

**February 10, 2026**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, February 10, 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 Placke to approve the agenda. Roll Call: All Ayes

Minutes: Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the minutes from January 24, 2026 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Problem Solving Court February 2-Weller, Jarecke, Dexter and Wiegert; RDG zoom meeting February 6-Jarecke, Weller; January 27-Placke helped the Senior Center with a fundraiser; Dexter and Jarecke met with Helio out of Chicago regarding Long Term Care February 2; SCEDD board meeting January 29-Dexter; County Administrator interviews were conducted February 4, February 6-Jarecke, Wiegert with Kreachbaum attending on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Midland Area on Aging in Hastings February 5-Wiegert; NIRMA orientation meeting for new board members January 29-Kucera.

Officials Reports: Treasurer Gilg reported having a few problems with the VA Connection and the state in regards to issuing credits. 71 parcels have been advertised for payments. Payment for the school tax credit and property tax credit have been received. Clerk Strobel stated incumbents last day to file is Tuesday, February 17 and nonincumbents March 2. Attorney Kunz is still working with Applied Connective regarding the contract.

John Soll with RDG appeared before the board for any questions the board may have in moving forward with the bid process and the asbestos abatement. Soll also provided a list of contractors that are licensed in the state for the asbestos abatement. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to proceed with the preapproved companies for the remodel of decoupling and demo for bids. Roll Call: All Ayes  
Moved Placke, second Kreachbaum to move ahead with the asbestos abatement process. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to approve the county burial assistance for \$2000.00. Roll Call: Ayes-Placke, Dexter, Kreachbau, Wiegert; Nays-Weller, Jarecke, Kucera. Motion Carried-4 to 3.

County Attorney Kunz stated there is a National Problem-Solving Convention in July in which three people would be sent for \$3500/person with the use of the Opioid Funds. No action taken at this time.

County Administrator position discussion regarding the interviews that were completed with three candidates. Moved Weller, second Dexter to move into Executive Session for personnel discussion. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Jarecke to move out of Executive Session at 10:27 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

<b>GENERAL</b>	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SECURITY SERV	\$240.00
	JADE ARNSMEIER	MILEAGE	\$12.76
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,153.17
	AURORA NEWS REGISTER	PRINTING	\$566.16
	BOMGAARS	EQUIPMENT	\$92.39
	BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING	\$200.00
	TAYLOR CAMMACK	MILEAGE	\$78.74

CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$1,618.66
CENTRAL NE ASSESSOR'S ASSOCIATION	ASSESSOR DUES	\$25.00
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLY	\$2.98
CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$317.52
CHRISTENSEN INSURANCE	SURETY BONDS	\$40.00
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$3,404.83
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	ULTILITIES	\$3,193.42
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$24.15
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$72.00
JOSIE CROUCH	MILEAGE	\$28.71
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$408.00
DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	PRISONER MED	\$244.95
ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$104.11
STATE OF NE-DISTRICT 5 PROBATION	SUPPPORT	\$14,355.21
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$139.94
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$136.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$156.54
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$363.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$732.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$192.90
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$101.88
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$434.29
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/SUPPLY	\$32.75
FIRST CONCORD	HRA BUYDOWN	\$15,658.09
FIRST CONCORD	HRA FEES	\$261.00
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$2,056.03
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$64.17
MIKE FUEHRER/CO LEGION COMMANDER	CO GOVT DAY EX	\$146.76
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$153.35
SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$30.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	COURT EXPENSE	\$10.38
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$3,819.42
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$189.91
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$75.54
JACKSON SERVICES	RUG SERVICE	\$379.10
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	LABOR	\$111.32
KENDRICK WINDSHIELD REPAIR	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$40.00
DOUG MAW	SUPPLY	\$248.04
MCILNAY & CO	REPAIR	\$101.38
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$104.40
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUND	\$180,000.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT COSTS	\$54.40

MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$632.38
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	MEDICAL EXP	\$909.72
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	MICRO FILM	\$125.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	PRISONER TRANS	\$181.30
MIPS INC.	SERVICE	\$322.50
MIPS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$4,300.94
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$11,182.91
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE	\$128.60
NACEB	REGISTRATION	\$150.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$50.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$543.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$72.16
PALSER SERVICE	FUEL	\$100.89
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHRED	\$40.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$110.30
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$103.15
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$520.43
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$778.09
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$433.83
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$168.13
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$41.65
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$405.85
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$337.74
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$422.27
PLATTE CO SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$21.04
PLATTE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY	BOARDING	\$300.00
RAPID FIRE PROTECTION	PARTS	\$1,426.08
MARIA RODRIGUEZ	SUPPLIES	\$391.31
THE CITY OF HASTINGS	26 MEMBER DUES	\$1,000.00
SOUTHWEST SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$125.74
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$735.60
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$526.59
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MED	\$269.73
STEPHEN R.W. TWISS	DUES	\$98.00
UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES	EXHIBIT STICK	\$5.77
UNMC CENTER FOR CONTINUING ED	TRAINING	\$100.00
PINNACLE BANK	SUPPLY/REGIST	\$389.34
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$230.84
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTY FEES	\$962.50
ZELLE LLC	HR ADMIN	\$5,000.00
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$944.97
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACT	\$9,380.00
308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CENTER, LLC	ATTY FEE	\$10,000.00

**TOTAL****\$286,039.58****ROADS**

ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERT	\$18,152.38
AKRS EQUIPMENT	PARTS	\$89.24
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$1,870.05
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$170.06
BLUEBEAM, INC	SOFTWARE	\$330.00
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$449.49
BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	PROP/GAS/DSL	\$5,990.00
CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	SIGNS	\$527.05
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$73.20
ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INST	RENEWAL	\$1,100.00
FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN EFN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$4,793.55
FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$99.00
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,069.85
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	PARTS	\$6.00
GUNBARREL DEVELOPMENT LLC	MUD ROCK	\$17,268.98
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$120.44
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$34.95
INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	PARTS	\$159.49
ISLAND LANDHANDLERS LLC	GRAVEL	\$5,189.94
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SUPPLIES	\$830.08
KELLY SUPPLY CO.	PARTS	\$489.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS	\$8.92
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	MEDICAL EXP	\$144.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$72.20
MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO.	CONSTRUCT	\$17,140.75
MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRES	\$1,600.00
MIPS INC.	MIPS PROGRAM	\$417.34
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR	\$1,036.09
LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
NT&T/SHOP	TELEPHONE	\$92.67
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIR	\$179.32
OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	PROJECT	\$19,100.00
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	CONCRETE	\$695.64
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL/OIL	\$5,289.20
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$22.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$118.66
POLK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT	ANNUAL AGREE	\$375.00
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$403.30
REPUBLICAN NONPARIEL	PUBLISHING	\$143.92
SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR, LLC	REPAIR	\$184.95
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	\$715.13

	VERIZON	PHONE	\$350.90
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$79.95
	WELDON PARTS	REPAIR	\$556.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$107,613.69</b>

<b>JUV DIVERSION</b>	FIRST CONCORD	HRA FEES	\$9.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$6.66
			<b>\$15.66</b>

<b>K-9 FUND TOTAL</b>	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9 CARE	\$234.51
			<b>\$234.51</b>

<b>4-H BLDG</b>	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$41.95
	CARL'S SKRAP	DUMPSTER	\$190.00
	CENTRAL CITY VOL FIRE DEPT	EQUIP USE	\$500.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,200.27
	ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC	ANNUAL FEE	\$300.00
	NEBRASKA HEATING & AIR, INC	REPAIRS	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$3,332.22</b>

Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the claims for February 2026. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Dexter, second Placke to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. Roll Call All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk