

February 24, 2026

The Merrick County Board of Equalization met Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Placke, Wiegert, Weller, Kucera, County Clerk Strobel were present. County Attorney Kunz absent.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in 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 Equalization at 9:00 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 9:00 a.m.

Wiegert led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the minutes of February 10, 2026. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the Tax Exemption application received from Nebraska Christian Schools for vehicles as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Placke to open the Public Hearing at 9:02 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Assessor Myers presented the new 451 tax exempt applications for approval. Myers proposed 23.6% of the value of Cottonwood LLC and 88.9% of the skilled nursing facility, The Oaks, be exempt.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to close the Public Hearing at 9:06 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to approve the 451 Application for Cottonwood, LLC. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to approve the 451 Application for The Oaks. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Placke to adjourn at 9:08 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk