, Kucera, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz were present. Tyson Benner was also 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 9:36 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 9:36 a.m.

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

Minutes: Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the minutes of November 25, 2025 as published. Roll Call: Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter November 27th SCEDD, December 1 and 2 at the courthouse regarding computer and WIFI issues. Placke and Kreachbaum, Finance Committee meeting December 1. Wiegert December 1st helped wrapped gifts and December 4th Midland Area on Aging in Hastings.

Officials Reports: Treasurer Gilg received information from NPAIT-Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust for county employees' graduating high school senior to apply for a \$1000.00 scholarship. Gilg also announced the Courthouse Bond was paid off.

Long Term Care: Tyson Benner RDG was meeting with Melissa Van DeWalle today for a final walk through for the blueprints. These will possibly be presented at the next supervisor meeting.

Moved Kreachbaum., second Jarecke to approve the accruing and remaining interest of the Local Assist and Tribal Consistency Fund be moved to the General Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to sign the Johnson Control Contract. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Weller to open the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Hilary Betka, Planning and Zoning appeared before the board to discuss and to amend the supplemental regulations of the Merrick County Zoning for Data Centers.

Moved Weller, second Dexter to close the public hearing at 10:10 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the application for an amendment for the county regulations to allow "Data Centers" as presented and approved by the Planning and Zoning administration recommendation. Roll Call: All Ayes

Dayton Wagner with Oak Creek Engineering opened the bids received by 10:00 a.m. for the 3rd Road Asphalt Overlay-Merrick County/Village of Palmer and Asphalt Overlay Nance County. Vontz Paving-\$993,193.20 and Werner Construction-\$1,136,100.40. Engineer's Estimate: \$1,016,000.00. Z Road Asphalt Overlay: Vontz Paving \$337,029.26 and Werner Construction \$328,559.60. Engineer Estimate: \$325,000.00. Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to table until the next boarding. Roll Call: All Ayes

Wagner opened the bids received by 10:00 a.m. for the 2025 Structure Replacements. F & A Concrete: Bid A \$490,068.00, Bid B \$475,092.00; Midland: Bid A \$369,721.75, Bid B \$338,939.75; Saul Ramos: Bid A \$415,423.02, Bid B \$347,628.32; A+ Contracting Bid A \$381,816.00, Bid B \$406,899.80.

Engineer's Estimate: Bid A \$455,940.00 Bid B \$401,210.00. Moved Placke, second Jarecke to postpone the awarding of the bids indefinitely. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding the county vehicle maintenance. Any repairs, fuel and maintenance will be taken out of the Building & Grounds budget.

Moved Weller, second Wiegert to deny the county burial as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

No discussion on the E911 placement, agenda item will be moved to the next board meeting.

Betka also informed the board the commercial solar energy moratorium will be up for renewal in May 2026. No action needed at this time.

Captain Bauer informed the board he received an update from NIRMA regarding the value of the 2020 Durango vehicle that was totaled. The value is stated at \$16,433.00 and is still waiting on the value of the equipment for reimbursement. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the value received from NIRMA in order to receive the reimbursement of \$16,433.00 Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion continued regarding the structure replacements. Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve Midlands bid for Bid A structure \$369,721.75. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Place to approve the Midlands bid for Bid B structure \$338,919.75. Roll Call: All Ayes

Jerad Reimers, District Coordinator for Senator Adrian Smith appeared before the board to answer questions and provide an update.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the November 2025 Fees received from County Sheriff, District Court and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL	ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$7.00
	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECH	MAINTENANCE	\$240.00
	JADE ARNSMEIER	MILEAGE	\$21.56
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,153.69
	BOMGAARS	TOOLS	\$49.99
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER CARE	\$925.36
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER CARE	\$11.97
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$56.44
	CENTURY LINK	E911 PHONE	\$317.68
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY-OLD HOSP	UTILITIES	\$2,444.65
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,864.26
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$19.95
	COMFORT INN	LODGING	\$139.00
	CORNERSTONE OVERHEAD DOORS	BLDG REPAIR	\$240.00
	LINCOLN MARRIOTT CORNHUSKER	LODGING	\$363.00
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	OFFICE WATER	\$276.00
	DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	CO VEHICLE	\$13,500.00
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$99.75
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$337.51
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$103.94
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$196.84
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$85.66
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$241.25
	TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/BUDGET	\$3,030.00
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN EFN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$1,169.06
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$252.00
	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP	ADMIN FEE	\$400.00
	FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$110.43
	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
	FULLERTON DENTAL CARE	PRISONER CARE	\$1,640.00
	SHARON GILG	PHONE/MISC	\$37.44
	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE	\$95.88
	HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$2,600.00

HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$4,795.66
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$221.91
HENNING BROTHERS LEASING	EQUIP LEASE	\$140.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$472.16
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$215.71
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$68.28
LA QUINTA INNS & SUITES	LODGING	\$139.00
ROSS A LUZUM	MILEAGE	\$90.83
DOUG MAW	PHONE	\$45.21
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$169.33
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUND	\$180,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$272.47
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$1,105.50
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	MICROFILM	\$125.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	PRISONER TRANS	\$216.45
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	PEST CONTROL	\$240.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$60.00
NEBRASKA EXTENSION-CEDAR CO	REGISTRATION	\$285.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$546.00
NNTC	E911 PHONE	\$133.36
NORTHEAST NE JUVENILE SERVICE	INSTITUTION	\$152.50
PALSER SERVICE	FUEL	\$34.23
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$62.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$185.91
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$49.80
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$394.48
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$229.94
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$129.75
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$513.90
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$121.89
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$394.86
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$280.77
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$628.14
PLATTE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY	BOARDING COSTS	\$150.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	SUPPLIES	\$72.45
PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS ASSOC	REGISTRATION	\$300.00
REPUBLICAN NONPARIEL	PUBLICATION	\$454.73
SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION	ELEVATOR EXP	\$4,874.52
SOLT WAGNER FUNERAL HOME	COUNTY BURIAL	\$2,000.00
STATE OF NEBRASKA	TELETYPE	\$735.60
THE RADAR SHOP	EQUIPMENT	\$302.00
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$526.59
PINNACLE BANK	FUEL	\$14.99

	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$311.08
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$6,175.00
	WOODS & AITKEN LLP	ATTORNEY FEES	\$2,107.50
	ZELLE LLC	H/R ADMIN	\$5,000.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPORT	\$79.99
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	CONSULT	\$9,380.00
	308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CENTER	PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$10,000.00
TOTAL			\$267,098.97
ROADS			
	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	ARCH BAND	\$189.75
	AKRS EQUIPMENT	PARTS	\$20.81
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$3,715.70
	BEATRICE SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$1,330.53
	BILL'S VOLUME SALES	REPAIR	\$22.79
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$232.65
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$214.35
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	DIESEL/OIL	\$12,221.72
	CYNTHIA CATLETT	SUPPLIES	\$8.50
	COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO	REPAIR	\$7,709.70
	CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	SIGNS	\$2,223.05
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$421.93
	FILTER CARE	SUPPLIES	\$164.45
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN EFN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$3,523.54
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$99.00
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$2,698.87
	GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	PARTS	\$294.47
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$120.51
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$34.95
	HERK'S WELDING SHOP	REPAIR	\$5,940.74
	INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICES, INC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$1,404.74
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS	\$5.18
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$72.20
	MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE/ROADS	PARTS	\$33.29
	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO.	BLADES	\$6,784.80
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	BALANCE	\$117.56
	MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	ROADS	\$90.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	EQUIPMENT	\$298,611.83
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	TELEPHONE	\$92.72
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$321.04
	OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY OF GI	REPAIR	\$610.76
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$9,749.10
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	REPAIR	\$5,526.90

	PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR	\$50.00
	POLK COUNTY RPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$35.16
	RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	PARTS	\$196.79
	REPUBLICAN NONPARIEL	PUBLICATION	\$360.00
	SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$2,495.56
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$563.54
	UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY	LAND RENTAL	\$250.00
	VERIZON	TELEPHONE	\$350.90
	VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	\$79.95
TOTAL			\$369,065.03
JUV DIVERSION	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$9.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$2.96
TOTAL			\$11.96
DRUG COURT	MELANIE LUEDERS	COURT EXPENSE	\$100.00
TOTAL			\$100.00
COVID	SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS	ENGINEER FEES	\$2,797.80
TOTAL			\$2,797.80
LATCF	RDG PLANNING & DESIGN	ENGINEER FEE	\$62,477.12
TOTAL			\$62,477.12
CRTHOUSE			
BLDG	JORDAN MASONRY, LLC	BUILD REPAIR	\$8,300.00
TOTAL			\$8,300.00
4-H BLDG FUND	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$34.98
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY, INC	DIESEL	\$128.02
	CARL'S SKRAP	DUMPSTER PICK	\$95.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,274.82
	ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC	INSPECTION	\$159.40
	HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$644.88
	CINDIE HOSTLER	EQUIPMENT	\$241.61
	MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY, LLC	MAINTENANCE	\$664.39
	NEBRASKA FIRE SPRINKLER	INSPECTION	\$360.00
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	EXTENSION	\$89.53
TOTAL			\$3,692.63

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the December claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes
Moved Jarecke, second Placke to move into Executive Session at 11:04 a.m. for personnel discussion and the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes
Moved Placke, second Dexter to move out of Executive Session at 11:18 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
Moved Placke, second Dexter to adjourn at 11:19 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk