

March 10, 2026

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Weller, Kucera, Deputy Clerk Crouch and County Attorney Kunz present. Clerk Strobel absent.

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 Dexter, second Placke to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:11 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 9:11 a.m.

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

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

Clerk Strobel present at 9:13 a.m.

Meeting Reports: March 6, Finance Committee-Placke and Dexter; March 4-Housing Development-Placke; March 6-Merrick County Economic, March 9-Safety meeting, March 10-SCEDD and GOP-Dexter.

Officials Reports: Anna Sedlacek has been working on the HR audit.

Tyson Benner informed the board asbestos will need to be removed from the old hospital as well as restrooms in Long Term. Jamco Abatement Services provided Benner with a quote that includes labor, materials, disposal and insurance in the amount of \$108,500.00

Moved Weller, second Jarecke to approve the chairwoman to sign the Weed Control and Summary reports. Roll Call: All Ayes

Surplus of equipment through TMJ Auctions to be sold as a “lot”. 1-K-9 pickup insert; 5-Car/prisoner compartment inserts; 1-quarter cage prisoner compartment insert; 4-Equipment console; miscellaneous metal plates/partitions used for Pre2020 Patrol units and miscellaneous equipment harnesses, control panels and speaker heads. Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the surplus of the equipment as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Treasurer Gilg presented the Distress Warrant Report with 33 warrants totaling \$18,620.20 turned over to the sheriff’s department. The sheriff’s department was able to collect 29 of those warrants. Gilg also presented the 2026 Tax Sale Report adding 15 parcels were sold with eight remaining.

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to move into Executive Sessin at 9:49 a.m. for personnel discussion. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Kreachbaum to move out of Executive Session at 10:06 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the hiring of Rebecca Osman as the Board Assistant. Roll Call: All Ayes

Osman will begin her role on June 1st with a wage of \$82,000.00

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve the February fees as presented by District Court, County Clerk and the Sheriff’s Department. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL	APPLIED CONNECTIVE	EQUIPMENT	\$3,835.25
	JADE ARNSMEIER	MILEAGE	\$13.99
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,153.87
	BANKS WRAPS & SIGNS	GRAPHICS	\$350.00
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$28.96
	LEAH BROWN	SPELLING BEE	\$150.00

CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$940.53
CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$118.38
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$30.54
CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$317.52
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$3,187.64
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$3,436.66
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$24.15
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COST	\$72.00
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	DRINKING WATER	\$298.00
CVSOAN	REGISTRATION	\$60.00
ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$103.67
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$207.73
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$75.51
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$15.44
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$191.96
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$168.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	PRINTING	\$123.89
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$463.89
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$32.97
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/POSTAGE	\$73.75
FIRST CONCORD	HRA BUYDOWN	\$6,769.24
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
FULLERTON DENTAL CARE	PRISONER HC	\$24.00
GALUSHA ELECTRIC	PARTS	\$168.12
SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$30.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
MRS. MARY GREGOSKI	SPELLING BEE	\$121.57
GT DISTRIBUTORS	EQUIPMENT	\$190.65
HAMILTON TELECOM	PHONE	\$3,828.38
DEAN HARTWIG	LODGING/MAPS	\$164.99
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$294.30
HENNING BROTHERS LEASING	EQUIP LEASE	\$280.00
HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY	LODGING	\$269.90
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP LEASE	\$528.12
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$215.72
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KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	REPAIR	\$63.54
KENDRICK WINDSHIELD REPAIR	PROGRAM	\$450.00
MARTIN'S FLAG CO.	SUPPLIES	\$264.61
DOUG MAW	PHONE	\$93.82
MCILNAY & CO	PARTS	\$289.36
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$203.98
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT COST	\$1,420.75

MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUND	\$180,000.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT COST	\$117.70
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$286.87
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER HC	\$75.20
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	EQUIP RENT	\$125.00
MILLER TROPHY & AWARDS	SPELLING BEE	\$110.00
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$3,795.16
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE	\$30.00
NACEB	DUES	\$100.00
NACO	COUNTY DUES	\$2,228.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$450.00
NACREC 2026 MEMBERSHIP	REGISTRATION	\$100.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$198.00
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	REGISTRATION	\$150.00
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$270.74
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIR	\$67.07
PALMER PUBLIC SCHOOL	SPELLING BEE	\$179.86
PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR	\$96.45
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHRED	\$80.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$74.72
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$510.38
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$449.20
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$112.44
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/MEALS	\$201.89
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$658.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$155.10
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC	\$788.17
PINNACLE BANK	FUEL	\$352.96
PLATTE COUNTY SHERIFF	ATTY FEE	\$9.04
RED CARPET LAWN CARE	FERTILIZER	\$2,079.00
TOM REIMERS	MILEAGE	\$258.00
REPUBLICAN NONPARIEL	PUBLICATION	\$78.46
RINDER PRINTING COMPANY	SUPPLIES	\$221.09
ROWLEY LAW LLC	ATTY FEE	\$262.50
SHERMAN COUNTY SHERIFF	ATTY FEE	\$42.18
SOLT WAGNER FUNERAL HOME	BURIAL	\$1,147.29
STATE OF NEBRASKA	TELETYPE	\$1,495.60
STROMSBURG SOFT WATER	MAINTENANCE	\$87.50
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	EQUIPMENT	\$411.94
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$526.59
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MED	\$414.95
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,200.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES/REG	\$723.71

PINNACLE BANK-VISA	TRAINING/SUPP	\$443.88
CHRISTY WANDFLUH	MEALS	\$15.30
WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT	MISC PARTS	\$326.32
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$312.62
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTY FEES	\$5,237.50
WINNERS' CIRCLE	SPELLING BEE	\$245.00
WOODS & AITKEN LLP	ATTY FEES	\$36.50
ZELLE LLC	HR ADMIN	\$5,000.00
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$173.89
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACT	\$9,380.00
308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CENTER	ATTY FEE	\$10,000.00
TOTALS		\$263,406.68

ROADS

ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERT	\$3,866.74
AUGIES AUTOBODY REPAIR	PARTS	\$694.20
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$2,212.60
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$340.93
BLUEBEAM, INC	SOFTWARE	\$330.00
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$49.98
BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	DIESEL	\$12,596.05
BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	TRASH PICKUP	\$60.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$247.64
FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$1,286.91
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,167.94
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	REPAIR	\$14.02
HAMILTON TELECOM	PHONE	\$120.44
HAMILTON TELECOM	PHONE	\$34.95
HERK'S WELDING SHOP	PART	\$117.50
INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	REPAIR	\$169.58
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SUPPLIES	\$476.17
J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	SIGNS	\$2,925.00
LOGAN CONTRACTORS, INC	ASPHALT/SEAL	\$3,300.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	VEHICLE	\$12,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$60.02
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$72.20
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$136.23
NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO	PARTS	\$26,109.99
LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
NT&T/SHOP	TELEPHONE	\$94.67
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIR	\$248.42
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$2,313.20
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$710.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	TOOLS	\$328.92

	POLK COUNTY RPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$94.60
	SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$1,429.43
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	\$862.84
	STATE STEEL SUPPLY CO.	PARTS	\$5,084.37
	TRAUSCH DYNAMICS	REPAIR	\$414.06
	VERIZON	PHONE	\$350.90
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$79.95
	WELDON PARTS	REPAIR	\$25.20
TOTAL			\$80,500.65

JUVENILE DIVERSION	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$17.76
	US CELLULAR	PHONE	\$442.95
	3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	EDUCATION	\$75.00
TOTAL			\$535.71

ADULT DRUG COURT	DISTRICT 5 PROBATION	DRUG CRT EXP	\$8.92
TOTAL			\$8.92

K-9 FUND	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9 CARE	\$33.30
TOTAL			\$33.30

COVID	SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS	BRIDGE REPAIR	\$7,354.21
TOTAL			\$7,354.21

INHERITANCE	RDG PLANNING & DESIGN	ENGINEER FEE	\$135,166.00
TOTAL			\$135,166.00

4-H BLDG FUND	CARL'S SKRAP	DUMPSTER	\$95.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,183.90
	ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING CO	MAINTENANCE	\$614.25
	ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC	FIRE INSPECT	\$159.40
TOTAL			\$3,052.55

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to approve the March claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes
 General Gross: \$96,656.75, Net: \$69,309.22: Roads Gross: \$37,799.62, Net: \$28,641.96: Juvenile
 Diversion Gross: \$4,097.43, Net: \$2,906.54

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

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to adjourn at 10:27 a.m. Roll Call All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

/s/Tiffany Crouch, Deputy County Clerk