

April 14, 2026

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 9:56 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Weller, Kucera, Clerk Strobe and County Attorney Kunz 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 Placke, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:56 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 9:56 a.m.

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

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

Meeting: Finance Committee March 24-Placke, Dexter, Kreachbaum; Midland Area on Aging April 2-Wiegert; Candidate Forum at the Performing Arts Center April 12-Wiegert, Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Kucera and Placke; GOP meeting April 6-Kreachbaum, Placke; Jarecke toured the new Howard County shop building on March 27; CRA April 9-Placke; April 13 Dexter met with 1 to 1 Technologies.

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers informed the board she had been going to the villages to help assist with the Homestead Exemption applications. Planning & Zoning Betka stated the Data Center conditional use permit will be on the April 28th agenda. Clerk Strobel said the ballots will be mailed out Monday, April 20. Juvenile Diversion Officer McNeff provided an update on the number of cases. HR Administrator Sedlacek has been working on some personnel issues. Highway Department Kunze informed the board a bridge on Gunbarrel Road north of A Rd may need replaced. Two to three weeks Ormsby should be back open, Viero Fiber is putting in trunk lines from Clarks to Fullerton. Treasurer Gilg stated the DMV has been issues with short staffing and advised to call ahead. ARPA Funds final report will be due by next April. Attorney Kunz has been involved with the DECA mock interviews with the possibility of a summer internship.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign the Technical Assistance for Renewable Energy with Marvin Planning Consultants. Roll Call: All Ayes

Tyson Benner mentioned the Open House walk through for contractors at Long Term Care will be April 21st. Bids are due May 8 at 3:00 p.m. and presented at Supervisor's meeting May 12th.

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Moved Wiegert, second Kreachbaum to approve May 7th as National Day of Prayer on the courthouse lawn. Roll Call: All Ayes

Juvenile Diversion Officer McNeff applied for a grant and will receive \$53,048, the Enhancement Grant McNeff applied for \$88,242 and will receive \$30,221 due to the amount of funds available. McNeff will also be applying for two other grants by the end of April.

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to approve the SDL Application for Cairo Bowl & Lounge June 20 from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. for a reception at the Merrick County Fairgrounds. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to move into Executive Session at 10:46 a.m. due to potential confidential legal case. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to move out of Executive Session at 10:57 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to allow County Attorney Kunz to do a private legal case on a one-time basis. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve the March Fees received from District Court, County Sheriff and the County Clerk's office. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL	ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$550.00
	APPLIED CONNECTIVE		
	TECHNOLOGIES	SECURITY SERV	\$240.00
	JADE ARNSMEIER	MILEAGE	\$15.95
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,154.48
	AURORA NEWS REGISTER	ENVELOPES	\$499.90
	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	SUPPLIES	\$72.48
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$90.09
	BULLFROG GROUP, LLC	WEBEX	\$97.18
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$2,061.93
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$45.90
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLY	\$55.98
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	PREVIOUS BAL	\$152.22
	CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$650.68
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	HOSP UTILITIES	\$2,700.86
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$2,320.02
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITY BILL	\$19.95
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	ATTY FEE	\$186.00
	COPYCAT PRINTING	SUPPLIES	\$228.95
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	DRINKING WATER	\$348.00
	DES MOINES STAMP	SUPPLIES	\$55.15
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$191.46
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$42.97
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$264.16
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	SUPPLIES	\$255.42
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$161.43
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$179.97
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$312.87
	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	PUBLISH/SUPPLY	\$2,730.40
	TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE	\$30.00
	FBI-LEEDA	TRAINING	\$100.00
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN EFN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$19,717.33
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$522.00
	FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICE	PARTS	\$299.00
	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
	GEO COMM CORP	RENEWAL	\$7,276.88
	SHARON GILG	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$381.99
	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
	HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING	\$680.00
	HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$1,650.00
	HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK	INTERLOCALS	\$59,138.47
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$3,826.77
	HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$365.22

HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$483.47
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$216.00
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$160.39
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$39.06
KBL CONSTRUCTION INC	LABOR	\$98.30
KENDRICK WINDSHIELD REPAIR	REPAIR	\$20.00
DOUG MAW	PHONE	\$89.67
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	DRUG TESTING	\$72.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT COSTS	\$793.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUND	\$280,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$322.93
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$125.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$192.60
MIDSTATES ORGANIZED CRIME INFO	MEMBERSHIP FEE	\$100.00
MIPS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$288.09
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$7,656.60
MIPS INC.	PRINTING	\$5,716.48
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	PEST CONTROL	\$240.00
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE	\$30.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$175.00
NE CLERKS OF DISTRICT COURT	REGISTRATION	\$75.00
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING	TRAINING	\$284.00
NE STATE LIBRARY	LAW BOOKS	\$164.15
NEBRASKA HEATING & AIR, INC	REPAIR	\$300.00
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$133.35
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	PARTS	\$18.48
PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR	\$101.95
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	PAPER SHRED	\$43.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$135.27
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$648.01
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$754.93
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/POSTAGE	\$81.40
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$582.91
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$154.51
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$57.20
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$126.08
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$561.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$63.25
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$226.27
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$523.64
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$7,802.30
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	POSTAL LEASE	\$516.99

REPUBLICAN NONPARIEL	PUBLICATION	\$3,007.37
MARIA RODRIGUEZ	SUPPLIES	\$149.80
SARPY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	COURT EXPENSE	\$33.25
SOLT WAGNER FUNERAL HOME	BURIAL	\$1,346.67
STATE OF NEBRASKA	TELETYPE	\$1,495.60
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTY FEE	\$2,625.50
STERLING COMMISSARY LLC	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$167.94
SUMMERS AUTO	REPAIR	\$515.67
SURVEY RECORD REPOSITORY	COPIES	\$15.00
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$526.49
TILDEN DRUG	PRISONER MED	\$180.54
TOP QUALITY GLOVES	SUPPLIES	\$95.75
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$1,309.39
TWO LANE TACTICS	TRAINING	\$359.98
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	EQUIPMENT	\$5,518.36
UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES	POSTAGE	\$307.89
PINNACLE BANK	SUPPLIES/DUES	\$1,012.34
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$51.71
TOM WELLER	MILEAGE	\$202.71
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$530.05
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTY FEES	\$2,900.00
ZELLE LLC	HR ADMIN	\$5,000.00
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	EQUIPMENT	\$19.99
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACT	\$9,380.00
308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CENTER	ATTY FEES	\$10,000.00
911 CUSTOM	EQUIPMENT	\$175.00
TOTALS		\$466,839.59
ROADS		
ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	PARTS	\$2,104.74
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$2,613.00
BEATRICE SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$2,850.66
BILL'S VOLUME SALES	PARTS	\$51.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$195.68
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$291.08
BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	OIL	\$528.56
BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$30.00
CENTRAL CITY SCALES INC	METAL	\$245.00
CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	SIGNS	\$215.60
FILTER CARE	SUPPLIES	\$213.95
FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN EFN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$4,556.18
FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$198.00
CLAYTON FORBES	DIRT	\$283.50
GARRETT TIRES & SERVICE	TIRES	\$2,368.00

	GRAND ISLAND CLINIC	D&A TEST	\$59.00
	GROSSHANS INC	REPAIR	\$37.80
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$120.37
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$34.95
	HANSEN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK INC	REPAIR	\$185.97
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SUPPLIES	\$251.99
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$5.76
	MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	SCREENING	\$76.00
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$72.20
	MIDLANDS CONTRACTING, INC	STRUCTURE PROJECT	\$352,939.73
	MIDWEST ENGINEERING, INC	ENGINEERING	\$3,785.00
	MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$272.46
	POWERPLAN	REPAIR	\$4,968.85
	MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	PEST CONTROL	\$90.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR	\$307.45
	NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$1,024.00
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE SERVICE	\$96.62
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIR	\$38.64
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	SAND/GRAVEL	\$717.79
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$1,746.35
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$170.00
	POLK CO RPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$48.07
	SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$3,472.56
	SAUL RAMOS CONSTRUCTION INC.	STRUCTURE PROJ	\$103,339.56
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	\$677.85
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$350.90
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE SERVICE	\$79.95
	VONTZ PAVING INC	MILLING	\$30,000.00
	KEITH WICHMANN	MACHINERY	\$500.00
	TOTALS		\$522,289.77
ROAD BUY BACK	SAUL RAMOS CONSTRUCTION INC.	BRIDGE	\$100,000.00
TOTALS			\$100,000.00
INHERITANCE	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$18.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$5.92
	US CELLULAR	PHONE SERVICE	\$143.87
TOTALS			\$167.79
ADULT DRUG			
COURT	MELANIE LUEDERS	COURT EXPENSES	\$100.00
TOTAL			\$100.00

K-9 FUND	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9 CARE	\$79.74
	FEDEX	K-9 CARE	\$172.49
TOTAL			\$252.23
	BOWMAN	STRUCTURE	\$14,236.33
	GENERAL EXCAVATION	BRIDGE	\$71,862.06
TOTAL			\$86,098.39
INHERITANCE	NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL	INSPECTION	\$5,625.00
	RDG PLANNING & DESIGN	ENGINEER FEE	\$4,745.43
TOTAL			\$10,370.43
4-H FUND	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$21.96
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY, INC	FUEL/DELIVERY	\$184.96
	CARL'S SKRAP	DUMPSTERS	\$95.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$33.22
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,574.70
	MERRICK CO YOUTH AG	QUICKBOOKS	\$152.00
	MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY, LLC	MAINTENANCE	\$469.39
	BRAD WELLS	SNOW REMOVAL	\$300.00
TOTAL			\$2,831.23

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

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

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. Roll Call All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk