

January 27, 2026

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, January, 2026 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 were 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 9:05 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 Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the minutes from January 13, 2026 as published. Roll Call: Ayes-Wiegert, Placke, Kreachbaum, Weller, Jarecke, Dexter; Abstain-Kucera.

Meeting Reports: Weller and Dexter Jail Committee meeting January 15; Weller-Bader Park January 18; Dexter-Applied Connective January 19; Jarecke, Placke Long Term Care-January 21; Wiegert-Central District Health January 26 and Kucera-MNIS January 21; Placke soup supper at the Senior Center January 27.

Officials Reports: Reimers, Veterans Service Officer informed the board of the governor has proposed LB1072 bill which would take 10% out of the Nebraska Veterans Aid Fund. Kucera suggested to write a letter to Senator Lippincott. Anna Sedlacek, Human Resource, is working on some personnel issues within the departments. Highway Superintendent Kunze provided an update on the box culvert projects.

County Attorney Kunz has been working with Kunze on some right of way issues in the county.

4-H Ambassadors Brady Myers, Lane Mottl, Kayden Tyan along with Emily Soll and Kara Wells presented the 4-H Proclamation. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to declare February 2036 as the Merrick County 4-H month. Roll Call: All Ayes

Melissa Vandewalle provided an update on Long Term Care.

Tyson Benner stated specs for the bidding packets are available from RDG and those that had not received the email will be sent another. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to proceed with RDG to get bids coming in. Roll Call: Ayes-Placke, Jarecke, Wiegert, Kreachbaum, Dexter and Kucera. Nays-Weller. Motion carried 6-1.

Moved Placke, second Kreachbaum to have the chairwoman sign the Amended Interlocal Agreement for participation in the SCEDD. Roll Call: Ayes-Weller, Jarecke, Wiegert, Placke, Kreachbaum, Kucera. Nays-None; Abstain-Dexter. Motion carried 6-0-1

County Administrator position was discussed with Sedlacek in setting up interviews.

Roads:	Southern Public Power District	Electricity	\$799.31
ARPA:	Speece-Lewis	Bridge Repair	\$7,010.55

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to approve the claims for Southern Public Power District and Speece-Lewis Engineers. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Dexter, second Placke to adjourn at 9:56 a.m. Roll Call All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk