

May 12, 2026

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 9:14 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 9:14 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 9:14 a.m.

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

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the minutes from April 28, 2026 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting: Drug Court graduation May 4<sup>th</sup>-Wiegert, Jarecke, Kucera; National Day of Prayer on the courthouse lawn May 7<sup>th</sup>-Dexter; Midland Area on Aging May 7<sup>th</sup>-Wiegert; Quarterly meeting with Nance, Boone counties and the Emergency Manager May 6<sup>th</sup>-Kreachbaum; NIRMA zoom loss prevention April 29-Kucera; Extension Board May 12-Kucera; Clarks Northwest bridge bid opening May 8-Jarecke. Officials Reports: Human Resource administrator Sedlacek worked on a county vehicle/personal vehicle policy for the county. Sedlacek is also working on a personnel issue as well.

Attorney Kunz attended meetings for continued education last week in Kearney. Clerk Strobel said the clerk's office has been busy with the upcoming election. Highway Superintendent Kunze reported the Bader Park bridge project has two more piers to finish with hopes the majority of construction will be done by May 26. Box culvert on Ormsby, the roads will be paved today with the potential of opening back up Friday.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve District Court to surplus two office chairs. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to approve the Treasurer to surplus a 2004 paper shredder. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Jarecke to approve the SDL application received from Dub's Pub for June 13 at the Fairgrounds for a wedding reception 2:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve Resolution 2026-4: Directing the treasurer to pay the 4-H Building Bond interest payment for \$4,178.75. Roll Call: All Ayes

John Sohl with RDG was present and introduced Heath Franzen and Jordyn Smedra with Sampson Construction as the only bidder who submitted a prequalification bid as contractor. Franzen provided and went over the bid tabulation reports that were received from the bidders. Decoupling, building demo and renovation with site work included in the decoupling and building demo the total would be \$7.8 million for the entire project. The total includes 4% contingency, permits, insurance, bonds, Sampson fee, sales tax and allowances. Asbestos abatement, fixtures, furniture, equipment, landscaping, inspections and design fees are not included.

Judd Allen with NACO presented the board with the changes to the county's BC/BS insurance. The medical insurance will receive a 9.67% increase. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the BC/BS 2026 rate with the \$6,100 deductible with copay. Roll Call: All Ayes

Hilary Betka, Planning and Zoning Administrator appeared before the board regarding the Conditional Use permit application to allow a data center to be located in 11-15-4 NW ¼ NW ¼ parcel 292.00. Betka told the board she was informed this would be a closed loop system which would not continuously use water. Moved Wiegert, second Kreachbaum to approve the conditional use permit for the data center with

the decommissioning plan with the landowner lease and bond to cover in case of failing. Roll Call: All Ayes

Highway Superintendent Kunze presented an amendment for the One- & Six-Year Plan. C61 (301) Structure C006100102 Gunbarrel Rd & A Rd; C61 (302) 21<sup>st</sup> Rd Resurfacing; C61 (303) Structure C00610115 6<sup>th</sup> between G & H. Moved Jarecke, second Weller to approve the One- & Six-Year Plan Amendment. After discussion, motion rescinded due to the amendment not being advertised as a hearing. Kunze will publish and have the hearing on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve Highway Superintendent Kunze to surplus a 1998 F-150 Unit #16 pickup. Roll Call: All Ayes

The Clarks Northwest bridge replacement bid letting results were provided to the board members by Kunze for Structure C006114310. Diamond Engineering: \$436,403.60; High Plains Str Group: \$838,600.00; Lobato Construction: \$607,777.90; Midwest Infrastructure \$478,402.00; Norfolk Contracting \$466,291.00; Simon Contractors: \$498,000.00. Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to award the project to Diamond Engineering. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the April fees as presented by the County Sheriff, County Clerk and District Court. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL	ADVANCED FAMILY HEALTHCARE	PRISONER CARE	\$221.60
	AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AG	MEMBERSHIP	\$150.00
	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECH	SECURITY SRVC	\$240.00
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE	\$1,154.00
	AURORA NEWS REGISTER	SUPPLIES	\$197.82
	BANKS WRAPS & SIGNS	GRAPHICS	\$875.00
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$21.45
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$44.97
	BULLFROG GROUP, LLC	COMMUNICATION	\$18.59
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	AGREEMENT	\$1,265.42
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$50.00
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	WEED CONTROL	\$52.97
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	OLD HOSP UTIL	\$2,389.31
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,179.50
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$15.75
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$287.00
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$227.05
	EMILY CUMMING	EMPLOYEE APPR	\$117.15
	DETECTACHEM INC	EQUIPMENT	\$1,479.24
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$11.13
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$83.99
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$25.83
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$272.93
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLY/EQUIP	\$293.88
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$263.96
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$170.52
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$25.95
	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	BALLOT PRODUCT	\$6,906.04
	TRISHA FATE	CELL PHONE	\$30.00

FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$12,841.68
FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$270.00
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$124.42
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$161.19
THERESA GOOD	APPRECIATION	\$29.94
GREAT PLAINS COMM	PHONE SERVICE	\$191.76
GWORKS	WEBGIS-CLERK	\$4,725.00
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$3,850.00
HAMILTON TELECOM	PHONE/INTERNET	\$3,551.82
DEAN HARTWIG	MEMBER DUES	\$170.00
HD ARMS LLC	EQUIPMENT	\$530.00
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$989.98
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	\$1,144.07
JACKSON SERVICES	SUPPLY SERVICE	\$1.41
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$161.25
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$14.33
JOHNSON HARDWARE CO	BLDG REPAIR	\$792.65
JUSTICE DATA SOLUTIONS INCORP	SUPPORT	\$6,900.00
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$87.51
KS STATE BANK	CONTRACT	\$79,481.80
KUBERT APPRAISAL GROUP	TERC APPRAISAL	\$24,000.00
LEMKE-MICHELS PSYCHOTHERAPY	PRISONER CARE	\$120.00
LEXIPOL, LLC	LE TRAINING	\$376.53
MARTIN'S FLAG CO.	FLAGS	\$191.48
MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS	CONSULTANT FEE	\$1,250.00
DOUG MAW	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$141.73
MAXIMUS CONSULTING SERVICES	CONSULTANT FEE	\$2,100.00
MCILNAY & CO	A/C REPAIR	\$763.00
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HEALTH	PRISONER CARE	\$2,599.76
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUND	\$280,000.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$786.10
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$4,335.83
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$605.48
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	IMAGING	\$35.00
MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING	SUPPORT/MEMBER	\$11,002.00
MIDWEST CONNECT	SUPPLY	\$409.00
MIPS INC.	COMPUTER SUPP	\$7,720.32
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE/TRAVEL	\$149.97
NEBRASKA AIR FILTER, INC	BLDG SUPPLIES	\$984.74
HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY	LODGING	\$389.85
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$91.23
PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR/FUEL	\$105.34

	PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHRED SERVICE	\$108.00
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$206.31
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$666.59
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$869.60
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$655.35
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$157.41
	PINNACLE BANK	FUEL	\$781.00
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$428.80
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/SUPPLIES	\$593.68
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	EQUIP/SUPPLY	\$396.40
	PINNACLE BANK VISA	FUEL	\$718.10
	PSYCHOLOGICAL RESOURCES	PSYCH EVAL	\$450.00
	TOM REIMERS	MILEAGE	\$104.40
	REPUBLICAN NONPARIEL	PUBLICATION	\$3,340.12
	ROWLEY LAW LLC	ATTY FEES	\$5,312.50
	SAYLER SCREENPRINTING	UNIFORMS	\$228.00
	SCEDD	SUPPORT	\$2,000.00
	SCOTTSBLUFF CO SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$16.22
	STATE GLASS, INC.	BLDG REPAIR	\$149.00
	STATE OF NEBRASKA	TELETYPE	\$735.60
	STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTY FEES	\$862.50
	STRYKER SALES, LLC	EQUIPMENT	\$1,050.00
	SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	EQUIPMENT	\$3,814.77
	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$526.49
	TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$610.01
	UNL-NATURAL RESOURCES BUS	SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$175.00
	UNMC CENTER FOR CON ED	TRAINING	\$125.00
	VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	CHEMICALS-WEED	\$2,872.35
	PINNACLE BANK	SUPPLIES	\$2,789.26
	KARA WELLS	TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$649.17
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,687.50
	ZELLE LLC	H/R ADMINISTER	\$10,000.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	PARTS/SUPPLIES	\$2,686.04
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	COMP SUPPORT	\$9,380.00
	308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CENTER	ATTORNEY FEES	\$10,000.00
	911 CUSTOM	EQUIP/UNIFORM	\$1,641.00
TOTAL			\$540,097.56
ROADS	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$516.45
	AKRS EQUIPMENT	EQUIP/SUPPLIES	\$37.53
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$2,734.20
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$155.05
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$643.25

	BOSSelman ENERGY INC	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$344.90
	BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$60.00
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$72.88
	FASTENAL CO	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$797.28
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$529.42
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$99.00
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$1,862.68
	GUNBARREL DEVELOPMENT LLC	GRAVEL	\$19,065.63
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$120.37
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	\$34.95
	HERK'S WELDING SHOP	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$205.11
	INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$93.50
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$165.60
	MENARDS	ASPHALT	\$735.27
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS	\$4.44
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$76.70
	MIDLANDS CONTRACTING, INC	STRUCTURE PIPE	\$226,288.12
	MIPS INC.	COMPUTER SUPP	\$272.46
	NAPA AUTO PARTS-AURORA	SHOP SUPPLY	\$13.49
	NE ASSOC OF CO ENG/HWY & SUR	EDUCATION	\$110.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/LABOR	\$11,571.59
	LEE NEEL	LAND RENTAL	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE	\$96.62
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	OIL	\$271.88
	OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	ENGINEER FEES	\$26,177.24
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$1,247.00
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	\$10,976.50
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRES	\$476.00
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$137.18
	POLK CO RURAL PUBLIC POWER	ELECTRICITY	\$39.68
	SAPP BROS. INC	FUEL	\$4,048.00
	SAUL RAMOS CONSTRUCTION INC.	STRUCTURES	\$30,693.29
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$596.13
	T-BONE TRUCK STOP, INC	FUEL	\$29,360.00
	VEBURG SEED CO.	SEED SUPPLY	\$30.00
	VERIZON	EQUIPMENT	\$350.90
TOTAL			\$371,185.29
JUV DIV	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$9.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE FEE	\$7.40
TOTAL			\$16.40
ADULT DRUG	CENTRAL CITY MALL	COURT EXPENSE	\$93.68

TOTAL			\$63.68
K-9	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K9 CARE	\$71.66
TOTAL			\$71.66
ARPA	GENERAL EXCAVATION	COUNTY BRIDGE	\$185,273.09
TOTAL			\$185,273.09
E911 MGMT	NANCE COUNTY TREASURER	EMERGENCY MGT	\$28,190.72
TOTAL			\$28,190.72
COMMISSARY	PINNACLE BANK	COMMISSARY	\$87.07
TOTAL			\$87.07
BLDG PROJECT	JORDAN MASONRY, LLC	TUCKPOINTING	\$18,100.00
TOTAL			\$18,100.00
4-H BUILDING			
FUND	CARL'S SKRAP	DUMPSTER	\$95.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,224.94
	ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING CO	MAINTENANCE	\$1,739.02
	CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DIST	GEN SERVICE	\$645.00
TOTAL			\$3,703.96

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

General Gross: \$95,835.80, Net: \$68,082.70.18; Roads Gross: \$37,522.01, Net: \$28,434.76; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$4,074.84, Net: \$2,890.06.

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

Moved Jarecke, second Placke to adjourn at 11:14 a.m. followed by the jail inspection. Roll Call All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk