



Merrick County Board Minutes



January 10, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Weller, Kucera and Wiegert. County Attorney Shotkoski and County Clerk Strobel 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.

Chairman Wiegert 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. Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors and to reorganize at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Weller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve the minutes from December 27, 2022 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes:

Chairman: Moved Weller, second Dexter to nominate Roger Wiegert as Board Chairman for 2023. Roll Call; Ayes: Kucera, Weller, Placke, Dexter, Jarecke, Kreachbaum. Abstain: Wiegert. Motion: Carried

Vice Chairman: Moved Dexter, second Weller to nominate Caroline Kucera as Vice Chairman for 2022. Roll Call: Ayes: Placke, Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Dexter, Weller, Wiegert. Abstain: Kucera. Motion: Carried.

Appointment of Supervisors as the Board of Equalization: Moved Placke, second Dexter to appoint the Board of Supervisors as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call: All Ayes.

2023 meeting schedule: Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the 2023 meeting schedule with the Board of Supervisor and Board of Equalization meetings being the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month to be held at the Merrick County Courthouse at 1510 18th Street, Central City, NE Roll Call: All Ayes

Holidays: Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the holidays for 2023 as presented for all non-union employees. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Official means of publication: Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the Palmer Journal, Republican Nonpareil, and the County Website as the official means of publication for 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes.

County Depository Banks: Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to designate the Bank of Clarks located in Clarks, NE, Farmers State Bank, a branch of the Bank of Clarks, located in Silver Creek, Citizens Bank, Cornerstone Bank, and Pinnacle Bank Central City, located in Central City, and Pinnacle Bank Palmer, located in Palmer as the county depository banks and NPAIT as a depository for Merrick County. Roll Call: All Ayes

County NIRMA Bond: Moved Kucera, second Placke to adopt the blanket bond of Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) insured under Certificate of Insurance Master Policy #N-CR0607-46, Producer NIRMA, Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association, a Risk Management Pool, at Lincoln, NE. Said blanket bond continues as long as Merrick County is a member county of NIRMA and said Master Policy #N-CR0607-46 remains in effect. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Pre-designated Grievance Board: Moved Placke, second Kucera to approve all officials to the Grievance Board as stated in the handbook. Roll Call: All Ayes.

NIRMA contact: Moved Kucera, second Placke to appoint the County Clerk as the 2023 NIRMA contact person. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Highway Superintendent: Moved Kucera, second Jarecke to appoint Mike Meyer as the interim Merrick County Highway Superintendent and to designate him to negotiate the Right of Way Agreements for Merrick County for 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes.

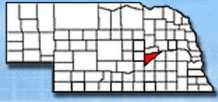
NRD Advisory Committee: Moved Jarecke, second Kucera to appoint Mike Meyer to the advisory committee for the NRD for 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Emergency Management & Homeland Security Program: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to appoint Jenna Clark to the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program of the East Central Region for Planning, Exercise, Training, and Interoperable Communications. Roll Call: All Ayes.

E-911 surcharges: Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to set the E-911 surcharge rates at \$1.00. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Committees: Board Chairman appointed board members to committees. All members serve on the budget, road and weed committees as well as board of corrections.

Meeting Reports: Weller, Dexter, Kreachbaum and Wiegert attended the Problem-Solving Graduation on January 9. Dexter-met with Five Nines January 4, Merrick County Economic Development Board, Tabitha Healthcare January 9;



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Placke met with Chris Anderson, City Administrator and Jeff Trumble regarding the utility billing at the old hospital and Long-Term Care.

Kreachbaum Central City Council meeting; Placke, Dexter, Kucera, Kreachbaum, Wiegert attended the Meet and Greet for Emily Soll January 5; Weller, Kucera and Wiegert January 4th conducted interviews for Highway Superintendent/Surveyor. Jarecke zoom meeting with Pam Bourne of NIRMA. All board members were sworn in on January 5th.

Official Reports: Treasurer Gilg reported all of the license plates have been received.

Long Term Care: Discussion was held regarding the upcoming Town Hall meeting. No action required.

Surplus: Moved Placke, second Dexter to allow the roads department to surplus a 48x60 floor mat. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to recess at 10:21 a.m. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Placke to reconvene as Board of Supervisors at 10:24 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Resolution 2023-1: Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-1 directing the Treasurer to transfer \$300,000.00 from Road Fund to Inheritance Fund for money borrowed. Roll Call: All Ayes

Resolution 2023-2: Moved Jarecke, second Kucera to approve Resolution 2023-2 directing the County Treasurer to transfer from Inheritance Fund to General Fund to cover any necessary payroll/claims when/if needed. Roll Call: All Ayes

Sheriff: Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve the Deputy Sheriff's salary changes as budgeted for 2022-2023. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Jarecke absent 10:37 a.m.

Executive Session: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to move into Executive Session for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual at 10:48 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

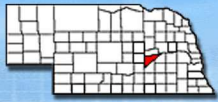
Moved Kucera, Second Placke to adjourn from Executive Session at 11:29 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

County Administrator/Human Resource: Discussion was held regarding a possible Human Resource or County Administrator position. No action taken.

Fees: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the December 2022 fees as presented by the County Sheriff, District County Clerk and the County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes

January Claims:

GENERAL	AB TREE & LAWN	LAWN CARE	\$1,955.52
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,080.92
	AXON ENTERPRISE, INC	CONTRACT FEE	\$1,710.00
	BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	CAR REPAIR	\$601.85
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$107.66
	BRADLEY LAW OFFICE, PC	COURT COSTS	\$3,234.75
	CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT	CONTRACT	\$7,169.40
	CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$270.36
	CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$212.72
	CITIZENS BANK & TRUST COMPANY	RENTAL	\$8.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$20,570.73
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.00
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$235.52
	CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	LODGING	\$1,169.55
	ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$88.63
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$132.22
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$201.60
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	EQUIP/SUPPLIES	\$252.31
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	SUPPLIES	\$177.97
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$331.42
	TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	TRAVEL/SUPPLY	\$286.90
	FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	AGREEMENT	\$11,111.10
	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17



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GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$364.15
SHARON GILG	PHONE/TRAVEL	\$124.71
ROYCE GONZALES	REGISTRATION	\$125.00
THERESA GOOD	MILEAGE	\$97.50
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$95.88
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$1,550.00
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$235.38
HEINS LAWN & LANDSCAPE INC	ICE REMOVAL	\$85.00
HERK'S WELDING INC	BLDG REPAIR	\$23.75
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS OMAHA SOUTH	LODGING	\$98.00
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS	LODGING	\$1,559.35
HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY	LODGING	\$129.95
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	\$370.65
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$17.15
JACKSON SERVICES	SUPPORT SRVC	\$216.60
DISTRICT COURT JURY	JURY DUTY	\$3,786.27
RUSSELL KREACHBAUM	MILEAGE	\$97.37
LA QUINTA INNS & SUITES	LODGING	\$839.65
BILL MACK	FUEL	\$8.50
MARLIN LEASING CORPORATION	EQUIPMENT	\$2,041.66
DOUG MAW	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
MCILNAY & CO	HOSPITAL INSPE	\$300.00
MCILNAY AND COMPANY	BLDG REPAIR	\$434.51
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$120.62
MERRICK CO. CLERK	RECORDING FEES	\$22.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$115,696.53
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT COSTS	\$269.75
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$209.02
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	TRANSPORTATION	\$470.75
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$4,590.27
JENNIFER MYERS	MILEAGE/PHONE	\$316.88
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$250.00
NE HEATING & AIR	BLDG REPAIR	\$75.00
NEBR. SUPREME COURT PUBLICATIONS	STATE STATUTES	\$195.70
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	'23 MEMBERSHIP	\$135.00
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$132.85
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$64.14
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	DISPOSAL	\$35.00
JAN PLACKE	MEALS/MILEAGE	\$96.46
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$95.00
TOM REIMERS	MILEAGE/MEALS	\$118.57
THE CITY OF HASTINGS	2023 DUES	\$1,000.00
	MEMBERSHIP	
SCEDD	DUE	\$2,000.00
DALE M SHOTKOSKI	PHONE/TRAVEL	\$119.50
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM	TELETYPE	\$580.00



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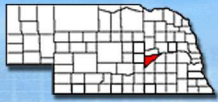
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,491.50
SURVEY RECORD REPOSITORY	SUPPLIES	\$27.50
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$582.61
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$454.80
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$62.16
U.S. BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$3,666.63
US FOODS DIVISION #2365	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$1,967.74
PINNACLE BANK	REGISTRATION	\$14.99
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	BLDG REPAIR	\$134.21
VYVE BROADBAND	PHONE SERVICE	\$379.51
WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERVICES	EQUIPMENT	\$110.00
WEX BANK	TRANSPORT FUEL	\$4,956.36
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH, ROGER WIEGERT	ATTORNEY FEES	\$25,764.00
	MILEAGE	\$69.75

TOTAL

\$229,891.13

ROADS

AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$1,155.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$219.88
BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$496.58
BOSELMAN ENERGY INC	FUEL	\$1,176.26
CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$415.09
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$25.16
CINTAS CORPORATION	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$304.35
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$84.11
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$2,064.38
GARRETT TIRES & TREADS/GI	TIRES	\$12,158.40
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$51.30
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	\$34.95
INHERITANCE FUND	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$300,000.00
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$276.51
JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$88.54
MENARDS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$21.65
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$15.39
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$64.80
NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$300.00
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$136.23
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/EQUIP	\$722.98
NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN COMPANY	GRAVEL	\$4,841.12
LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
NT&T	TELEPHONE	\$76.87
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$934.79
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	\$2,534.10
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRES	\$692.00
PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71



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	POLK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT	AGREEMENT	\$375.00
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$116.03
	SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$1,806.20
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$734.05
	TOTALSIR	FUEL	\$21.00
	VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$165.56
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/EQUIP	\$330.19
TOTAL			\$334,864.18
P & I FUND	EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$646.89
TOTAL			\$646.89
JUVENILE DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$39.99
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$114.88
	JORDANNE MCNEFF	MILEAGE	\$78.13
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUV DIV-POSTAL	\$34.20
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$130.65
TOTAL			\$397.85
K-9 CARE	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9 CARE	\$245.00
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	K-9 CARE	\$80.74
TOTAL			\$325.74
SR TEAM	PINNACLE BANK	RESPONSE TEAM	\$152.95
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	RESPONSE TEAM	\$208.61
TOTAL			\$361.56
COMMISSARY	KEEFE SUPPLY COMPANY	COMMISSARY	\$472.28
TOTAL			\$472.28
4-H BUILDING	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,878.86
	NE HEATING & AIR	BLDG REPAIR	\$458.25
	NEBRASKA FIRE SPRINKLER	INSPECTION	\$335.00
TOTAL			\$2,672.11

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the January 2023 claims as submitted. Roll Call: All Ayes.

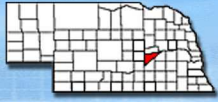
Payroll: General Gross: \$88,713.17, Net: \$62,234.39; Road Gross: \$43,614.29, Net: \$31,458.40; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$4,669.50, Net: \$3,292.12. Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the payroll for December 16 thru January 7th payroll. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the January 2023 claims as submitted.

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 11:31 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion: Carried.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk



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January 24, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Placke, Dexter, Weller, Kucera, Wiegert. Jarecke absent. County Attorney Shotkoski and County Clerk Strobel present. Hilary Wegner, Dan Monaghan, Chris Anderson, John McHargue, Kerry Rodysill, Tyson Benner, Dan Rezac, Jeremy Wurtz, Brad Wells, Dwight Comer were also present.

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Chairman Wiegert 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. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve the minutes from January 10, 2023 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes:

Meeting Reports: All board members were present at the Town Hall Meeting on January 11th. Weller: January 17-Bader Park, January 23rd Central District Health; Dexter NIRMA January 11th, Long Term Care Board January 20th; Placke met with Chris Anderson and NPPD on January 5th regarding LTC/hospital utility billing. Kreachbaum: Long Term Care January 20th and January 17th 4H Board; Kucera: January 18th Mid Nebraska Individual Services conference call. Wiegert: 4H Board.

Officials Report: Treasurer Gilg presented the Semi-Annual Report. Clerk Strobel stated she attended the County Clerk orientation in Kearney January 12th and 13th. Doug Maw presented a quote for a new floor cleaner.

Public Comment: Hilary Wegner appeared before the board to voice her concerns over the future of Long-Term Care. Dan Monaghan spoke regarding Long Term Care and the Central City Investment Club.

BOLD, NE: Jane Kleeb and Tom Genung with BOLD, NE provided handouts regarding Carbon Pipeline risks and what counties and the state can do in regards to regulating pipelines. John McHargue former resident of Central City stated his concerns regarding undefined risks with a pipeline. Kucera said the planning & zoning needs to be aware of these regulations. No action was taken.

Heating/Cooling: Heating and cooling issues with the third-floor offices were discussed. No action was taken.

Resolution 2023-2 was presented and signed by the Chairman after passing at the January 10th board meeting.

Hamilton Telecommunications: Adam Jurgens, Eli Hunter and Kelly Bandt appeared before the board to discuss and answer questions regarding their services with Hamilton Communications. No action taken

License Agreement: Moved Placke, second Kucera to approve the Chairman to sign the License Agreement between County of Merrick and Eagle Broadband Investment d/b/a Vyve Broadband. Ayes: Weller, Placke, Kucera, Wiegert.

Nays: Dexter, Absent: Kreachbaum. Motion Carried

SDL Application: Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve the Chairman to sign the Special Designated Liquor License Application for Banana Rams, LLC on February 15, 2023 from 12 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the 4-H Building for Ladies Night. Roll Call: All Ayes

LTC/Old Hospital: Placke presented a spreadsheet of the utility billing for the last year for Long Term and the old hospital to show comparisons. Emily Triplett gave her monthly report. A committee was formed for discussion and possible action regarding Long Term Care. Committee members: Russell Kreachbaum, Ed Dexter, Tyson Benner, Mary Santin, Emily Triplett.

Prochaska & Associates: Paul Ryan with Prochaska & Associates joined the meeting via conference call stating the possibility of renting a boiler for Long Term Care. Ryan will reach out to Rasmussen for possible quotes. No action taken.

Payroll: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the January payroll for officials and the January 8th thru January 21st biweekly payroll. General Gross: \$117,249.62 Net: \$83,397.00; Roads Gross: \$33,506.20, Net: \$24,552.02; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3018.63, Net: \$2,123.31. Total Gross: \$153,774.45, Net: \$110,072.33. Roll Call: All Ayes

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to adjourn at 12:42 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk



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February 14, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 9:08 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Weller, Kucera, Wiegert, County Attorney Shotkoski, Clerk Strobel present.

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

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve the minutes of January 24, 2023 as published. Roll Call- Ayes: Kucera, Placke, Weller, Dexter, Kreachbaum and Wiegert. Abstain: Jarecke. Motion Carried.

Meeting Reports: Dexter: February 6 Hamilton Communications, February 7 conference call with Five Nines, February 8 Merrick County Economic Development. Kreachbaum: January 30th met with Nance/Boone counties and Emergency Manager Clark. February 7, Nebraska Roads Compliance and Standards. Kucera January 27th Region III and February 13th Extension Board meeting. Wiegert: February 2nd, Midland Area on Aging.

Officials Report: District Court Clerk Good presented a proposal from Conference Technologies, Inc on county standardized courtroom upgrades.

Agreement: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the Chairman to sign the Irrigation Pipe Line Agreement between Merrick County and Gary Bader between Sections 10 and 11, Township 13, Range 8w. Roll Call: All Ayes

Special Purchase: Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to have Highway Superintendent Meyer advertise for a special purchase on a 2020 CAT M-320F Rubber Tire Excavator. Roll Call: All Ayes

Highway Superintendent Meyer addressed the board on how approval on all agreements should be handled. No action needed.

Moved Dexter, second Kucera to allow Doug Maw to purchase a floor scrubber from Home Depot for \$4500.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the surplus of a 2007 Sharp Cargo Trailer to the Central City Fire Department. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the Hans Service, LLC estimate of \$1000.00 for the third floor HVAC issues. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve the lease agreement with Hamilton Communications for a period of 36 months for phone and internet services. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Placke to approve the Chairman to sign the CISA (Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agreement). Roll Call: All Ayes

Agreement between Good Samaritan and Merrick County was handed out to all board members.

Discussion was tabled until next meeting, March 14, 2023.

Discussion continued regarding utility billing between Long Term Care and the old hospital. Emily Triplett and Jeff Trumblee provided the board a quote from High Plains Boiler & Mechanical on repairing a boiler. The County Board also received pricing on renting a boiler from Rasmussen Mechanical, Inc.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve the January 2023 fees received from District Court, County Sheriff and the County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SECURITY	\$327.51
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,081.76
	BAMFORD INC.	INSPECTION	\$350.00
	EMELISE BAUGHMAN, LIMHP	PRISONER CARE	\$50.00

KAREN BENNER	BRD MILEAGE	\$26.33
BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	CAR REPAIR	\$69.20
BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	SUPPLIES	\$321.97
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$77.94
BRADLEY LAW OFFICE, PC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$3,306.95
BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING COSTS	\$450.00
NATHAN CARLSON	BRD MILEAGE	\$27.25
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$818.91
LORI CAVE	BRD MILEAGE	\$54.50
CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$89.21
CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPT	CONTRACT	\$7,169.40
CENTRAL DISTRICT ASSESSOR ASSOC	2023 DUES	\$25.00
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$14.98
CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$271.92
CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$213.50
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$18,461.41
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.00
CITY OF GRAND ISLAND/GI POLICE DEPT	EQUIPMENT	\$276.98
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$550.47
BRANDI COUFAL	TRAINING	\$20.00
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$546.00
CUSTOM UPHOLSTERY OF NEBRASKA	CAR REPAIR	\$70.00
DES MOINES STAMP	SUPPLIES	\$273.00
ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$99.82
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$49.68
EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$88.88
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	\$322.92
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$156.39
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$308.94
EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	EQUIPMENT	\$257.80
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	COPIER LEASE	\$943.76
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$2.49
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$398.76
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/MEALS	\$54.01
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	ADMIN FEE	\$200.00
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	SUPPORT	\$10,396.10
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$730.97
GEO COMM CORP	MAP DATA	\$5,144.00
GI ABSTRACT,ESCROW & TITLE CO	TITLE SEARCH	\$375.00
SHARON GILG	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
THERESA GOOD	MH BOARD	\$380.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88

HAMILTON CO ADMINISTRATIVE MGR	INTERLOCAL	\$7,250.00
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$1,900.00
HAMILTON COUNTY	COMMUNICATION	\$41,250.00
DEAN HARTWIG	TRAVEL/PERMIT	\$296.82
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$235.00
HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY	LODGING	\$259.90
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$218.36
HOST COFFEE SERVICE	PRISONER FOOD	\$68.93
CINDIE HOSTLER	TRAVEL/POSTAGE	\$152.36
INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS	AGREE/INSPECT	\$792.00
JACKSON SERVICES	RUG SERVICE	\$434.64
JACKSON SERVICES	RUG SERVICE	\$216.02
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MED	\$1,211.87
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$128.18
BRIAN KLUCK	MH BOARD	\$906.33
LANCASTER CO YOUTH SERVICES CENTER	JUVENILE INST	\$5,313.00
MARY LIVINGSTON	MH BOARD	\$315.00
ROSS A LUZUM, ATTORNEY AT LAW	ATTORNEY FEES	\$684.00
M & O DOOR PRODUCTS	BLDG REPAIR	\$7,076.05
MARTIN'S FLAG CO.	FLAGS	\$58.36
GARY MATHIS	RETIREMENT	\$168.00
DOUG MAW	MISC EXPENSES	\$262.88
MCILNAY & CO	SUPPLIES	\$239.97
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$25.81
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HEALTH	PRISONER CARE	\$190.00
MERRICK CO. CLERK	RECORDING FEES	\$26.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT COSTS	\$1,720.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$115,696.53
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$615.91
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$4,980.21
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	MICROFILM	\$70.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$172.00
DARLENE MILLER	RETIREMENT	\$192.00
MIPS INC.	JURY LISTING	\$305.64
MIPS INC.	SUPPLY FORMS	\$273.27
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$3,590.27
MIPS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$9.20
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$125.63
NACEB	2023 DUES	\$100.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$300.00
NACO	EDUCATION	\$400.00
NACT TREASURER	2023 DUES	\$50.00

NE COUNTY ASSESSOR'S ASSOC	2023 DUES	\$60.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$465.00
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING	L.E. TRAINING	\$72.00
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	REGISTRATION	\$150.00
NIRMA	REGISTRATION	\$50.00
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$132.85
NORTHEAST NE JUVENILE SERVICE	JUVENILE INST	\$5,498.75
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$127.39
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$924.12
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$70.00
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY, PC	CORONER	\$2,050.00
PLATTE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY	BOARDING COSTS	\$559.24
POLICE EQUIPMENT WORLDWIDE.COM	EQUIPMENT	\$1,169.97
KIMBERLY J QUANDT, AAL	ATTORNEY FEES	\$4,113.50
RATHMAN & MANNING CORP	SUPPLIES	\$105.00
REGION 3 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	SUPPORT	\$5,155.66
RHD PUBLISHING LLC	PUBLICATION	\$13.85
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$455.35
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$830.02
CHEYENNE ROWE	BRD MILEAGE	\$24.50
SACK LUMBER	BLDG REPAIR	\$32.36
KIM SCHULTZE	MILEAGE/MEALS	\$195.67
SETON	SIGNAGE	\$42.65
DALE M SHOTKOSKI	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$67.07
EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$146.33
STATE OF NE-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$765.52
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,729.00
STROMSBURG SOFT WATER	SALT	\$60.00
GLORIA TAGGE	RETIREMENT	\$156.00
THE HEARING CLINIC	PRISONER CARE	\$93.00
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$180.22
THE SCARLET HOTEL	LODGING	\$149.00
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$454.80
MELANIA J. THOMSON	RETIREMENT	\$168.00
TOP QUALITY GLOVES	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$153.45
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER CARE	\$94.84
JAMES H TRUELL	MH BOARD	\$636.94
U.S. BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$4,100.04
US FOODS DIVISION #2365	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$1,827.03
PINNACLE BANK	SUPPLIES	\$2,495.18
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	EQUIPMENT	\$364.31
VYVE BROADBAND	PHONE/INTERNET	\$3,810.94

	CHRISTY WANDFLUH	MILEAGE/MEALS	\$183.00
	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$61.25
	WEX BANK	FUEL/TRANSPORT	\$3,352.92
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH, HERBERT W WURTZ	ATTORNEY FEES	\$5,149.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	RETIREMENT	\$96.00
	4H SHOWWORKS BILLING	EQUIPMENT	\$1,009.97
		REGISTRATION	\$225.00
TOTALS			\$186,994.92

ROADS	AKRS EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	\$71.56
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$3,198.00
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$353.38
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLY/REPAIRS	\$249.21
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$442.83
	CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$169.48
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$4.90
	CINTAS CORPORATION	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$385.25
	COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO	BLDG REPAIR	\$1,302.88
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$61.83
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$1,595.67
	JIM L GRAVES	RETIREMENT	\$168.00
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$34.95
	HERK'S WELDING SHOP	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$324.45
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$298.22
	JACKSON SERVICES	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$134.51
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$5.22
	MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	D&A TESTING	\$60.00
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$64.80
	MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE/ROADS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$43.12
	MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$136.23
	POWERPLAN	EQUIP REPAIR	\$7,882.35
	NACO	EDUCATION	\$50.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	SUPPLY/REPAIRS	\$1,095.02
	NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$300.00
	LEE NEEL	UTILITY/EDUCA	\$170.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE SERVICE	\$76.71
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$68.97
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL/REPAIR	\$2,391.50
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRE REPAIR	\$20.00
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER	ELECTRICITY	\$304.26
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$264.19
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$883.87

	TOOLS PLUS INDUSTRIES	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$111.58
	TOTALSIR	FUEL	\$21.00
	VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC	PHONE SERVICE	\$165.56
	VERIZON WIRELESS	EQUIPMENT	\$110.06
	WELDON PARTS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$137.82
TOTALS			\$25,508.09
JUVENILE DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$40.70
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$108.08
	JORDANNE MCNEFF	MILEAGE	\$26.99
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$14.52
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	EQUIPMENT	\$159.99
	3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	EDUCATION	\$60.00
TOTALS			\$410.28
DRUG COURT TOTALS	DIST 5 PROBATION PROB SOLVING	MISC EXPENSES	\$125.62
			\$125.62
K-9 CARE TOTALS	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9 CARE	\$500.48
			\$500.48
ARPA TOTALS	PROCHASKA & ASSOCIATES, INC	ENGINEER FEES	\$4,765.24
			\$4,765.24
INHERITANCE TOTAL	CENTRAL PLATTE NRD	MOORES CREEK	\$108.40
			\$108.40
SPRT TOTALS	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	EQUIPMENT	\$96.30
			\$96.30
4-H BUILDING	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,351.13
	MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY, LLC	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$700.03
	U.S. BANK	EXT-SUPPLIES	\$26.92
TOTALS			\$3,078.08

Moved Placke, second Weller to approve the February claims as presented with the exception of a \$500.00 claim to Central City Area Chamber of Commerce for the Chamber Gala and \$64.19 for a floral arrangement. Roll Call: All Ayes

January 22nd thru February 4th payroll: General Gross: \$49,551.10, Net: \$35,671.75; Roads Gross: \$26,644.94, Net: \$19,231.82; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3,031.17, Net: \$2,132.68. Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the January 22nd through February 4th payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes. Weller absent at 12:24 p.m.

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to adjourn at 12:26 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

February 28, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Weller, Kucera, Wiegert, County Attorney Shotkoski, Clerk Strobel 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.

Chairman Wiegert 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. Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:08 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve the agenda for February 28 and the minutes as published for February 14, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting Reports: Weller: Bader Park February 21; Dexter: Long Term Care February 15, February 21 conference call with SCEDD; Placke: Long Term Care Board, February 15 and Senior Center Board meeting February 21; Jarecke: Zoom meeting February 21, Central Community Action Partners; Kreachbaum: February 15-Long Term Care, February 21st 4-H Building Committee meeting; Wiegert February 17, Chairman workshop in Kearney, February 21st 4-H Building Committee.

Officials Report: Veteran Service Office Reimers presented his third and fourth quarter updates. Assessor Myers spoke in regards to bills in the legislature regarding county government and all values will be set by March 19 with Home Stead Exemptions going through June 30. Clerk Strobel informed the board the state auditors will be working on the 2021-2022 audit. County Attorney Shotkoski stated a new legislation bill would have the Child Advocacy Center be funded by DHHS rather than donations. Treasurer Gilg stated the tax sale will be held on Monday, March 6.

Kara Wells, Emily Soll, Kier Albert and Cole Brandes were in attendance. Brandes led all of the 4-H members and 4-H alumni in the 4-H Pledge. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to declare March, Merrick County 4-H Month and have the Chairman sign the 4-H Proclamation. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to forward the Tort Claim received from the Estate of James Cyboron onto NIRMA. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the Chairman to sign the SDL Application for Overtime Sports Bar 'N Grill for March 18, 2023, Merrick County Fairgrounds. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to allow the road employees to donate sick leave time to Ron Johns. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve the Chairman to sign the Government Product Lease Agreement. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Kucera to open the 10:00 a.m. Public Hearing at 10:01 a.m., Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to close the Public Hearing at 10:04 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve Resolution 2023-3 to change the future potential zoning from PRC to LSR-1 on all property in Merrick County Zoning Jurisdiction in Section 21, Township 13N, Range 6W, Merrick County, Nebraska. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to open the 10:05 a.m. Public Hearing at 10:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Dexter, second Kucera, to close the Public Hearing at 10:07 a.m. Roll Call; All Ayes.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-4 to rezone a tract of ground from PRC to LSR-1 located in Outlot 1, Grigsby Estates and part of Government Lots 2 & 3, Section 21, Township 13N, Range 6W, Merrick County, Nebraska. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to open the 10:10 a.m. Public Hearing at 10:10 a.m., Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to close the Public Hearing at 10:16 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-5 for a preliminary plat subdivision on a tract of ground located in Outlot 1, Grigsby Estates and part of Government Lots 2

& 3, Section 21, Township 13N, Range 6W, Merrick County, Nebraska while waiving the conditions as stated by the Planning Commission. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the special purchase agreement for a used CAT 2020 M320F wheeled excavator with an extended warranty and the trade-in shall be used as down payment.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Robert Latimer, representing Summit Carbon Solutions, along with Ben Fuller and Brent Nice provided updated maps and the status of the pipeline. Needed in Merrick County is 38.7 miles of which 27 miles have been acquired. Construction target date is early 2024.

No action was taken regarding regulations involving Summit Carbon Solutions.

Emily Triplett provided an update on Long Term Care.

Discussion was held regarding Long Term Care management contract. No action was taken.

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to approve Resolution 2023-6 directing the transfer of funds from Inheritance Fund to the General Fund for upcoming claims, payroll and payroll expenses. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Placke to approve the February payroll. Roll Call: All Ayes

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to adjourn at 12:54 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

March 14, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 9:16 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Weller, Kucera, Wiegert, County Clerk Strobel, County Attorney Shotkoski present. Norm Balliet, Barry Marsh, Tyson Benner, Katie Benner, Emily Soll, Courtney Retzlaff and Ryan Dettman were also in attendance.

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.

Chairman Wiegert 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 9:16 a.m. Moved Placke, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:16 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve the minutes from February 28, 2023 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes:

Meeting Reports: Dexter: March 2nd zoom round table leadership training, March 3rd Merrick County Economic Development Board, March 7th Safety Board Committee and March 9th zoom meeting with NIRMA. Placke met with Chris Anderson March 9th to continue discussions regarding utility bill of the old hospital. Jarecke: March 7th Central Nebraska Action Community Partnership orientation in Loup City; Kreachbaum- Mid Plains Behavioral March 1st.

Officials Report: Treasurer Gilg gave an update on the Tax Sale that was held March 6th, 27 parcels sold for approximately \$30,000.00 with 19 bidders present. Clerk Strobel informed the board she had a zoom meeting with NIRMA on March 9th, revisions will need to be made to the County Handbook regarding verbiage. March 16th MIPS will be installing the new budget program in the Clerk's office.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to appoint Chris Starostka, Rick Harrahill and Linda Riblett to the Merrick County Joint Planning Commission for a 3-Year term. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Jarecke to appoint Marvin Fishler and Richard Spiehs members to the Merrick County Board of Adjustment for a 3-Year Term. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Kucera to approve the Chairman to sign the SDL Application from Nitecrawlers Bar & Grill for March 23rd, County Fairgrounds for NE Corn Growers Association meeting; Scotty's for May 2nd 1774 Riverside Road North-wedding reception. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign the Electrical Agreement between Merrick County and Doug Retzlaff-Sections 24 & 13, Township 15, Range 8. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the Irrigation Pipe Line Agreement between Merrick County and Doug Retzlaff-Sections 24 & 25, Township 15, Range 5. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve the Chairman to sign the Electrical Agreement between Merrick County and Dennis and Paul Jarecke-Sections 3 and 4, Township 15, Range 5. Roll Call: Ayes- Kreachbaum, Kucera, Placke, Dexter, Weller and Wiegert. Abstain-Jarecke. 7-0-1 Motion Carried

Captain Bauer approached the board regarding future fuel purchases for the Sheriff's Department. Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to switch from Wex Bank to Pinnacle Bank for future fuel purchases with an overall \$25,000.00 limit. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion was held regarding future budget preparation while Clerk Strobel explained all of the benefits the new MIPS budget program will provide. No action taken.

Captain Bauer provided a power point handout to the board members regarding the comparison of salaries between the Central City Police Department and the current salaries of the County Deputies. Moved Weller, second Jarecke to approve a \$3.00/Hr. increase for all of the County Deputies and the Captain beginning March 19, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion concerning the utility billing and payments for Long-Term Care and the former hospital. No action taken.

Moved Dexter, second Weller to reject the Boiler Rental bids received from Rasmussen and utility separation project from Rutt's Plumbing/Heating and to cancel the contract with Prochaska & Associates.

Roll Call: All Ayes.

Discussion continued concerning the management and ownership of Long-Term Care. Several members of the committee that was formed at the Town Hall Meeting were also in attendance to give a brief update.

Payroll: General Gross: \$55,164.89, Net: \$39,819.13; Roads Gross: \$26,709.56, Net: \$19,282.48;

Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3,047.92, Net: \$2,145.96. Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve the February/March bimonthly payroll. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 11:44 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

March 20 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Monday, March 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. for a special meeting in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, and Wiegert present. County Clerk Strobel was also in attendance. Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publication 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.

Chairman Wiegert 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. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Dexter led the Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda: Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the agenda as presented with the correction of approving claims and not payroll. Roll Call: All Ayes.

February Fees: Moved Jarecke, second Placke to approve the February 2023 fees from the County Sheriff, Clerk of District Court and the County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes

March Claims:

GENERAL			
	ANTELOPE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	BOARDING COSTS	\$280.00
	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	EQUIPMENT	\$284.17
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,081.76
	AWARDS PLUS	SPELLING BEE	\$174.50
	KAREN BENNER	BOARD MILEAGE	\$5.63
	BRADLEY LAW OFFICE, PC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$2,117.55
	BRITE	EQUIPMENT	\$361.00
	BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING COSTS	\$1,850.00
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$2,620.13
	LORI CAVE	MILEAGE	\$32.88
	CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION LLC	MAINTAINANCE	\$6,012.50
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$15.26
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$100.96
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	BLDG REPAIR	\$63.23
	CENTURY LINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$271.92
	CENTURYLINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$213.50
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	HOSP-UTILITIES	\$13,102.18
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$3,742.36
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,755.13
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITY BILL	\$12.00
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$262.06
	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	MEALS	\$10.05
	COPYCAT PRINTING	SUPPLIES	\$43.45
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$379.00
	DOWDING, DOWDING, DOWDING & URBOM	MH BOARD	\$1,627.35
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$112.20
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$131.33
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	EQUIPMENT	\$166.18

EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$631.14
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	PRINTER/COPIER	\$106.18
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$853.13
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$5,410.74
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	CAR REPAIR	\$385.86
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$408.65
SHARON GILG	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
THERESA GOOD	MILEAGE	\$102.18
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
NICOLE GREVING	BOARD MILEAGE	\$11.14
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING COSTS	\$737.00
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$2,000.00
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$235.00
HEINS LAWN & LANDSCAPE INC	ICE REMOVAL	\$100.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER/PRINTER	\$438.36
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE/POSTAL	\$37.03
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	UNIFORMS	\$242.84
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$199.26
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$108.14
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$2,312.37
LA QUINTA INNS & SUITES	LODGING	\$119.95
LTA TOWING LLC	CAR REPAIR	\$40.00
DOUG MAW	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
MCILNAY AND COMPANY	JAIL BLDG REPR	\$154.99
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$115,696.53
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT COSTS	\$283.02
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$342.21
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$514.03
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$172.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	PRISONER TRANS	\$87.50
MILLER TROPHY & AWARDS	SPELLING BEE	\$112.00
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$3,590.27
JENNIFER MYERS	MILEAGE/PHONE	\$69.30
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$150.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$843.00
NEBRASKA AIR FILTER, INC	MNTNC REPAIR	\$230.38
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$132.85
NE ASSOC OF CLERKS	2023 DUES	\$50.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$21.62
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$277.79
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$400.21

PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHRED SERVICE	\$52.00
PLATTE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY	BOARDING COSTS	\$150.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$428.50
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	METER RENT	\$405.99
TOM REIMERS	MILEAGE	\$116.59
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$425.04
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$884.34
BRAD SCHICK	MILEAGE	\$25.94
DALE M SHOTKOSKI	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$245.17
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL	EQUIPMENT	\$4,500.00
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE/PHONE	\$765.52
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,624.50
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$310.32
THE SCARLET HOTEL	LODGING	\$149.00
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$909.60
TOTAL AUTO BODY	CAR REPAIR	\$546.00
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$120.20
U.S. BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$3,642.45
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	INTERNET	\$1,200.00
PINNACLE BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$973.14
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$3,104.82
VYVE BROADBAND	PHONE/CABLE	\$1,922.50
WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO	WEED CONTROL	\$1,742.34
WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERVICES	EQUIPMENT	\$130.36
WEX BANK	FUEL/TRANSPORT	\$4,341.28
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$2,099.50
ROGER WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$71.39
TOTAL		\$205,601.49

ROADS	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$6,059.56
	BAUM HYDRAULICS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$108.10
	BEATRICE SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$6,221.87
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$255.84
	BOMGAARS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$49.99
	BOSELMAN ENERGY INC	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$177.60
	CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$73.97
	CINTAS CORPORATION	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$301.11
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$208.81
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$34.95
	HANSEN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK INC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$221.02
	HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY	LODGING	\$114.95
	INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM	EQUIP REPAIR	\$398.85

	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$311.52
	JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$90.60
	PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$28.07
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$1.80
	MICHAEL MEYER	REGISTRATION	\$200.00
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$64.80
	MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$136.23
	POWERPLAN	EQUIPMENT	\$319,779.34
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$1,447.18
	LEE NEEL	UTILITY/TRAVEL	\$114.30
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE SERVICE	\$76.76
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$56.98
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL & GREASE	\$2,225.00
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRES	\$311.90
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$75.38
	RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	EQUIP REPAIR	\$643.42
	SACK LUMBER CO./ROADS	BLDG REPAIR	\$35.99
	SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$1,398.00
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$904.50
	TOTALSIR	FUEL	\$22.05
	TRAUSCH DYNAMICS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$523.61
	VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$165.56
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/EQUIP	\$110.06
	CLIFFORD YRKOSKI	LAND RENTAL	\$360.00
	TOTALS		\$345,660.38
JUVENILE DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$296.28
	JORDANNE MCNEFF	MILEAGE	\$191.65
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUVDIV-POSTAGE	\$16.80
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$0.56
	TOTALS		\$505.29
K-9 FUND	PINNACLE BANK	K-9 CARE	\$87.70
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	K-9 CARE	\$58.89
	TOTAL		\$146.59
ARPA TOTAL	CALIFORNIA BOILER	BOILER REPAIR	\$5,086.65
			\$5,086.65
COMMISSARY TOTALS	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	COMMISSARY	\$45.67
			\$45.67

COURTHOUSE	SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION	BLDG REPAIR	\$2,348.38
TOTAL			\$2,348.38
4-H BLDG	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$814.25
	ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC	ANNUAL FEE	\$300.00
	MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$516.03
	NEBRASKA HEATING & AIR, INC	REPAIRS	\$135.44
	RATHMAN & MANNING CORP	BLDG REPAIR	\$3,100.00
	U.S. BANK	SUPPLIES	\$41.17
	YOUNG GUN HANDY MAN	PAINT/LABOR	\$4,800.00
TOTAL			\$9,706.89

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the March 2023 claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes
 Moved Placke, second Jarecke to adjourn at 9:09 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

March 28, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Dexter, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, Weller and Wiegert, County Clerk Strobel, and Deputy County Attorney Kunz present.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil, The Palmer Journal and the Merrick County Website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Wiegert 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 9:50 a.m.

Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the minutes of March 14 and March 20, 2023 as published.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Weller, Dexter, Placke, Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Kucera, Wiegert-NACO Central District meeting in Aurora, March 23; Weller-Central District Health, March 20, Bader Park Board meeting March 21; Dexter, Placke, Kreachbaum--Long Term Care Board and Long-Term Care Committee meetings March 15; Kucera-Mid-Nebraska Individual Services March 15 and Region III, March 24th; Kreachbaum-NE Board of Compliance and Standards March 24;

Emily Triplett provided an update regarding Long Term Care and informed the board renewal of property insurance will be approaching.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign the Electrical Agreement between Merrick County and Michael J. Ritta to install electrical line to irrigation well and center pivot Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve the Chairman to sign Special Designated Liquor Licenses for Prairie Creek Vineyards, LLC at Wild Roots Greenhouse & Market-May 11, 2023 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. and October 8, 2023 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Weller to vote yes or no on ownership of Long-Term Care due to economic stress to the county. Dexter rescinded his motion. No action taken.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve Merrick County to pay 30% and Long Term to pay 70% of the utility bills with City of Central City effective May 1, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to move into Executive Session at 10:48 a.m. to discuss job applications received for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All ayes

Moved Kucera, second Placke to exit Executive Session at 11:14 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to appoint Aaron Kunz as Interim County Attorney effective April 8, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes

Payroll: General Gross-\$68286.19, Net-\$48442.50; General Gross-\$51,576.61, Net-\$37308.53; Roads Gross: \$26848.18, Net: \$19376.73; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3053.68, Net: \$2147.99. Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the March 2023 payroll. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to adjourn at 11:49 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

April 11, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Kucera, Wiegert and County Clerk Strobel present. Weller was 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.

Chairman Wiegert 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. Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the minutes from March 28, 2023 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes:

Supervisor meetings: Dexter-SCEDD in St. Paul March 30; Kucera-Extension Board April 10th; Wiegert-April 6, Midland Area on Aging in Hastings

Treasurer Gilg provided an update on miscellaneous funds. Clerk Strobel informed the board the State Auditors will not be submitting a proposal for Fiscal Year 2023 due to staffing and state agency audits.

Captain Bauer appeared before the board to inform them of the grant funds received.

Dean Hartwig, Weed Superintendent, provided his quarterly report.

Russ Bayer, Secretary/Treasurer for Summerwood Lakes, Clarks, approached the board regarding the possibility of the county helping fund a drywell for the Clarks Lakes. Ned Wemhoff and Jim Luethje were also present. No action taken at this time.

Due to a tornado drill the board meeting was paused from 9:30 a.m. until 9:39 a.m.

Moved Kucera, second Jarecke to approve the Chairman to sign Special Designated Liquor License application for the Kids & Dreams Foundation, April 22, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. at the Merrick County Youth & Agricultural Education Center for Trivia Night. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-7 directing the Merrick County Treasurer to pay the Courthouse Bond Payment due June 1, 2023 in the amount of \$1,100.00 for interest only and to be paid from the Courthouse Bond Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Placke to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-8 directing the Merrick County Treasurer to pay the 4-H Building Bond Payment due on June 1, 2023 in the amount of \$5,473.76 for interest only be paid from the 4-H Building P & I Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign the Electrical Agreement between Merrick County and South Public Power District-Sections 9 & 4, Township 14, Range 6. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign the Electrical Agreement between Merrick County and Steve Belitz-Sections 19 & 30, Township 14, Range 7 for new electric service to pivot. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign the Electrical Agreement between Merrick County and Steve Kyes-Sections 24 & 19 Township 14, Ranges 7 & 6 for undergrounds electric well service. Roll Call; All Ayes

Change order for Young Gun Handy Man-Josh Trumblee. No action taken due to change order not received.

10:15 a.m. bid opening-For One 15' Offset Flex-Bat-Wing Heavy Duty Mower. Only one bid was received-Grosshans' bid for a Rhino 2023 Super Duty 5150 /Flex-Wing Rotary Cutter for \$29,994.00 was opened. Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to approve the purchase of the Rhino 2023 Super Duty 5150 from Grosshans. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to open the 10:30 a.m. bid opening at 10:31 a.m. for a 2023 1 ¼ ton pickup. Roll Call: All Ayes. No bids received; no action taken. Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to close bid opening at 10:33 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Kucera to open the 10:45 bid opening at 10:45 a.m. for one 80' Long 60' Wide steel Quonset building. Roll Call: All Ayes. One bid received. Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the purchase of an 80' long x 60' wide steel Quonset building from Kris Erickson for \$30,000.00 Roll Call: All Ayes Moved

Moved Jarecke, second Kucera to publish for invitations on comparable bids for a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado work truck. Roll Call: All Ayes

Long Term Care discussion. No action taken-table until the next board meeting, April 25th.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to move into Executive Session at 11:17 a.m. to discuss County Attorney applications received and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Placke, second Dexter to move out of Executive Session at 11:45 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to rescind the Interim County Attorney offer presented to Deputy County Attorney Kunz on March 28th due to other applications received. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to approve the March 2023 filing fees from District Court, County Sheriff and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL			
	ANIMAL HEALTH INTERNATIONAL NEBR	EQUIPMENT	\$2,018.86
	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SECURITY AGREE	\$543.34
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,081.76
	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$583.80
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$57.19
	BRADLEY LAW OFFICE, PC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$8,279.25
	LEAH BROWN	SPELLING BEE	\$130.00
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES	\$2,461.61
	CENTEC CAST METAL PRODUCTS	MARKERS-FLAGS	\$1,073.34
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$11.96
	CENTURY LINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$271.92
	CENTURYLINK	E911 PHONE	\$213.50
	CHRISTENSEN INSURANCE	NOTARY FEE	\$40.00
	CINTAS CORPORATION	MEDICAL SUPPLY	\$43.44
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	HOSP/LTC UTILITIES	\$13,387.58
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,996.55
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITY BILL	\$12.00
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$241.38
	COMFORT INN	LODGING	\$241.57
	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT CO	MEALS	\$86.00
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$447.00
	CVSOAN	REGISTRATION	\$60.00
	DES MOINES STAMP	SUPPLIES	\$36.00
	ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$62.36
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$45.69
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$25.98
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES/EQUIP	\$124.80
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$259.32

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$93.92
EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	EQUIPMENT	\$144.16
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$220.57
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$20.49
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES/EQUIP	\$1,125.08
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$5,370.99
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$330.99
SHARON GILG	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$52.53
ROYCE GONZALES	REGISTRATION	\$75.00
THERESA GOOD	MILEAGE/MH BRD	\$118.18
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
MRS. MARY GREGOSKI	SPELLING BEE	\$177.20
GROSSHANS	WEED CONTROL	\$145.30
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING COSTS	\$660.00
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$1,500.00
DEAN HARTWIG	LODGING	\$288.28
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$235.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	\$328.36
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$199.11
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$335.10
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$92.22
BRIAN KLUCK	MH BOARD	\$310.60
LIVE WELL COUNSELING CENTER	SERVICES	\$960.00
MARY LIVINGSTON	MH BOARD	\$220.00
DOUG MAW	PHONE/SUPPLIES	\$179.32
MCILNAY AND COMPANY	BLDG REPAIR	\$132.99
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$261.96
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$115,696.53
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	MH BOARD	\$83.57
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$296.14
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$528.87
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$70.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	JUVENILE SRVC	\$536.76
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$3,590.27
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	SUPPLIES	\$299.00
JENNIFER MYERS	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
NACEB	REGISTRATION	\$80.00
NACO	SUPPLIES	\$60.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$175.00
NACT TREASURER	REGISTRATION	\$150.00
NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL E-COMMERCE	SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$36.45

NE SECRETARY OF STATE: NOTARY	NOTARY	\$30.00
NEBRASKA GLASS COMPANY LLC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$79.90
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$51.06
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$284.40
PALMER PUBLIC SCHOOL	SUPPLIES	\$6.99
PALSER SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$19.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$52.00
PINNACLE BANK CC	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$276.94
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$277.86
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$116.46
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$127.40
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$190.49
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$306.86
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$255.80
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$566.49
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL-TRANSPORT	\$53.35
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL TRANSPORT	\$28.10
PRECISION REPORTING, INC	COURT EXPENSE	\$52.50
RHD PUBLISHING LLC	SUPPLIES	\$315.80
RHD PUBLISHING LLC	PUBLICATION	\$54.75
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$7.37
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$1,022.83
RHD PUBLICATION	SUBSCRIPTION	\$40.00
ROWLEY LAW LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$408.50
SACK LUMBER	BLDG REPAIR	\$17.99
DALE M SHOTKOSKI	TRAVEL/PHONE	\$143.51
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$137.29
EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$118.56
STATE OF NE-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$602.00
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$4,322.50
T & R AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$16.62
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$454.80
TOTAL AUTO BODY	CAR REPAIR	\$500.00
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$147.27
JAMES H TRUJELL	MH BOARD	\$227.60
U.S. BANK	SUPPLIES/MISC	\$3,742.34
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$303.50
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/RENTAL	\$110.06
PINNACLE BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$2,223.74
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$990.00
VYVE BROADBAND	PHONE/INTERNET	\$1,577.13
CHRISTY WANDFLUH	MILEAGE	\$67.73
WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO	WEED CONTROL	\$342.56

	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$548.37
	WEX BANK	FUEL	\$2,527.19
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH, ROGER WIEGERT	ATTORNEY FEES	\$5,254.50
		MILEAGE	\$37.46
TOTAL			\$199,396.27

ROADS	BAUM HYDRAULICS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$825.89
	BEATRICE SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$14,477.12
	BILL'S VOLUME SALES	EQUIP REPAIR	\$13.55
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$343.19
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$339.85
	BOSELMAN ENERGY INC	OIL/SUPPLIES	\$9,128.36
	CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$100.57
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$90.26
	FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$92.45
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$2,378.10
	GARRETT TIRES & TREADS	TIRES	\$1,612.36
	GROSSHANS, INC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$27.00
	GWORKS	SIGNS&POSTS	\$462.00
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$34.95
	HERK'S WELDING SHOP	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$212.50
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$372.37
	JACKSON SERVICE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$90.46
	MENARDS	ASPHALT	\$754.11
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$4.80
	MICHAEL TODD & CO, INC.	SIGNS&POST	\$1,926.26
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$64.80
	MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$136.23
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$3,972.44
	NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$1,314.00
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE SERVICE	\$76.60
	OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	ENGINEER FEES	\$16,296.85
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$34,481.20
	PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$57.44
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	\$26,101.70
	PALSER SERVICE	TIRE REPAIR	\$84.00
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$72.39
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$27.56
	SACK LUMBER CO	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$8.00
	SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$1,601.25

	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$672.40
	STATE STEEL SUPPLY CO.	STEEL PRODUCTS	\$5,083.12
TOTAL			\$125,761.84
JUVENILE DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$27.72
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$22.93
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUVDIV-POSTAGE	\$11.88
	NE JUVENILE JUSTICE ASSOCIATION	EDUCATION	\$300.00
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$131.77
TOTAL			\$494.30
DRUG COURT TOTAL	DISTRICT 5 PROBATION	DRUG COURT EXPENSE	\$100.00
			\$100.00
K-9 TOTAL	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$80.74
			\$80.74
ARPA TOTAL	A1 AUTOMOTIVE	VEHICLE	\$42,599.00
	CALIFORNIA BOILER	BOILER INSPECTION	\$10,394.03
	RON GRIMES JR/DBA RG TURNKEY CONST	REPAIR/LABOR	\$9,000.00
			\$61,993.03
INHERITANCE TOTAL	CENTRAL PLATTE NRD	MOORES CREEK	\$91.51
			\$91.51
COMMISSARY TOTAL	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES	\$173.42
			\$173.42
4-H BUILDING TOTAL	BOSELMAN ENERGY, INC	FUEL	\$139.82
	CENTRAL PLUMBING LLC	BLDG REPAIR	\$45.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	4-H UTILITIES	\$2,213.40
	ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC	INSPECTION	\$109.00
	GALUSHA ELECTRIC	BLDG REPAIR	\$117.18
			\$2,624.40

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the April 2023 claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes
Payroll: General Gross: \$53,818.10, Net: \$38,771.05; Roads Gross: \$27,901.52, Net: \$20,132.23;
Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3,072.03, Net: \$2,160.57 Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the
payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes
Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 12:04 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman
/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

April 25, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Kucera, Wiegert, Weller and County Clerk Strobel present. Also in attendance were Travis Kuchar, Mary Santin, Norman Balliet, Dick Johnson and Katie Benner.

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.

Chairman Wiegert 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. Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the minutes from April 11, 2023 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes

Supervisor meetings: Dexter and Placke April 18th Community Discussion at the high school, April 19th Long Term Care, April 20th NIRMA in Kearney. Jarecke, Kreachbaum and Wiegert-Personnel meeting for interviews April 18th & 19th, NIRMA in Kearney April 20th. Kreachbaum-Long Term Care April 19th. Kucera-Mid-Nebraska Individual Services Executive Board meeting April 19th and NIMRA April 20th in Kearney.

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers stated there is still a TERC case pending with the Ethanol Plant.

Emily Soll with Extension provided a handout with programs that will be offered as well as enrollment dates, monthly schedules and the pre-Fair activities and 2023 Merrick County Fair calendar.

Captain Bauer attended NIRMA training April 20th along with Sheriff Westman. Jail staff also went to the jail conference training. Highway Superintendent Meyer stated a bridge on 4th & K Road is now closed. Katie Benner, Travis Kuchar, Mary Santin and Norman Balliet appeared before the board during public comment regarding the future of Long-Term Care.

Emily Triplett provided an update on Long Term Care.

Judd Allen with Blue Cross/Blue Shield discussed the health insurance renewal as well as the 3.98% increase in cost.

Gwen Jensen and Bill Bebb with Envirotech came before the board to discuss possibilities of using the DuraBlend application for dust control on a few county roads. Sales quotes were submitted. No action taken.

Dick Johnson voiced his concerns regarding L Road safety and dust control.

Moved Placke, second Kucera to open the 10:00 bid opening at 10:07 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. 2023 Asphalt Resurfacing bids were opened as follows: Gary Smith Construction-Mobilization Bid Price: \$31,500.00, Traffic Control Bid Price: \$18,000.00, Tack Cost: \$2.86/gal-6500 gal=\$18,590.00, Class 3 Cold Milling 160 STA: \$215.00/STA=\$34,400.00, Bridge Deck Mill & Overlay:95 sq yd: \$50/sq yd=\$4750.00; Asphaltic concrete for patching (if needed) 50T: \$200/T=\$10,000.00; Asphaltic Concrete, Type SPR 5,280/T: \$81.90/T=\$432,432.00; Placement of Asphaltic Concrete for Returns & Driveways-1787 sq yd: \$10/sq yd=\$17,870.00; Temp Pavement Marking-Broken Lines 326 STA: \$10/STA=\$3250.00; Temp Pavement Marking-Solid Lines 650 STA: \$10/STA=6,500.00. Total Bid Price: \$577,292.00

Vontz Paving, Inc-Mobilization Bid Price: \$12,000.00, Traffic Control Bid Price: \$6,200.00, Tack Cost: \$2.75/gal-6500 gal=\$17,875.00, Class 3 Cold Milling 160 STA: \$150.00/STA=\$24,000.00, Bridge Deck Mill & Overlay:95 sq yd: \$70/sq yd=\$6,650.00; Asphaltic concrete for patching (if needed) 50T: \$135/T=\$6,750.00; Asphaltic Concrete, Type SPR 5,280/T: \$82.82/T=\$437,289.60; Placement of Asphaltic Concrete for Returns & Driveways-1787 sq yd: \$7/sq yd=\$12,509.00; Temp Pavement Marking-Broken Lines 326 STA: \$10/STA=\$3250.00; Temp Pavement Marking-Solid Lines 650 STA: \$10/STA=6,500.00. Total Bid Price: \$533,023.60

Werner Construction-Mobilization Bid Price: \$41,000.00, Traffic Control Bid Price: \$21,000.00, Tack Cost: \$2.65/gal-6500 gal=\$17,225.00, Class 3 Cold Milling 160 STA: \$221.00/STA=\$35,360.00, Bridge Deck Mill & Overlay:95 sq yd: \$37/sq yd=\$3,515.00; Asphaltic concrete for patching (if needed) 50T: \$145/T=\$7,250.00; Asphaltic Concrete, Type SPR 5,280/T: \$78.72/T=\$415,641.60; Placement of Asphaltic Concrete for Returns & Driveways-1787 sq yd: \$7.50/sq yd=\$13,402.50; Temp Pavement Marking-Broken Lines 326 STA: \$8.00/STA=\$2,600.00; Temp Pavement Marking-Solid Lines 650 STA: \$9/STA=\$5,850.00. Total Bid Price: \$562,844.10

Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to close the 10:00 bid opening at 10:32 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to accept the bid from Vontz Paving, Inc. Roll Call: All Ayes

Justin Wolf, CEO of Memorial Community Health in Aurora requested the purchase of the receptacle outlet in which the MRI truck had previously used at the old hospital. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to sell the receptacle outlet for \$2,000.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Tyson Benner with the Long-Term Care Board presented the Opinion of Construction Cost for a Merrick County Long-Term Care Replacement Facility. The total construction cost of \$12,000,000.00 would be for a 46 Bed Long-Term Care Facility, this does not include costs for land acquisition and financing. Discussion continued with the possibility of a Special Bond as well as a countywide Special Election seeking the approval from the Merrick County residents.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to stay involved in Long Term Care. Roll Call: Dexter, Kucera, Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Placke, Wiegert-Ayes. Weller-Nay. Motion Carried with a vote of 6-1.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign the Extension of Term Addendum Management Agreement to extend one year through and until June 1, 2024. Roll Call: Placke, Jarecke, Kucera, Kreachbaum, Dexter, Wiegert-Ayes. Weller-Nay. Motion Carried with a vote of 6-1.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the \$1,500.00 quote from Jordan Masonry, LLC for tuckpointing the back steps of the courthouse. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-9 for the Final Acceptance of Project Construction for Palmer Northwest. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign the Electrical Agreements between Merrick County and Stoltenberg Irrigation for Mark Hudnall Sections 7 & 6, Township 12, Range 7. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to approve the Chairman to sign the Electrical Agreements between Merrick County and Southern Power District Section 18 & 19, Township 12, Range 7 and Sections 19 & 20, Township 12, Range 7. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the Chairman to sign the Irrigation Pipe Line Agreement between Merrick County and Christensen Cattle Co, Inc-Sections 25 & 19, Township 14, Ranges 6. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve the Chairman to sign a Water Line Agreement between Merrick County and Dana Samuelson to allow use of stock well in NE1/4NE1/4 Section 33, Township 15, Range 8 and W 1/2 Section 34, Township 15, Range 8. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the special purchase of a 2022 Chevy Silverado 4500 HD pickup from Dillon's Auto-Lincoln for \$66,998.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to approve the Change Order received from Young Gun Handyman/Josh Trumlee for \$400.00. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Kucera to accept the suggested changes from Kreachbaum and no longer having exemptions for rental fees for the 4-H building. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to move into Executive Session for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual at 12:33 p.m. Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to move out of Executive Session at 1:06 p.m. Roll Call; All Ayes. Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to offer the appointed County Attorney position to Aaron Kunz. Roll Call: All Ayes. Aaron Kunz accepted the position.

April Payroll: General Net: \$39,886.39, Gross: \$56,240.00, Roads Net: \$4095.54, Gross: \$5367.68.

General Net: \$40794.89, Gross: \$57,049.86, Roads Net: \$19,011.27, Gross: \$26,350.76, Juvenile

Diversion Net: \$2,128.35, Gros: \$3,024.31

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

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to adjourn at 1:17 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

May 9, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 9:07 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Kucera, Wiegert, Weller, County Attorney Kunz and County Clerk Strobel present.

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Chairman Wiegert 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 9:75 a.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:07 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve the minutes from April 25, 2023 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes

Supervisor meetings: Dexter, Wiegert: May 3rd Ag Summit-Kearney; Dexter, Wiegert, Kucera-May 4th conference call-NE State Auditors; Dexter: May 5th Merrick County Economic Development; Kucera May 8th Extension Board; Jarecke: Central Action Partners zoom meeting-May 2nd.

Officials Reports: Treasurer Gilg provided an update on the collection of real estate taxes between April 1 thru May 8 was \$8.88 million. County Attorney Kunz informed the board he attended the County Attorney continuing education meetings in Kearney May 3rd thru May 5th.

Brian Moeder with Vyve Broadband appeared during public comment inquiring on the status of the business relationship between Vyve and Merrick County.

Mitch Inmann with Dana F. Cole & Associates

Pam Arterburn with Midland Area on Aging appeared before the board to request the FY 2024 annual funding of \$11,002.00. The annual memberships for Merrick County will be at the current level of \$1,902.00 and \$9,100.00 will be used for The Good Life Center.

Andy Forney with D. A. Davidson provided a handout for the board members with bond options for a new Long Term Care facility.

Austin Partridge with First National Capital Markets provided documentation for the board members with bond options for a new Long Term Care facility

Moved Placke, second Dexter to appoint Mike Peters, Lori Parachini and Steve Wichmann to the Prairie Creek Township Board. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the Fiber Optic Agreements between Merrick County and Vyve Broadband Section 7 & 8, Township 12, Range 7 to bury fiber optic cable for internet. Roll Call; All Ayes.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to have the Chairman sign the Grand Island Area Clean Community System support letter for \$2000.00. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the quote from Norfolk Contractors for \$92,739.00 from Norfolk Contractors to repair the bridge over Prairie Creek at 4th and K Road. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion was held regarding road maintenance for the Summerwood Lakes area. No action taken.

Captain Bauer gave an update on the HVAC issues on the third floor. No action required.

Captain Bauer discussed the security camera system in the jail.

Discussion was held regarding the 911 dispatching of EMS to Summerwood Lakes area and the 911 county wide address visibility. No action taken.

Conference call with Aaron Bos with Nebraska Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (Nebraska CLASS) to discuss the possibilities of Merrick County to use their services as an investment management plan. No Action taken

Discussion regarding the pay increase was held for the office manager position in the Highway Department. No action required

Renewal of Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance for employees was discussed. No action taken-will be placed on upcoming board agendas for 2023-2024 Fiscal Year budget.

A verbal quote was received from Dana F. Cole & Associates for the 2022-2023 audit. Clerk Strobel will reach out and request an official proposal to be placed on the next agenda.

Discussion of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget. No action taken

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the May Fees received from Clerk of District Court, Sheriff and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL	ANTELOPE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	BOARDING COST	\$185.00
	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SECURITY AGREE	\$271.67
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,089.14
	BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$71.95
	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$550.49
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$146.83
	BRADLEY LAW OFFICE, PC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$6,371.65
	BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING COST	\$1,550.00
	CAMELOT TRANSPORTATION INC	JUVENILE SRVCS	\$656.00
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	INMATE SUPPLY	\$2,398.54
	CEDARS	JUVENILE SRVCS	\$1,040.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$42.88
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$42.88
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$19.68
	CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$270.32
	CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$212.70
	CINTAS CORPORATION	SUPPLIES	\$29.63
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	HOSP-UTILITIES	\$9,530.09
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,490.23
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.11
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	MH BOARD	\$990.64
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	\$266.51
	COBBLESTONE HOTEL & SUITES	LODGING	\$285.00
	COMFORT INN	LODGING	\$117.14
	COMFORT SUITES EAST LINCOLN	LODGING	\$85.00
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	OFFICE WATER	\$243.00
	DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	INMATE MEDICAL	\$24.52
	DES MOINES STAMP	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$29.50
	ED DEXTER	APRIL MILEAGE	\$185.76
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$82.67
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES/EQUIP	\$316.85
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$178.54
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$349.29
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	SUPPLIES	\$425.24
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$724.88
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$269.34

TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/TRAVEL	\$60.39
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$5,376.80
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$297.68
SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$124.71
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	COURT COSTS	\$41.48
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING COST	\$1,870.00
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COST	\$150.00
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$235.00
HILDER IMPLEMENT INC	LAWN EQUIP	\$77.06
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$7,804.66
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$198.93
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$222.97
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	COURT COSTS	\$6.69
BILL MACK	FUEL	\$11.86
DOUG MAW	PHONE/SUPP/MIL	\$262.80
MAXIMUS CONSULTING SERVICES, INC	CONSULTANT	\$1,805.53
MCILNAY & CO	SUPPLIES	\$351.75
MCILNAY AND COMPANY	BLDG REPAIR	\$367.72
	2016 CE/FILING	
MERRICK CO. CLERK	FEE	\$89.25
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TAX TRANSFER	\$115,696.53
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$151.32
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$580.49
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	IMAGING	\$35.00
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$3,590.27
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	PEST CONTROL	\$150.00
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE	\$239.60
NACO	EDUCATION	\$600.00
	EM	
NANCE COUNTY TREASURER	MANAGEMENT	\$8,734.82
NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL	SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$81.70
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	EDUCATION	\$290.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$372.00
NEBRASKA HEATING & AIR, INC	REPAIRS	\$720.06
KAREN NELSON	POSTAGE	\$75.81
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$267.03
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$425.61
PALMER JOURNAL	PRINTING	\$36.75
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$35.00
PINNACLE BANK CC	SUPPLIES	\$142.74
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL-TRANSPORT	\$229.65

PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL-TRANSPORT	\$67.66
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$11,449.34
KIMBERLY J QUANDT, AAL	ATTORNEY FEES	\$3,657.50
TOM REIMERS	MILEAGE/MEALS	\$145.52
MARIA RODRIGUEZ	MISC EXP	\$15.88
EMILY SOLL	SUPPLIES/MILES	\$378.47
STATE OF NE-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$683.76
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$5,567.00
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$481.06
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$454.80
TOOLS PLUS INDUSTRIES	SUPPLIES	\$299.99
U.S. BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$4,322.42
UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES	SUPPLIES	\$146.92
VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$2,558.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/EQUIP	\$110.03
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$242.52
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLY/EQUIP	\$351.93
VYVE BROADBAND	PHONE/INTERNET	\$1,922.48
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH, OTTO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$5,253.50
ROGER WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$142.78
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$519.95
911 CUSTOM	UNIFORM	\$1,165.00
TOTAL		\$223,461.89

ROADS	REPAIR/LABOR	\$562.05
ALL STAR AUTO GLASS	FUEL	\$5,653.80
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	GAS SERVICE	\$206.52
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	SUPPLIES	\$669.08
BOMGAARS	OIL/SUPPLIES	\$724.27
BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$20.00
BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$115.00
CEDAR VALLEY LUMBER CLARKS, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$388.41
CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$31.83
CINTAS CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$145.08
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	PURCHASE	\$30,000.00
KRIS ERICKSON	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$43.75
FILTER CARE	D & A TESTING	\$35.00
GRAND ISLAND CLINIC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$129.64
GROSSHANS, INC.	TELEPHONE/INT	\$34.95
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$1,120.39
H2 EQUIPMENT LLC	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$61.95
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$90.49
JACKSON SERVICE	CDL D & A TEST	\$105.00
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC		

	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$2.40
	MICHAEL TODD & CO, INC.	SIGNS&POST	\$562.59
	MID NEBRASKA LAND DEVELOPERS LLC	GRAVEL	\$58,862.03
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$64.80
	MIDWEST PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT	FUEL	\$3,867.85
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRES	\$599.44
	MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$136.23
	MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	PEST CONTROL	\$90.00
	NE ASSOC CO ENGR HWY SUPER & SURVEY	EDUCATION	\$160.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/LABOR	\$5,498.52
	NEBR. PETERBILT - FORD	EQUIP REPAIR	\$154.73
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE SERVICE	\$78.60
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$33,745.82
	PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$68.33
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL/REPAIRS	\$6,199.60
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRES	\$243.00
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$49.17
	RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	EQUIP REPAIR	\$244.30
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$53.75
	SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$1,710.80
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$564.14
TOTAL			\$155,519.02
JUVENILE SERVICES TOTAL	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$36.21
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$144.25
			\$180.46
K-9 CARE	ELITE K-9	K-9 CARE	\$4,584.85
	PINNACLE BANK	K-9 CARE	\$249.99
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLY/EQUIP	\$80.74
TOTAL			\$4,915.58
ARPA	DILLON'S AUTO	VEHICLE	\$67,360.00
	PROCHASKA & ASSOCIATES, INC	ENGINEER FEES	\$302.02
TOTAL			\$67,662.02
COMMISSARY	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	UNIFORM	\$186.08
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES	\$199.09
	ENCARTELE	COMMISSARY	\$600.00

	KEEFE SUPPLY COMPANY	COMMISSARY	\$534.70
TOTAL			\$1,519.87

4-H BUILDING	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,522.81
	US FOODS DIVISION #2365	SUPPLIES	\$925.11
TOTAL			\$2,447.92

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the May 2023 claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes
 Moved Kucera, second Jarecke to enter into Executive Session at 1:23 p.m. for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to exit Executive Session at 1:29 p.m. Roll call: All Ayes

May 5, 2023 Payroll: General Gross: \$61,187.54, Net: \$43,496.92; Roads Gross: \$26,763.77, Net: \$19,326.22; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3,136.68, Net: \$2,208.79

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

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 1:29 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

May 23, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 9:08 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Kucera, Wiegert, Weller, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present.

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

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the minutes from May 9, 2023 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes

Supervisor meetings: Weller-Central District Health Dept May 15, Bader Park Board May 16; Placke-Good Life Center May 16, Long Term Care Board & Special Committee Meetings-May 15; Jarecke-Central Nebraska Action Community Partners May 16; Kreachbaum-Long Term Care/Special Committee and 4-H Building Committee-May 15, Mid-Plains Center May 17 and Emergency Management Meeting with Boone and Nance Counties May 18; Kucera-Mid-Nebraska Individual Services Executive meeting May 11; Wiegert-May 15 4H Overseer Building Committee.

Officials: Doug Maw with Building and Grounds provided information regarding the tree damage after a storm along with an invoice from Rathman & Manning. This matter has been turned over to NIRMA for insurance coverage. Clerk Strobel will be meeting with the accountant regarding the new budget program on May 24.

Rob Latimer with Summit Carbon Solutions provided handouts as well as an update regarding the pipeline.

Emergency Manager Clark gave a quarterly update.

Long Term Care Bond was discussed. Location and building bid proposals will be sought out with possible town hall meetings to be held in the villages. No action taken

The future of Townships was discussed. No action taken

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the proposal received from Dana F. Cole & Associates for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 audit. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Kucera to approve a NACO representative come speak to the employees regarding the Supplemental Life Insurance program. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion concerning the use of COVID funds continued. No action taken.

County Attorney Kunz approached the Board in regards to the possibility of changing the board meeting dates. No action taken.

GENERAL	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$123.26
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$203.20
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$737.50
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$923.65
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$746.85
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$740.00
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$1,002.28
TOTAL			\$4,476.74
4-H BLDG	YOUNG GUN HANDY MAN	CONSTRUCTION	\$400.00
TOTAL			\$400.00

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the May fuel claims. Roll Call: All Ayes
May Payroll: General Gross: \$54,524.41, Net: \$38,886.41; Roads Gross: \$26,752.66, Net: 19,311.44;
Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3,149.64, Net: \$2,214.68. General Gross: \$57,302.51, Net: \$40,296.23; Roads
Gross: \$5,358.68, Net: \$4,089.09. Moved Kucera, second Placke to approve payroll as presented. Roll
Call: All Ayes
Moved Placke, second Dexter to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman
/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

June 13, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 9:10 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Kucera, Wiegert, Weller, County Clerk Strobel 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.

Chairman Wiegert 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 9:10 a.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:10 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the minutes from May 23, 2023 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes

Supervisor meetings: Weller, Placke, Kucera, Wiegert, Kreachbaum, Jarecke attended the NACO BOE/County Board meetings in Kearney June 7 and 8. Dexter-SCEDD in Holdrege May 30, LTC Board and conference call with Five Nines May 31st. Kucera Extension Board meeting June 12; Wiegert, Jarecke, Kreachbaum-Personnel Committee meeting May 31st; Wiegert Midland Area on Aging, Hastings June 1st; Kreachbaum, Long Term Care May 31st, Mid-Plains Behavioral Services May 31st and June 12, City County evening of June 12th.

Officials: Clerk Strobel will be attending the ROD/Election/Clerk NACO conference June 14-16th in Kearney. Treasurer Gilg stated she had watched the NACO webinar regarding cash reserve. County Attorney Kunz informed the board he hired a Deputy County Attorney, Ross Luzum. Kunz also has a summer intern, Van Fasbender. Planning & Zoning Scott Stuhr introduced Melissa Berry as the new Hamilton County Planning & Zoning Administrator.

Sharon Hueftle with SCEDD gave her annual report during public comment.

Dennis Ditloff with NPPD informed the board of a tree that needs to be trimmed on the NE ¼ 29-13-6.

Treasurer Gilg presented the parcels that will be on the County Tax Sale.

Planning & Zoning Stuhr and Jeff Brandenburg appeared before the board regarding Special Event Permits.

Moved Placke, second Kreachbaum to approve two Special Event Permits for the River Rats Association-event dates July 15, August 11th & 12th, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes

Juvenile Diversion Officer Harlow presented a State Grant Award for FY 2023-2024. Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign the State Grant Award. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve Resolution 2023-10 transferring \$85,010.38 from Building & Grounds Fund to General Misc Fund for past expenses of utility bills paid to City of Central City for the old hospital utilities. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for the Merrick County Ag Society at the County Fairgrounds July 29 thru August 2, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to appoint Judy Helgoth, Barbee Sweet and Rod Pollard to the Clarks Township; Brian Kershaw and James Kershaw to the Silver Creek Township. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding moving board meeting dates; No action taken.

Discussion regarding rate changes to the road maintenance of townships. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to increase the rates to \$500.00/mi-township roads maintenance; \$250.00/mi-minimum maintenance roads; \$125.00/hr for extra work. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the BC/BS insurance renewal with 100% paid for employee; 85% paid for employee/spouse, employee/children and 80% employee/family. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to have the Chairman sign the Vontz Paving contract for surfacing. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to have the Chairman sign the Electrical Agreement between Merrick County and South Public Power District Section 19 & 20, Township 12, Range 7. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to use \$500,000.00 of the ARPA Funds to repair bridge on L Road west of the 5th C61 (271). Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding FY Budget 2023-2024. No action taken

Moved Dexter, second Weller to move into Executive Session at 11:37 a.m. for the prevention of needless injury to the reputations of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to move out of Executive Session at 12:56 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to approve the fees collected in May 2023 by District Court, County Sheriff and the County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL	AGRICULTURAL SERVICES INC	WEED CONTROL	\$110.00
	ANDERSON FORD LINCOLN MERCURY	VEHICLE	\$46,001.00
	ANTELOPE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	BOARDING COSTS	\$720.00
	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SECURITY AGREE	\$271.67
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,086.06
	AXON ENTERPRISE, INC	BOARDING COSTS	\$5,352.01
	BANKS WRAPS & SIGNS	EQUIPMENT	\$1,700.00
	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$370.56
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$138.84
	BRADLEY LAW OFFICE, PC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,191.20
	BRANDENBURG LAWN CARE	TREE SERVICE	\$4,675.00
	BRITE	EQUIPMENT	\$1,056.00
	BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING COSTS	\$2,000.00
	CALIBRE PRESS	L.E. TRAINING	\$417.00
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$2,725.16
	CEDARS	JUV. SERVICES	\$600.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$90.47
	CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT	SUPPORT	\$7,169.80
	CENTRAL NEBRASKA ATTORNEYS PC LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$874.00
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	LAWN CARE	\$25.99
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$57.92
	CENTURY LINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$270.32
	CENTURYLINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$212.70
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY-HOSPITAL	UTILITIES	\$2,966.88
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY-COURTHOUSE	UTILITIES	\$2,101.93
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.11
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$738.71
	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	MEALS	\$53.75
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$410.00
	D & M SECURITY	INSPECTION	\$70.00
	DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$24.52
	DETECTACHEM INC	INVESTIGATIVE	\$1,181.81
	DIGITAL-ALLY	EQUIPMENT	\$8,110.00

EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$154.57
EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$1,169.16
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	\$100.69
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$357.88
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$328.05
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	\$192.06
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$1,358.43
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$387.21
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP/SUPPLIES	\$423.52
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$5,396.80
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	CAR REPAIR	\$1,056.30
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$1,148.92
SHARON GILG	REG/MLG/SUPPLY	\$175.63
STACIE GODING	MH BOARD	\$225.37
THERESA GOOD	MH BOARD	\$395.70
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	COURT COSTS	\$67.18
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING COSTS	\$2,912.47
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$50.00
HAMILTON COUNTY	INTERLOCAL	\$41,250.00
HAMPTON INN	LODGING	\$196.00
DEAN HARTWIG	FUEL-WEED CONT	\$83.03
HILLTOP DRUGS ETC	PRISONER MEDS	\$73.43
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	\$189.91
IBCCES	L.E. TRAINING	\$3,250.00
ISLAND GLASS CO	BDLG REPAIR	\$312.10
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	EQUIPMENT	\$633.74
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$198.91
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$222.91
JORDAN MASONRY, LLC	BLDG REPAIR	\$1,500.00
JUSTICE DATA SOLUTIONS INCORPORATED	RECORDS MGMT	\$5,900.00
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$5,469.27
BRIAN KLUCK	MH BOARD	\$716.20
RUSSELL KREACHBAUM	MILEAGE	\$100.60
AARON J KUNZ	MILEAGE	\$322.26
LA QUINTA INNS & SUITES	LODGING	\$196.00
LEXIPOL	LE TRAINING	\$334.81
MARY LIVINGSTON	MH BOARD	\$220.00
LONE TREE TOWING	TOW SERVICE	\$150.00
MARTIN'S FLAG CO.	FLAGS/POLES	\$541.16
DOUG MAW	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$313.20

MCILNAY & CO	BLDG REPAIR	\$275.57
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT COSTS	\$2,742.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$115,696.51
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	MH BOARD	\$73.30
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$271.05
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$1,863.33
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$35.00
MIDSTATES ORGANIZED CRIME INFO	MEMBERSHIP	\$100.00
MIDWEST CONNECT	POSTAGE	\$305.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	JUV. SERVICES	\$765.00
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$3,590.27
MPH INDUSTRIES, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$1,940.00
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$168.86
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$270.00
NATL ASSOC CO VETERAN SERVICE OFF	2023 DUES	\$50.00
NEBR. CO. ATTORNEYS ASSOC.	DUES	\$1,057.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$732.00
NE SECRETARY OF STATE: NOTARY	NOTARY FEE	\$30.00
NEBRASKA AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS	AUDIT FEE	\$14,737.50
KAREN NELSON	NOTARY RENEWAL	\$127.17
NIRMA	INSURANCE	\$71,255.00
NNTC	E911 PHONE SRV	\$132.85
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$117.62
PALSER SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$88.95
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHRED SERVICE	\$35.00
PINNACLE BANK CC	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$179.23
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$210.08
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$229.83
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$704.77
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$1,036.26
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$635.63
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$495.42
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$948.57
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL-TRANSPORT	\$249.68
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL-TRANSPORT	\$164.05
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$286.20
JAN PLACKE	MILEAGE	\$93.66
PLATTE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY	BOARDING COSTS	\$150.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$13,266.96
POSTMASTER	POSTAL RENT	\$332.00
QUADIANT LEASING USA, INC	POSTAGE	\$516.99
RATHMAN & MANNING CORP	BLDG REPAIR	\$7,680.00
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$745.29

	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$457.50
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$1,150.35
	RINDER PRINTING COMPANY	SUPPLIES	\$875.03
	SAFELITE AUTOGLASS	EQUIPMENT	\$1,352.74
	SAFELITE FULFILLMENT, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$480.99
	STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$683.76
	STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,235.00
	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$425.82
	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$454.80
	TOP QUALITY GLOVES	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$910.25
	TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$334.52
	JAMES H TRUELL	MH BOARD	\$362.11
	U.S. BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$79.90
	CMRS-POC	POSTAGE	\$32,000.00
	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$75.02
	VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$1,134.78
	VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	\$110.03
	PINNACLE BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$1,655.30
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	LE SUPPLIES	\$4,577.02
	VYVE BROADBAND	PHONE/CABLE	\$724.78
	CHRISTY WANDFLUH	MILEAGE	\$29.34
	TOM WELLER	MILEAGE	\$115.01
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$3,201.50
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$2,945.95
	88 TACTICAL	L.E. TRAINING	\$1,850.00
TOTAL			\$472,654.03
ROADS	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$18,230.12
	AKRS EQUIPMENT	REPAIRS	\$192.88
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$2,302.50
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$93.40
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$420.62
	BOSELMAN ENERGY INC	OIL/SUPPLIES	\$15,269.44
	CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$52.08
	CINTAS CORPORATION	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$129.07
	FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$298.60
	FRIESEN FORD	REPAIR/LABOR	\$1,094.20
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$2,266.55
	GARY SMITH CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.	ASPHALT	\$1,511.17
	GROSSHANS, INC.	SUPPLIES/TIRES	\$30,851.43
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$34.95
	BUCKY HERMAN	LAND RENTAL	\$600.00
	H2 EQUIPMENT LLC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$77.51

	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$143.44
	JACKSON SERVICE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$90.28
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$21.40
	MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	D & A TESTING	\$96.00
	MICHAEL TODD & CO, INC.	SIGNS/POSTS	\$2,335.63
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$64.80
	MIPS	SUPPORT	\$136.23
	POWERPLAN	EQUIP REPAIR	\$3,143.26
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/LABOR	\$9,977.96
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NIOBRARA LODGE	LODGING	\$196.00
	NIRMA	INSURANCE	\$63,653.00
	NORFOLK CONTRACTING, INC	BRIDGES	\$92,739.00
	NT&T	PHONE SERVICE	\$78.55
	OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	ENGINEER FEES	\$25,037.00
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$41,824.67
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL/TIRES	\$23,943.18
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRES/FUEL	\$425.80
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$38.33
	RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	REPAIR/LABOR	\$9,319.34
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$59.71
	SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$1,599.65
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$535.11
	VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC	PHONE SERVICE	\$181.12
	VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	\$5,902.40
	WELDON PARTS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$110.36
	CLIFFORD YRKOSKI	LAND RENTAL	\$360.00
	TOTAL		\$357,862.45
JUVENILE DIVERSION TOTAL	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUVDIV-POSTAGE	\$2.40
			\$2.40
ARPA TOTAL	BRITE	EQUIPMENT	\$7,263.00
	LUTZ	ANNUAL CONSULT	\$229.50
	MPH INDUSTRIES, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$138.00
			\$7,630.50
COMMISSARY	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	COMMISSARY	\$128.82
	CIDNET	COMMISSARY	\$300.00
	KEEFE SUPPLY COMPANY	COMMISSARY	\$458.44
	STERLING COMMISSARY LLC	COMMISSARY	\$6,400.00

TOTAL			\$7,287.26
COURTHOUSE	SHARON GILG	OFFICE FURN	\$332.88
BUILDING	U.S. BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$359.76
TOTAL			\$692.64
4H BUILDING	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,262.12
	HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$235.00
	NEBRASKA HEATING & AIR, INC	REPAIRS	\$1,729.92
	STANEK FIRE PROTECTION	INSPECTION	\$199.00
	U.S. BANK	EXTENSION	\$490.77
TOTAL			\$3,916.81

Moved Placke, second Kucera to approve the June 2023 claims with the City of Central City utility billing for the old hospital to be 30% paid and not 100% paid as of May 1, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to approve the payroll as presented. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 1:15 p.m. Roll Call; All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

June 27, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Kucera, Wiegert, and County Clerk Strobel present. Weller 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.

Chairman Wiegert 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. Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the minutes from June 13, 2023 with the addition of Township Road rate increases will take effect July 1, 2023, and the correction of the \$500,000.00 ARPA funds are to be used to replace the bridge on L Road West of the 5th C61 (258), not repairing the bridge C61 (271).

Roll Call: All Ayes

Supervisor meetings: Dexter-June 14th Safety Committee Meeting, security cameras were discussed for the Extension Office: Dexter and Kreachbaum- June 21st Long Term Care Board. Dexter and Wiegert June 22nd-SCEDD Ribbon cutting at McHargue Subdivision; Placke-June 20th Senior Center meeting-discussion regarding electrical upgrade for the kitchen and a fund raiser being held July 2nd.

Officials: Treasurer Gilg attended the Treasurer's Conference in Gering and Clerk Strobel attended the Clerk/ROD/Election Commissioner Conference in Kearney last week.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to move the monthly interest earned from the ARPA Funds into the General Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Treasurer Gilg presented the Distress Warrant Report. Of the 32 Distress Warrants, 30 have been collected since November 1, 2022 by the Sheriff Department in the amount of \$10,903.66. The two remaining warrants: one the owner is deceased and the second an Affidavit of Poverty was signed by the property owner.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the \$1,193.00 in expenses for the Sheriff department equipment be taken out of the ARPA Funds. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-0013 directing the issuance of County Tax Sale Certificates. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Resolution 2023-0014: Transfer of funds from General to Inheritance for money borrowed February 28, 2023. No action taken.

Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-0015 transferring funds from Roads Fund to Inheritance Fund for money borrowed August 9, 2022. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Placke to open the 9:30 a.m. Public Budget Hearing. Roll Call; All Ayes. Mitch Inman with Dana F. Cole & Associates presented the Amended Budget for FY 2022-2023 due to unexpected expenses and funds not budgeted for Road Buy Back. Moved Kucera, second Jarecke to close the Public Budget Hearing at 9:33 a.m. Roll Call; All Ayes.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to accept the amended budget for FY 2022-2023 as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Kucera, second Placke to open the 9:30 a.m. Public Hearing at 9:33 a.m. Roll Call; All Ayes.

Melissa Barry, Planning & Zoning presented the final plat subdivision on a tract of ground located at Outlot 1, Grigsby Estates and part of Government Lots 2 & 3 of Section 21, Township 13 North, Range 6 West, Merrick County, NE.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to close the Public Hearing at 9:37 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moed Placke, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-0011 for the final plat subdivision on a tract of ground located at Outlot 1, Grigsby Estates and part of Government Lots 2 & 3 of Section 21, Township 13 North, Range 6 West, Merrick County, NE. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Kucera to open the 9:40 a.m. Public Hearing at 9:40 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
Barry presented a Conditional Use Permit for storage and warehousing of non-hazardous materials, fully enclosed, on a tract located in part of the E1/2SE ¼, of Section 34, Township 14 North, Range 6 West, Merrick County, NE.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to close the Public Hearing at 9:42 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-0012 for a Conditional Use Permit for storage and warehousing of non-hazardous materials, fully enclosed, on a tract located in part of the E1/2SE ¼, of Section 34, Township 14 North, Range 6 West, Merrick County, NE. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-0016 directing disbursement of \$10,389.43 from Inheritance Fund to the Estate of Lucille Delaney, PR. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-0017 to transfer (credit) \$2000.00 of expenses by journal entry out of Special Response Team and (debit) General Communications Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum, to approve the Chairman to sign a Special Designated Liquor License Application for Scotty's LLC for September 24, 2023 at Riverside Park Pavilion for a wedding reception from 4:30 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Veteran Service Officer, Tom Reimers appeared before the board to request the appointment of Veterans Service Board Members. Moved Kucera, second Jarecke to appoint Mike Fuehrer for another 5-year term and Miles McGinnis to finish the term of Mike Reeves to end in 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Highway Superintendent, Meyer, presented his One- & Six-Year Plan.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the donation of sick leave from roads employees to another employee. Roll Call; All Ayes.

HVAC discussion was held regarding the first floor. No action taken.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the 4th quarter payment to Hamilton County for the Interlocal Agreement with Planning & Zoning for \$7,250.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Payroll: General Gross: \$118,088.48, Net: \$86,356.84; Roads Gross: 31,736.51; Net: \$24,935.31;

Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3,141.33, \$2,454.04

Moved Placke, second Jarecke 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/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

July 11, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Kucera, Wiegert, Weller, County Clerk Strobel 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.

Chairman Wiegert 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. Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kucera

Moved Dexter, second Placke to approve the agenda with the correction of removing the 10:00 Public Hearing. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2023 board meeting as published. Roll Call: All Ayes

Supervisor meetings: Wiegert, Weller and Kreachbaum-Personnel meeting June 29th; Placke-Senior Center fundraiser July 2nd; Kreachbaum-City Council meeting July 10; Dexter-SCEDD housing call June 28th and Merrick County Economic Development July 7th.

Officials: Clerk Strobel announced the appointment of Deputy County Clerk to Tiffany Crouch. Treasurer Gilg presented the fund balance listing and the semi-annual report.

Greg Greving appeared before the board to discuss concerns regarding the county road conditions.

Ed Thompson with IBE discussed the addendum to the contract regarding Juneteenth.

Jennifer Kearney, Attorney at Law, presented the board a proposal for the position of Public Defender. The position would include her partner, Dana Desimone, for \$89,000.00 up to 180 open cases for a trial one-year contract.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the date change of the Special Designated Liquor License for Scotty's LLC from September 24th to September 23rd. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve County Clerk Strobel to be added to the signature card on the bank account for Central Township. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Highway Superintendent Meyers discussed changes made to the One-Six Year Plan.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to open the Gravel Bid Opening at 10:30 am. Roll Call: All Ayes

Overland Sand & Gravel: \$16/T Gravel F.O.B.- Area's #1 and #2, \$16.40/T Mud Rock F.O.B.-Area's #1 and #2, \$5.35/T for Fill Sand F.O.B.- Area's #1 and #2; Preferred Sands: \$14/T-Gravel F.O.B.-Area's #1 and #2, \$6.50/T for Fill Sand F.O.B.-Area's #1 and #2; Vontz Paving Inc: \$16/T for Gravel F.O.B.- Area's #1 and #2, \$20/T Mud Rock F.O.B.-Area's #1 and #2, \$8/T Fill Sand F.O.B.-Area's #1 and #2.

Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve the gravel bids received for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to move into executive session for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual at 10:39 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to move out of executive session at 12:48 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Kucera, second Weller to offer the Highway Superintendent position to Brent Kunze. Roll Call: Ayes: Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Kucera, Weller, Wiegert; Nays: Kreachbaum. Motion Carried with a 6-1 vote.

Moved Kucera, second Placke to recess at 12:53 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to reconvene as Board of Supervisors at 2:16 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes, Weller Absent

Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to approve the June 2023 Fees from District Court, Sheriff and County Clerk as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

GENERAL

AT&T MOBILITY

PHONE SERVICE

\$1,086.16

MARTI BANKSON	SUPPLIES	\$37.60
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$129.17
BRADLEY LAW OFFICE, PC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,530.45
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$2,127.55
CEDARS	INSTITUTION	\$150.50
CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$41.55
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	LAWN CARE	\$26.46
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$23.48
CENTURY LINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$270.32
CENTURYLINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$212.70
CINTAS CORPORATION	SUPPLIES	\$197.83
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES-LTC	\$1,753.26
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$2,748.30
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.11
COMFORT INN	LODGING	\$374.35
COMFORT SUITES EAST LINCOLN	LODGING	\$196.00
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	MEALS	\$53.75
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	LODGING	\$839.70
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	OFFICE WATER	\$362.00
DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	BOARDING COSTS	\$722.80
ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$128.90
DOWDING, DOWDING, DOWDING & URBOM	MH BOARD	\$799.90
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$131.76
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$177.23
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$303.22
EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	SUPPLIES	\$553.81
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$309.04
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLY/REPAIR CEMETERY	\$1,228.34
FAIRVIEW CEMETERY	MNTNC	\$500.00
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	TRAVEL/PHONE	\$229.03
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$5,694.05
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$198.99
GALUSHA ELECTRIC	BLDG REPAIR	\$95.16
SHARON GILG	TRAVEL/PHONE	\$690.14
THERESA GOOD	MH BOARD	\$190.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE	\$95.88
GWORKS	SUBSCRIPTION	\$18,990.00
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	COURT EXPENSE	\$24.85
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING CONTR	\$1,475.00

HALL COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT COSTS	\$25.70
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$5,177.60
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$235.00
HILLTOP DRUGS ETC	PRISONER MEDS	\$11.59
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	\$301.83
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$71.59
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$198.76
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$111.36
KBL CONSTRUCTION INC	BLDG REPAIR	\$1,247.51
KEARNEY & DESIMONE LAW, LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$6,318.45
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$66.60
BRIAN KLUCK	MH BOARD	\$358.10
LINCOLN CO SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$24.85
LIVESTOCKJUDGING.COM	SUBSCRIPTION	\$200.00
MARY LIVINGSTON	MH BOARD	\$142.50
DOUG MAW	PHONE/SUPPLIES	\$115.68
MCILNAY & CO	SUPPLIES	\$13.98
MERRICK CO DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	\$317.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT COSTS	\$749.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$192.11
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$342.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$136.00
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$3,675.77
MONUMENT INN AND SUITES	LODGING	\$96.00
JENNIFER MYERS	TRAVEL/PHONE	\$94.41
NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL	SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$108.75
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	EDUCATION	\$290.00
NE STATE FIRE MARSHAL AGENCY	INSPECTION	\$120.00
NNTC	E911 PHONE SRV	\$132.85
ON TARGET AMMUNITION LLC	EQUIPMENT	\$1,499.69
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$867.63
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$78.00
PINNACLE BANK CC	SUPPLIES	\$408.78
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$168.36
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$179.85
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$599.50
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$478.61
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$464.88
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$497.35
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$864.92
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	TRANSPORT	\$174.87
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	TRANSPORT	\$80.58

	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$540.72
	JAN PLACKE	MILEAGE	\$93.93
	PLATTE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY	BOARDING COSTS	\$50.00
	RHD PUBLISHING LLC	PUBLICATION	\$38.50
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$10.32
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$30.83
	SACK LUMBER	CONCRETE MIX	\$9.98
	SEW & SEW	UNIFORMS	\$66.00
	SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$121.56
	SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORPORATION	SUBSCRIPTION	\$1,728.00
	EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$205.21
	STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	PHONE SERVICE	\$683.76
	STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$4,759.50
	T-SHIRT ENGINEERS	EQUIPMENT	\$82.98
	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$185.07
	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$454.80
	TOOLS PLUS INDUSTRIES	SUPPLIES	\$288.20
	JAMES H TRUELL	MH BOARD	\$314.61
	U.S. BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$8,909.60
	VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$928.51
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/EQUIP	\$110.03
	PINNACLE BANK	SUPPLIES	\$288.22
	VYVE BROADBAND	PHONE SERVICE	\$3,120.19
	CHRISTY WANDFLUH	MEALS/MILEAGE	\$40.18
	KARA WELLS	MEALS/MILEAGE	\$414.16
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$12,300.92
	ROGER WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$71.39
TOTAL			\$236,226.10
ROADS	AKRS EQUIPMENT	REPAIRS	\$196.34
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$2,669.10
	BAUM HYDRAULICS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$1,613.32
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$81.62
	BOMGAARS	REPAIRS	\$230.15
	BOSELMAN ENERGY INC	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$221.01
	CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$50.76
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$6.79
	GOLDSTAR PRODUCTS, INC	ASPHALTIC	\$2,295.40
	CINTAS CORPORATION	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$156.41
	DEERE CREDIT INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$10,144.43
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$76.62
	FASTENAL CO	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$511.29
	FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$205.10

	FRIESEN FORD	REPAIR/LABOR	\$140.40
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,064.08
	GARRETT TIRES & SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$890.45
	GARY SMITH CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.	ASPHALT	\$2,849.24
	GROSSHANS, INC	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$24.36
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$34.95
	HERK'S WELDING SHOP	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$887.00
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$162.99
	JACKSON SERVICE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$90.00
	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D & A TESTING	\$111.25
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$17.28
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$64.80
	MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE	REPAIRS	\$267.58
	MIPS INC.	SUPPORT PROG	\$136.23
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	EQUIPMENT	\$928.78
	NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$809.00
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE SERVICE	\$78.57
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$33,393.21
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$3,985.40
	PALSER SERVICE	REPAIRS	\$243.00
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$37.73
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$533.50
	VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC	PHONE SERVICE	\$255.20
	TOTAL		\$82,697.07
LODGING	ABC CLUB	VISITOR PROMO	\$500.00
TAX	BADER PARK-PEER	VISITOR PROMO	\$500.00
	CC AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	VISITOR PROMO	\$2,000.00
	CHAPMAN COMM IMPROVEMENT ASSO	VISITOR PROMO	\$500.00
	CLARKS BUSINESS PEOPLE'S ASSOC	VISITOR PROMO	\$500.00
	LONE TREE LITERARY SOCIETY	VISITOR PROMO	\$200.00
	MERRICK CO. HISTORICAL MUSEUM	VISITOR PROMO	\$2,500.00
	PALMER COMMERCIAL CLUB	VISITOR PROMO	\$500.00
	RIVER RATS JEEP JAMBOREE	VISITOR PROMO	\$200.00
	TOTAL		\$7,400.00
JUVENILE	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$59.92
DIVERSION	JORDANNE MCNEFF	MILEAGE	\$192.83
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUV DIV-POSTAL	\$1.20
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$392.35
	TOTAL		\$2,234.15

ADULT DRUG			
CRT	AARON DAVIS PRESENTATIONS, INC	COURT EXPENSES	\$165.00
	DISTRICT 5 PROBATION	DRUG COURT EXP	\$139.22
TOTAL			\$304.22
INHERITANCE			
TAX	ESTATE OF LUCILLE DELANEY	REFUND INHER	\$10,389.43
TOTAL			\$10,389.43
4-H BUILDING	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,153.11
TOTAL			\$1,153.11

Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to approve the July 2023 claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes
July 14 Payroll: General Gross: \$57,459.81 Net: \$40,673.66; Roads Gross: \$27,076.49 Net: \$19,465.39;
Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3,577.21 Net: \$2,449.17
Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes
Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 2:33 p.m. Roll Call; All Ayes
/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman
/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

July 25, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Kucera, Wiegert, Weller, County Clerk Strobel 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.

Chairman Wiegert 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. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the agenda as presented after removing Patrick Avila from the agenda. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the minutes from July 11, 2023 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes

Supervisor meetings: Dexter-July 17th zoom call with Hamilton Telecommunications, July 18 NIRMA conference call; Placke-July 18th Senior Center, July 24th City of Central City regarding utility billing; Kreachbaum-July 21st Nebraska Board of Public **Roads** Classifications and Standards (NBCS); Kucera-Mid-Nebraska Individual Services (MNIS) July 19th; Dexter, Placke and Kreachbaum-July 19th Long Term Care Board; Dexter, Placke, Kreachbaum, Kucera and Wiegert-July 15th Final Protest Hearings.

Officials: Highway Superintendent stated his last day will be July 31st due to retirement. County Clerk Strobel advised there will be a Special Election, September 12 for Twin River School Bond. Highway Superintendent Mike Meyer stated his last day will be Monday, July 31. Brent Kunze was introduced as the new Highway Superintendent with a starting date of August 14.

Public Comment: Emily Triplett with Long Term Care provided an update. Jared Reimers spoke on behalf of Congressman Adrian Smith.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the surplus of T110 Server computer tower from the Assessor's office. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the SDL application from Overtime Sports Bar & Grill for a wedding reception at Riverside Pavilion on August 19-12:00 p.m. Until 1:00 p.m. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum, to designate the State Print Shop for the printing of the LB644 post cards. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-0019 to amend the Planning and Zoning Fee Schedule. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to open the Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
Planning & Zoning Scott Stuhr presented the proposed amendments to the Merrick County zoning regulations. Terry and Dave O'Brien, Jamie and Vickie Sich provided pictures and spoke of their concerns on what is happening near their homes without the proposed amendments and additions.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to close the Public Hearing at 10:04 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Weller to adopt Resolution 2023-0018 to amend sections 2.03, 3.03 and 4.07 and add sections 8.19 with the exception of Item #2 and 8.20 as recommended by the Planning and Zoning
Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to open the 10:00 a.m. Public Hearing at 10:20 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
Highway Superintendent Meyer provided his final One and Six Plan for FY 2023-2024. The Resolution will be presented at the August 8th board meeting. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to close the Public Hearing at 10:22 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Emergency Manager Clark discussed possible options for E911 signage. Clark also handed out registration information for the EM Workshop for Local Elected and Appointed Officials on August 17 in Grand Island.

Ed Thompson and Terry Thompson presented a new Addendum to the Agreement between IBEW and the Count of Merrick. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the addendum for the IBEW contract adding Juneteenth as a holiday beginning in June 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

IBEW submitted a grievance regarding the Juneteenth 2023 holiday. No action taken at this time
Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to purchase pt Tax Lot 14, Section 21, Township 14, Range 7, Archer for \$3000.00 from Archer Supply, Inc for a motor grader building. Roll Call: All Ayes

Mike Meyer approached the board with a proposal to continue to do bridge inspections. \$100/large bridges, \$50/box, \$50/small bridge and \$350/Prairie Island Bridge as needed. Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to accept Meyer's bridge inspection proposal. Roll Call: All Ayes

Planning & Zoning Administrator position was discussed due to the Interlocal with Hamilton County being terminated affective July 24, 2023. The 90-day notice requirement will be October 22, 2023 as being the last day Hamilton County will provide zoning services for Merrick County unless the board chooses to terminate prior to October 22.

Discussions continued regarding FY 2023-2024. Moved Placke, second Jarecke to approve the payroll budget that was previously submitted by the Sheriff's Department. Roll Call: All Ayes.

June 28th Payroll: General Gross: \$55,558.54, Net: \$39,425.18; Roads Gross: \$27,979.86, Net: \$19,940.13; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3456.00, Net: 2339.97

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the July 28th payroll with the change of using the previously submitted payroll budget from the Sheriff's Department. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to adjourn at 1:15 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

August 8, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Equalization met Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Dexter, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, Wiegert, Weller, County Attorney Kunz and County Clerk Strobel present.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil, The Palmer Journal and the Merrick County Website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office. Chairman Wiegert 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.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to convene as Board of Equalization at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Placke

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

Minutes: Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the minutes of July 25, 2023 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting Reports: Weller-Central District Health July 31st; Dexter-SCEDD July 27, Merrick County Economic Development August 4; Wiegert-Mid Plains Area Agency August 3rd and also met with Rich Nelson with Hamilton County regarding the Bader Park Bridge that needs repaired. Kreachbaum-August 7th met with the CEO from Mid-Plains. All Supervisors attended Mike Meyers retirement party as Highway Superintendent on the 28th of July.

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers reported the certifications of value should be available to all political subdivisions by the first part of next week. She also informed the board that NACO is working on providing a document to explain which office has what role in the handling of the public hearing postcards. Clerk Strobel informed the board the NPERS exit audit report was complete with one finding relating to retirement not taken out for budget work payments of a former employee. Ballots for the Special Election for the Twin River School Bond will be mailed out on August 21st. Budget information has been handed over to Mitch Inmann with Dana Cole & Associates for review. County Attorney Kunz stated that he and Jennifer Kearney had spoken with Judge Twiss regarding a Public Defender position in which Attorney Kunz will need to advertise.

Patrick Avila appeared before the board to inform them some discussions have been held with Long Term Care and Bryan Health. To show good faith and collaboration with the building of the new hospital Bryan Health would charge \$1.00/year lease for the land on the Dinsdale Campus. Requirements would be the building would tie in aesthetically with the current facility.

Public Hearing: Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to open the Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m. Nick Ryan with Prairie Creek Vineyards was available for any questions. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to close the public hearing at 9:34 a.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the application for Class YK Liquor License for Nicholas C Ryan, dba Prairie Creek Vineyards. Roll Call: All Ayes
Courtney Root approached the board asking if the courthouse lawn may be used again for the Community Christmas as they had last year. Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to allow the courthouse lawn to be used for the Community Christmas. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion was also held with Rachel Hermansen regarding the planting of a spruce tree in the lawn of the courthouse. No action taken, will be on the next meetings agenda.

Carrie Rodriguez and Jeff Banholzer with District 5 Probation provided handouts to the supervisors regarding the State of Nebraska Expenditures for Merrick County in 2022. The budget request for the FY 2023-2024 is \$16,824.94.

District Court Clerk Theresa Good and Jennifer Rasmussen, Courtroom Technology Project Manager went over the proposed modernization plan for the court room.

Resolution 2023-0020: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-0020 for the One- and Six-Year Highway Improvement Plan for FY 2023-2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Resolution 2023-0021: Moved Placke, second Kreachbaum to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-0021 for the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the Chairman to sign Special Designated Liquor applications from Scratchtown Brewing Company from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Prairie Creek Vineyards from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at Wild Roots Green house & Market Fall Fest. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Jarecke to approve the Special Designated Liquor License application for Balz, Inc for September 16th 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Riverside Park Dance Pavilion for a wedding reception. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to refer the Conservation Easement application received from Kent & Burke Co to the planning commission. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve permit #318 to perform work on Public Right-Of-Way Century Link, QC D Rd, C Rd, 2nd Rd/Worms Rd. Roll Call: All Ayes

Treasurer Gilg discussed the outstanding invoices from the survey and highway departments that have appeared on the state audit report for a few years. Those departments will send out notices regarding the past due accounts to try and get the accounts cleaned up. This item will be discussed again at the September 12th Board meeting.

Discussion regarding the Surveyor position was discussed. County Attorney Kunz will prepare a contract for Mike Meyer to sign at the August 22nd board meeting.

Discussion continued regarding the FY 2023-2024 budget with the addition for a possible County Administrator position.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to move into Executive Session for contract negotiations at 12:02 p.m.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to move out of Executive Session at 12:32 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the July 2023 fees as presented by District Court, County Sheriff and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve the August claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL			
	CARDIO PARTNERS INC	SUPPLIES	\$183.68
	AGRICULTURAL SERVICES INC	WEED CONTROL	\$326.79
	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	AGREEMENTS	\$271.67
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,080.92
	AURORA NEWS REGISTER	PUBLICATION	\$8.00
	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$296.52
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$21.67
	BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING COSTS	\$100.00
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	FOOD/SUPPLIES	\$1,804.44
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$32.47
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$54.95
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	LAWN CARE EQ	\$24.98
	CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$270.44
	CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$212.76
	CHRISTENSEN INSURANCE	NOTARY FEE	\$40.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	OLD HOSP UTIL	\$3,292.14
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$3,226.20
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$11.89
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$324.00
	COBBLESTONE HOTEL & SUITES	LODGING	\$95.00
	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	MEALS	\$21.50

CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	OFFICE WATER	\$362.00
CVOSAN/TOM REIMERS	REGISTRATION	\$60.00
DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	PRISONER MED	\$948.27
DES MOINES STAMP	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$29.50
ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$102.84
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP/SUPPLIES	\$252.39
EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$72.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	RENTAL/SUPPLY	\$315.30
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$163.96
EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	SUPPLIES	\$808.81
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$792.48
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$374.12
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$714.27
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	CAR REPAIR	\$212.53
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$64.17
FULLERTON DENTAL CARE	PRISONER CARE	\$197.00
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORM	\$479.53
SHARON GILG	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
THERESA GOOD	MH BOARD	\$125.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING COSTS	\$186.00
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF	C/S COURT EXP	\$34.28
HAMILTON CO ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	INTERLOCAL	\$7,250.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$3,305.53
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$235.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	\$189.91
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$421.07
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$444.82
JOHNSON HARDWARE CO	BLDG REPAIR	\$415.00
KEARNEY & DESIMONE LAW, LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,258.75
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$390.04
BRIAN KLUCK	MH BOARD	\$388.10
LIVE WELL COUNSELING CENTER	MEDICAL SRVC	\$160.00
DOUG MAW	MISC EXPENSES	\$194.33
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$45.20
MERRICK CO. CLERK	DEED FILING	\$10.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	MH BOARD	\$65.76
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$271.87
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$3,014.11
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	MICROFILM	\$70.00

MIDWEST CONNECT	POSTAGE	\$305.00
MIPS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$39.44
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$3,675.77
JENNIFER MYERS	TRAVEL/PHONE	\$164.32
NACO	MEMBERS DUES	\$1,894.72
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$1,350.00
NANCE COUNTY TREASURER	EM SERVICES	\$3,441.10
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$357.00
NE SECRETARY OF STATE: NOTARY	NOTARY FEE	\$30.00
NEBRASKA AIR FILTER, INC	A/C SUPPLIES	\$445.09
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$66.48
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$442.14
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$60.04
PALSER SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$20.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$35.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$245.50
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/TRAINING	\$1,020.41
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$598.69
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$809.86
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$507.81
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$428.29
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$801.65
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$113.57
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$125.06
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$637.61
PLATTE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY	BOARDING/MEDS	\$911.06
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$1,100.60
RAPID FIRE PROTECTION INC	INSPECTION	\$200.00
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$20.08
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$120.45
S & A VENDING SERVICES	LABOR-REPAIR	\$150.00
SEILER INSTRUMENT MFG, INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$1,500.00
SEW & SEW	UNIFORMS	\$54.00
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILAGE	\$59.80
EMILY SOLL	TRAVEL/SUPPLY	\$197.52
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$683.76
STROMSBURG SOFT WATER	SUPPLIES	\$75.00
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$161.24
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$454.80
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$395.77
JAMES H TRUPELL	MH BOARD/MILE	\$279.61
U.S. BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$3,607.76
VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$1,009.80

	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/EQUIP	\$110.03
	PINNACLE BANK	EQUIP/TRAINING	\$2,072.54
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$2,566.72
	VYVE BROADBAND	PHONE/CABLE	\$382.62
	CHRISTY WANDFLUH	MILEAGE	\$30.13
	WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO	WEED CONTROL	\$136.69
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$6,320.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	OFFICE EQUIP	\$299.99
	4H SHOWWORKS BILLING	REGISTRATION	\$693.75
TOTAL			\$179,488.11

ROADS	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$2,298.25
	BAUM HYDRAULICS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$147.46
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$80.31
	BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$162.73
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$422.02
	CYNTHIA CATLETT	MILEAGE	\$59.80
	CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$259.62
	CINTAS CORPORATION	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$73.32
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$264.61
	FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$30.30
	FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	CAR REPAIR	\$343.82
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$1,531.35
	GRAND ISLAND CLINIC	D & A TESTING	\$70.00
	GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$250.94
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$34.95
	DEAN HARTWIG	LAND PURCHASE	\$3,000.00
	HERK'S WELDING SHOP	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$161.47
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$710.59
	JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$89.85
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$13.80
	MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	ACCT#8454531	\$96.00
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$64.80
	MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP REPAIR	\$167.20
	MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$136.23
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/LABOR	\$2,323.44
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE SERVICE	\$78.41
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$22,953.76
	PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$352.29
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL/OIL	\$5,775.30
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRE REPAIR	\$131.50

	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$37.64
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$9.58
	SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$1,539.00
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	\$561.04
	STRAIGHT LINE STRIPING INC	STRIPING	\$54,989.40
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$255.20
	VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	\$19,193.60
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$32.99
TOTALS			\$121,128.28

JUV DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$24.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUVDIV-POSTAGE	\$1.26
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$130.98
TOTALS			\$156.24

K-9 TOTALS	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9 CARE	\$153.17
			\$153.17

COMMISSARY	CIDNET	COMMISSARY	\$300.00
	JUSTICE DATA SOLUTIONS INCORPORATED	RECORDS MGMT	\$1,000.00
TOTALS			\$1,300.00

4-H FUND	BLACKWATER PUMPING	GREASE TRAP	\$100.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,612.48
	MAYHEW SIGNS	SUPPLIES	\$65.00
	MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY, LLC	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$567.90
	NEBRASKA HEATING & AIR, INC	REPAIRS	\$218.37
TOTALS			\$2,563.75

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the July and August payrolls. Roll Call: All Ayes

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 12:42 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

August 22, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Dexter, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, Wiegert, Weller, County Attorney Kunz and County Clerk Strobel present.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil, The Palmer Journal and the Merrick County Website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office. Chairman Wiegert 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 9:04 a.m.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:04 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
Moved Jarecke, second Kucera to approve the agenda with the amendment of County Surveyor contract to be Bridge Contract. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the minutes August 8, 2023 as published with the correction of Board of Supervisors instead of Board of Equalization. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Dexter-Long Term Care, August 16; Placke-Senior Center August 15th, Long Term Care August 16th; Jarecke-Nebraska Community Action Partnership August 15th; Kreachbaum-Long Term Care and Mid Plains Center August 16th, Emergency Management workshop August 17th, and NE Board of Compliance and Standards August 18th and 4-H Building Committee August 21st; Wiegert-4-H Building Committee August 21st.

Treasurer Gilg reported that \$50,000 was received from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund was received. Gilg also spoke with the State Auditors regarding District Courts outstanding balance of \$30,500.00 dating back to 1995. Surveyor past due accounts letters have been mailed with Townships and Highway Department past due accounts going out later today. A check was received from the Opioid Settlement and Gilg is looking into whether this would be able to be used toward mental health budget requests. Emily Soll, Extension Educator, provided a quarterly update. Brent Kunze, Highway Superintendent discussed with the board possible equipment needs as well as succession planning for employees. Kunze also stated Rod Bergmark retired August 21, 2023. Pivot violations were also discussed with County Attorney Kunz saying he would send out letters to those violators. Brent Kunze stated he began as Highway Superintendent on August 14th after the retirement of Mike Meyers on July 31, 2023.

9:30 a.m. Public Hearing: Moved Placke, second Dexter to open the Public Hearing at 9:32 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Planning & Zoning Administrator Scott Stuhr appeared before the board to discuss a Conditional Use Permit application for a gunsmith business located on a tract in SW1/4NW1/4 and E1/2SW1/4 Section 28, Township 12 N, Range 8W, Merrick County, NE. Moved Placke, second Dexter to close the Public Hearing at 9:34 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adopt and approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-0023 allowing a gunsmithing business on property located in SE 1/4 NW 1/4 and E1/2SW1/4 Section 28, Township 12 North, Range 8 West. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Emily Triplett provided an update on Long Term Care. Emily and Tyson Benner have been working on a floor plan to submit to Bryan Health for approval.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve Rachel Hermansen of Wild Roots Greenhouse to donate a 6-8 ft. spruce tree to be planted in the northeast corner of the courthouse. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to approve the bridge contract with Mike Meyers. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Highway Superintendent approached the board regarding the possible purchase of a Cat Wheel Loader. No action taken at this time.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the Special Designated License applications for Nitecrawlers Bar & Grill for wedding receptions October 7th and October 28th from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Merrick County 4-H Building. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Placke, second Kucera to allow Sheriff Westman to surplus three filing cabinets and two shelving cabinets. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Sheriff Westman informed the board they will be using a new commissary company, Sterling Commissary. Training and installation will start Tuesday, August 29th. Deputy and Deputy Coufal attended the Children Against Crim training in Dallas, TX. They will be reimbursing the county for the training which will go back into the general fund.

Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the 2022-2023 inventory received from County Sheriff/Jail, County Judge, County Surveyor, County Attorney, Clerk of District Court, Custodian, County Assessor, Veterans Service, County Supervisors, Highway Superintendent, County Treasurer, County Clerk, Election Commissioner and Register of Deeds. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the Board Chairman to sign the audit engagement letter with Dana F. Cole & Associates. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve Andrew Simmons to prepare the Central Township 2023-2024 budget. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Payroll: General Gross: \$53,725.26, Net: \$38,016.72; Roads Gross: \$27,185.43, Net: \$19,653.07; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3,556.69, Net: \$2,420.04. Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the August 25th payroll. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to adjourn at 11:41 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

Septemer 11, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Monday, September 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Dexter, Placke, Wiegert, Weller and County Clerk Strobel present. Jarecke and County Attorney Kunz absent.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publication in the Republican Nonpareil, county banks, front door of the courthouse and the Merrick County Website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office. Chairman Wiegert 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.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to convene as Board of Supervisors for a budget workshop at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dexter.

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

Discussions were held regarding the 2023-2024 budget.

Adjourn: Moved Dexter, second Placke to adjourn at 11:24 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

Septemer 12, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Dexter, Placke, Wiegert, Kucera, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present. Jarecke and Weller absent.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publication in the Republican Nonpareil, county banks, front door of the courthouse and the Merrick County Website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office. Chairman Wiegert 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 9:06 a.m.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:06 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kucera.

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

Minutes: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the September 11th and September 12th minutes as published. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter: August 28-SCEDD Open House Ribbon Cutting in Wood River, September 1-Merrick County Economic Development; Dexter, Kreachbaum: August 23 Transportation Summit in Kearney; Placke, Kreachbaum-Central City Council meeting September 11. Dexter, Kucera, Wiegert: August 29-Finance Committee meeting with Mitch Inman, September 5-Finance Committee meeting and conference call with Mitch Inman of Dana Cole & Associates. Wiegert, Kucera, Kreachbaum, Placke, Dexter: September 11-Budget Workshop meeting. Placke, Kreachbaum, Dexter, Wiegert: September 11-Problem Solving Court graduation. Wiegert August 28-zoom meeting with Scott Prestridge Tall Grass Engineer, September 11-Vieregg Township budget hearing.

Officials Report: Treasurer Gilg updated the status on the highway and surveyor accounts receivable past due accounts including townships. Gilg reached out to the Attorney General regarding the Opioid settlement money. The money may be utilized for Region III through the Interlocal Agreement with a letter stating the funds need to be used for Opioid remediation according to Schedule E. Vieregg Township past due balances was a result of miscommunication over time and changing of officers over the years. Vieregg Township will make a payment and all payments directed to them will be deposited into the road account until the account is caught up. Highway Superintendent Kunze addressed changing the method of tracking employee hours and have the employees work the same hours. Kunze is also looking into DocuSign for employees to electronically sign their time card. For safety concerns, Kunze would also like to start incorporating different attire for the road's employees during the fall/winter months. NIRMA has a safety program which offers funds which provide reflective shirts. L Road Bridge is being engineered by McNelly Wagner. Hamilton County Highway Superintendent informed Kunze there are issues with some piers on the Bader Park Bridge, an agreement has been signed with an engineer. The cost would be split between the two counties, the estimate is \$58,000.00 of which \$29,000.00 would be Merrick County's which does not include the repair costs. Kunze also informed the board NIRMA has traffic counters to lend out when needed. Safety training will be a priority, NIRMA provides and L-Tap will be providing barricade and flagger training which there is no cost. GPS tracking is active on all maintainers and being monitored. Tire Amnesty Day was Saturday, September 9th in which 5500 tires were brought in. Bridge inspection classes will be held fall of 2024 and Superintendent Licensure is May 2024. Clerk Strobel informed the board the Flu Shot Clinic will be held October 16th from 9 until 4:00 p.m. Twin River School Bond Special Election end today at 5:00 p.m. the clerk will be traveling to Nance County in order to deliver the Merrick County ballots. The clerk's office will be receiving the referendum petitions for the Private Education Tax Credits to begin processing.

Motion Kucera, second Placke to open the Central Township Budget Hearing at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to close the Central Township Budget at 10:15 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to adjourn the budget hearing. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Planning & Zoning Interlocal with Hamilton County through October 22, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve Electrical Agreements with Southern Public Power District Section 11 & 14, Township 12, Range 8 and Sections 1 & 2, Township 12, Range 8. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Special Designated Liquor License application for Scotty's LLC for October 14 for a wedding reception at the Merrick County Fairgrounds from 4:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the Conservation Easement Application from Lazy B Lodge LLC to be referred to the planning & zoning commission. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve the Interlocal Agreement for dispatching of law enforcement and emergency services with Hamilton County. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to go into Executive Session at 10:44 a.m. for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual for current and pending litigation. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Dexter, second Placke to move out of Executive Session at 11:07 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Placke to authorize NIRMA to handle the pending litigation up until the deductible is met. Roll Call: All Ayes

2023-2024 budget discussions continued.

GENERAL			
	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SECURITY AGREE	\$271.67
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,075.92
	AURORA NEWS REGISTER	PUBLICATION	\$51.10
	BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	CAR REPAIR	\$87.45
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	FOOD/SUPPLIES	\$1,583.92
	LORI CAVE	BOARD MILEAGE	\$32.88
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$70.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$34.67
	CENTURY LINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$260.08
	CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$207.58
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILTY-OLD HOSPITAL	\$2,306.18
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$3,160.92
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$3,157.36
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$11.78
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	OFFICE WATER	\$376.00
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$223.98
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$51.39
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES/EQUIP	\$229.17
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$106.71
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	EQUIPMENT	\$232.86
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	OFFICE EQUIP	\$138.35
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	PRINTING	\$93.66
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP/REPAIR	\$206.85
	FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES	LODGING	\$804.65
	TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$55.28
	FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$10,818.99
	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$64.17
	FULLERTON DENTAL CARE	PRISONER CARE	\$353.00
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GALUSHA ELECTRIC	BLDG REPAIR	\$144.00
SHARON GILG	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES	SUPPLIES	\$852.87
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING COSTS	\$2,040.57
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF	C/S COURT EXP	\$14.22
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$700.00
HAMILTON COUNTY	COMMUNICATIONS	\$41,250.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$3,297.78
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$235.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	\$245.87
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$66.29
INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS	INSPECTION	\$185.00
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	UNIFORMS	\$339.79
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$397.81
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$224.50
KEARNEY & DESIMONE LAW, LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,821.75
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$3,228.53
RUSSELL KREACHBAUM	MILEAGE	\$99.03
MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT COSTS	\$17.65
DOUG MAW	MISC EXPENSES	\$360.70
MCILNAY AND COMPANY	REPAIRS	\$89.99
MERRICK CO. CLERK	DEED FILING	\$6.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$435.91
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	IMAGING	\$35.00
MIDWEST CONNECT	POSTAGE	\$15.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	TRANSPORTATION	\$505.75
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$3,675.77
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	PEST CONTROL	\$240.00
JENNIFER MYERS	TRAVEL/PHONE	\$295.89
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$55.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$850.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$927.00
KAREN NELSON	SUPPLIES	\$10.69
NNTC	E911 PHONE SRV	\$132.85
NSA/POSAN	LE TRAINING	\$260.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$284.46
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$421.10
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$52.50
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHRED SERVICE	\$78.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$192.52
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/SUPPLIES	\$389.89

	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$472.18
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$779.37
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$542.95
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$512.20
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$945.38
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$416.39
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/MEALS/LE	\$574.45
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$448.04
	PLATTE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY	BOARDING COSTS	\$3,343.59
	KIMBERLY J QUANDT, AAL	ATTORNEY FEES	\$3,279.75
	RHD PUBLISHING LLC	PUBLICATION	\$327.14
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$58.85
	SACK LUMBER	BLDG REPAIR	\$78.29
	SALINA BLUEPRINT & MICROGRAPHIC SYS	SUPPLIES	\$165.88
	SANFORD HEALTH	LTC INSURANCE	\$4,023.76
	SEW & SEW	UNIFORMS	\$44.00
	EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$129.17
	STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$636.50
	STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$652.00
	MITCHELL C STEHLIK	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,107.50
	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$500.28
	TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$79.01
	U.S. BANK	MISC EXPENSE	\$3,633.80
	UNL-HASKELL AG LAB	REGISTRATION	\$95.00
	VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$860.85
	PINNACLE BANK	EQUIP/SUPPLIES	\$1,966.95
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	TRAINING/EQUIP	\$383.21
	JAMES A WAGONER	ATTORNEY FEES	\$281.70
	CHRISTY WANDFLUH	MILEAGE	\$94.32
	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$138.47
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH, 1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	ATTORNEY FEES EQUIPMENT	\$2,222.00 \$989.97
TOTALS			\$222,532.08
ROADS	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$5,299.88
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$2,534.00
	BAUM HYDRAULICS	SUPPLIES	\$733.13
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$75.10
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$18.44
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	OIL/SUPPLIES	\$6,458.95
	CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$69.50

CINTAS CORPORATION	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$74.34
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$5,171.26
KRIS ERICKSON	EDUCATION	\$60.00
FILTER CARE	SUPPLIES	\$255.50
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$2,093.37
GARY SMITH CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.	ASPHALT	\$706.38
GROSSHANS, INC.	SUPPLIES	\$48.40
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	INTERNET	\$34.95
HERK'S WELDING SHOP	SUPPLIES	\$431.76
INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS	INSPECTION	\$1,718.00
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$79.65
JACKSON SERVICE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$135.66
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D & A TESTING	\$70.00
MERRICK CO. CLERK	CUST#1810	\$100.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$34.59
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH	\$64.80
MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE	SHOP REPAIR	\$129.80
MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO.	GRADER BLADES	\$4,090.00
MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRES	\$2,640.32
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$136.23
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	PEST CONTROL	\$90.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$205.00
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	EQUIP REPAIR	\$160,165.79
LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
NT&T/SHOP	TELEPHONE	\$78.41
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$3,924.80
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$63.00
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$3,862.40
PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR	\$300.00
PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$37.98
RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	REPAIR	\$593.16
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$149.25
SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	DIESEL	\$29,781.24
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	\$536.00
STATE GLASS, INC.	REPAIR/LABOR	\$566.19
T.O. HAAS TIRE	LABOR/OIL	\$88.96
TOOLS PLUS INDUSTRIES	SUPPLIES	\$299.99
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE/EQUIPMENT	\$110.05
VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	\$111,036.80
TOTALS		\$347,578.74

JUVENILE	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$24.00
DIVERSION	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$55.41
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUVDIV-POSTAGE	\$31.50
	US CELLULAR	PHONE	\$130.98
TOTAL			\$241.89
COMMISSARY	CIDNET	COMMISSARY	\$300.00
TOTAL			\$300.00
4-H BUILDING	QUALITY EXHAUST CLEANING	EQUIP CLEANING	\$450.00
	REMEDICATION & RESTORATION		
FUND	SERVICES	RESTORATION	\$535.52
TOTAL			\$985.52

Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the September claims. Roll Call: All Ayes
 Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes
 Adjourn: Moved Dexter, second Placke to adjourn at 3:27 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
 /s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman
 /s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

September 26, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Dexter, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, Wiegert, Weller, County Attorney Kunz and County Clerk Strobel present.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil, The Palmer Journal and the Merrick County Website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office. Chairman Wiegert 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.

Moved Placke second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve the minutes September 12, 2023 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting Reports: Weller: Central District Health September 11·Bader Park, September 19; Dexter, Kucera, Wiegert-Finance Committee meetings September 18, 19 & 25; Dexter, Kucera, Placke, Jarecke-NACO Central District meeting in Kearney September 21st; Placke, Dexter and Kreachbaum: Long Term Board, September 20; Dexter: Five Nines Safety meeting in Columbus September 20. September 21 met with Hamilton Telecommunications at the Extension Building regarding panic buttons and cameras, Safety Meeting September 25th; Jarecke-Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership in Loup City September 19th. Kreachbaum-Evening of September 20 Pipeline Security meeting.

Treasurer Gilg reported the General Fund is down around \$251,000 from last year.

Discussion regarding the Employee Parking lot. Captain Bauer sent a letter to Dexter due in part because the jail would like to have two handicapped and three additional parking stalls for the jail. Two stalls would be designated "Safe Place" for exchanges. Anyone using the back doors for access into the courthouse must be accompanied by an employee. No action taken.

Moved Placke, second Kucera to approve District Court to surplus a typewriter as seen fit. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Placke to Open the County Budget Hearing at 9:31 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Due to inaccurate amounts submitted for publication by Dana Cole & Associates, the Budget Hearing will have to be postponed until October 10, 2023 Board Meeting. Clerk Strobel told the board that after speaking with Jeff Schreier with the State Auditor's Office, he informed her there would not be a penalty for late filing. Mitch Inman with Dana Cole & Associates will be arriving to the board meeting around 2:00 p.m. to go over the budget. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to close the Budget Hearing at 9:46 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Treasurer Gilg went over the past due accounts receivable with the surveyor and highway departments. Surveyor Department has collected close to \$4,800.00 and the Highway Department collected \$56,290.00. Andrew Simmons informed Gilg that Loup Township will levy enough this year to take care of the balance in full. Loup has received \$23,350.00 from the County Treasurer since the last payment. Proposal regarding the Public Defender position received from Jennifer Kearney was discussed. Placke stated she received a phone call regarding the State Statutes regarding the hiring of a Public Defender. The county board needs to form a policy board which includes two attorneys and one lay person. Supervisor Jarecke will look into forming the board.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to go into Executive Session at 10:08 a.m. for contract negotiations. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to close Executive Session at 10:27 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to return hours of vacation time and return the hours worked with vacation time for the Juneteenth holiday in 2023 to the union employees in the roads department. Roll Call: All Ayes

Appreciation meals for the county employees was discussed. Action will be required at the next board meeting. County Attorney Kunz will meet with Deputy County Attorney Luzum and address the Vyve contract. No bills will be paid until resolved.

County budget discussions continued regarding the proposed 3% increase in wages in the sheriff's department. The proposed budget received for deputy's wages was \$593,886.00 compared to the prior adopted of \$517,824.00. 3% of prior budget adopted would be \$533,358.72 for fiscal year 2023-2024. Budget discussions to continue at 2:00 p.m. when Mitch Inman with Dana Cole & Associates is present. Moved Jarecke, second Kucera to approve the August Fees submitted by District Court, County Sheriff and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes

September 20 payroll: General: \$39,391.1500, Roads \$19,205.41, Juvenile Diversion \$2,450.37.

September 20 payroll expenses: General: \$42,102.00, Roads \$21,299.44, Juvenile Diversion \$2,733.40.

September 29 payroll: General: \$45,307.82, Roads: \$1,722.40. September 29 payroll expenses:

\$47,985.98, Roads: \$3,561.07. Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Jarecke to recess until 1:50 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Jarecke to reconvene as Board of Supervisors at 1:54 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes; Kreachbaum and County Attorney Kunz absent. Mitch Inman with Dana Cole & Associates was present to discuss the budget with the board and the county clerk. Supervisors were given budget printouts to go through along with Inman and Clerk Strobel. Central District Health budget request of \$32,000.00 was discussed. Hamilton County pays \$5,000.00 while Hall County pays \$79,300.00. Placke informed the board that if you figure by census, Hall County pays \$2.16 per resident. Merrick County census of 7221 would be \$16,667.00. It was decided that Merrick County will pay \$16,000.00 to the Central District Health Department. \$12,229.00 to be spend out of Opioid Recovery and \$8,152.14 out of the General Fund pay Region III budget request of \$20,381.14. General Fund requested budget was reduced by \$230,000, Road request reduced \$109,420.38. Sheriff Westman appeared before the board to discuss budget requests. Westman explained the \$593,886.00 was figured for nine deputy positions, in which two positions are vacant. Westman also explained he lost another deputy today, making three vacant positions, with one being vacant for over a year. Westman agreed with the board that \$80,000.00 would be able to be cut from the deputy budget. The Finance Committee suggested a \$45,000.00 cut out of a new sheriff vehicle at a previous meeting which Placke stated she wanted to make an increase for a vehicle. Clerk Strobel stated after removing \$80,000.00 from the deputy wage they would be able to budget \$25,000.00 back into the sheriff's vehicle. Being no further business, Moved Kucera, second Placke to adjourn at 4:10 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

October 10, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Weller, Kucera, Wiegert. County Clerk Strobel was 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.

Chairman Wiegert 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 9:07 a.m. Moved Placke, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:07 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Agenda: Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the minutes from September 26, 2023 as published with the clarification \$12,229.00 will be spent out of the Opioid Recovery Fund and \$8,152.14 out of the General Fund for Region III budget request of \$20,381.14. Roll Call: All Ayes:

Meeting Reports: Dexter September 28th South Central Economic Development, October 6, Merrick County Economic Development; Wiegert October 5, Midland Area on Aging in Hastings.

Officials Report: Treasurer Gilg explained the DMV would not be available until further notice in Merrick County. Gilg also presented a handout stating Inheritance Tax which was collected in Merrick County from present back to Fiscal Year 2017/2018. Clerk Strobel stated that Deputy Clerk Crouch will be attending an Election training in Kearney on Wednesday and Clerk Strobel will be attending on Thursday. The meeting is being led by the Secretary of State with emphasis on the new Voter ID policy. Highway Superintendent Kunze informed the board Keith Wichmann will be starting as a truck driver on Wednesday. All roads' employees have started using the phone app to clock in and out, in which will save time on paperwork. Kunze also stated at some point he would like to move his office out to the road's facility. He also wants to develop a Sinking Fund for Capital Improvements and get all of the equipment under a roof in the future. The bridge issue on 4th Road between P & Q, which is closed to traffic and is currently looking for a solution. Randy Zmek met with Kunze regarding a drainage issue. Inskip & Grand Street project is ready for bidding, the engineer is estimating around \$360,000, Bader Park \$566,000 and L Road Box culvert \$400,000. Vontz Paving will be working on the Chapman Overlay October 18th and 19th. Hamilton Highway Superintendent estimated the Bader Park Bridge repair would cost approximately \$1,000,000.00 of which Merrick County portion would be \$500,000. Kunze explained the Inskip project should be in the Roads budget this year, the L Road project would be in next year's budget and if possible, use ARPA money for the \$566,000 Bader paving project. Two traffic counters have been received from NIRMA and LTAP. These will be placed on the county highways in phases to get counts on all of the pavement to help improve the asphalt program. LTAP will be at the shop on Thursday, October 12 to provide barricade and flagger training. The new GPS system will be installed in the trucks and pickups. LTAP has a stop sign program that will pay for new stop signs with reflection and posts beginning of next year. Kunze would like to use the GWORKS technology in the roads program which would include all sign, bridge and culvert information on the website. Kunze reached out to all of the county schools for the bus routes in order to concentrate on those routes first this winter. Captain Bauer informed the board the exterior of the jail had been painted. Two deputy interviews are scheduled for this week. Bauer asked if the old hospital garage would be available to use for the jail transport vehicle and unmarked car in order for sheriff's vehicles not being parked on the street due to upcoming winter weather. Notification was received last week that all of the goals had been met to be a certified autism center. Two deputies are going to the SRT training in Camp Dodge, IA. Drug Take Back program will be held October 18th thru October 28th for anyone having prescription medications that need to be disposed. Clerk Magistrate Rodriguez wanted to appear before the board regarding a phone service provided by Hamilton Telecommunications. Rodriguez was not available. The service would enable an automated service directing the caller to the correct office. No action was taken at this time.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to open the Central Township Budget Hearing at 9:33 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Placke, second Kucera to close the budget hearing at 9:34 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to increase the total restricted fund authority by an additional 1% for Central Township. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum, to approve the Central Township expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to request an audit waiver for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the 2023-2024 Central Township budget as proposed. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to open the County Budget Hearing at 10:00 a.m., Roll Call: All Ayes. Mitch Inman with Dana Cole & Associates was available for any questions concerning the county budget. Inman stated \$540,000 was budgeted out of the Inheritance Fund.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to close the County Budget Hearing at 10:02 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Inman stated any discrepancies would need to be republished within 20 days of the meeting for anything the board adopts that does not match what had previously been published. The county levy would be .215392. \$750,000 was budgeted out of the COVID fund for any upcoming expenses not yet committed.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to open the Public Hearing for the Tax Request at 10:15 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter due to know public comment to close the Public Hearing at 10:17 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to accept the budget for 2023-2024 as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to increase the total restricted fund authority by an additional 1%. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to accept the tax request for 2023-2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Dexter stated he met with Hamilton Telecommunications regarding estimates at the Extension office for security cameras and panic buttons. No action taken as this will be reviewed at the next board meeting. Dexter also informed the board after Vyve removed Wi-Fi from the courthouse last week, Hamilton Telecommunications is providing a temporary Wi-Fi. A one-time cost of \$1762.10 would need to be paid to Hamilton Telecommunications in order to have a permanent Wi-Fi to be installed.

Moved Weller, second Jarecke to pay \$1762.10 to Hamilton Telecommunications for the Wi-Fi service. Roll Call: All Ayes.

District Court Clerk Good appeared before the board regarding the courtroom technology upgrade.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding- Nebraska Courtroom Technology Transfer of Ownership. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Kucera to approve the appreciation meal expense at \$20 per employee this fiscal year. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding the position of the Planning & Zoning administrator position continued. No action taken.

Discussion regarding the Public Defender proposal was discussed. A committee will be formed to go over the contract received by two attorneys and one layman. This item will be on the next board agenda for approval.

September Fees: Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the September Fees from the offices of the County Clerk, District County Court and County Sheriff. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	AGREEMENT	\$271.67
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,080.92
	AXON ENTERPRISE, INC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$2,280.00
	MARTI BANKSON	MILEAGE/MEAL	\$112.13

BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	CAR REPAIR	\$67.70
CRYSTAL BURKHARDT	MILEAGE	\$18.34
CAMP DODGE LODGING	LODGING	\$310.00
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER CARE	\$2,323.66
CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$74.00
CENTRAL CITY MALL	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$7.77
CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$12.27
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	BLDG REPAIR	\$161.95
CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$260.08
CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$207.58
CINTAS CORPORATION	SUPPLIES	\$113.97
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES-HOSP	\$2,021.32
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$3,412.40
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.01
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$516.60
COUNTRY INN & SUITES	LODGING	\$249.00
TIFFANY CROUCH	MILEAGE	\$93.67
ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$208.42
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$107.37
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$248.11
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$251.71
EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	EQUIPMENT	\$150.74
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$942.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$711.83
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/TRAVEL	\$249.34
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	INTERNET	\$5,753.87
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	CAR REPAIR	\$1,978.42
ERIN FOUSEK	MILEAGE	\$45.33
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE SRV	\$64.17
FULLERTON DENTAL CARE	PRISONER CARE	\$225.00
GARFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$18.50
SHARON GILG	TRAVEL/PHONE	\$124.71
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING/MEDS	\$2,419.32
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSES	\$40.02
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$850.00
HAMILTON COUNTY TREASURER	COURT EXPENSES	\$2,138.13
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$3,305.66
DEAN HARTWIG	REGISTRATIONS	\$270.00
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$255.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$189.91
INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS	INSPECTION	\$121.00
INTOXIMETERS, INC	INVEST COSTS	\$373.00

JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$206.73
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$1.24
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	ATTORNEY FEES	\$6.69
LANDSCAPING SOLUTIONS LLC	JAIL LANDSCAPE	\$1,258.10
LEXIPOL	LE TRAINING	\$466.80
M & O DOOR PRODUCTS	BLDG REPAIR	\$2,900.00
DOUG MAW	MISC EXPENSES	\$181.68
MAXIMUS CONSULTING SERVICES, INC	ALLOCATION	\$1,900.00
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$18.99
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	FUND TRANSFER	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$21.90
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSE	\$203.94
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$5,885.10
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	IMAGING	\$35.00
MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING	SUPPORT	\$11,002.00
JENNIFER MYERS	TRAVEL/PHONE	\$130.87
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$150.00
NCEA C/O F JOHN HAY	REGISTRATIONS	\$445.00
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	NWCA 2024 DUES	\$15.00
NEBRASKA.GOV	COURT EXPENSE	\$107.00
NNTC	E911 PHONE	\$132.85
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$86.44
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$476.35
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHRED	\$35.00
PINNACLE BANK CC	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$98.28
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$180.17
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$195.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$618.99
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$898.53
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$579.69
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$576.31
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$473.82
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$204.33
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$87.74
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$634.95
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$735.92
JAN PLACKE	MILEAGE	\$93.53
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$1,409.08
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$381.36
PLATTE VALLEY WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	PVWMA DUES	\$300.00

DEPT OF REVENUE/PROPERTY ASSESS	EDUCATION	\$290.00
DIV	METER RENT	\$516.99
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	MEALS/MILEAGE	\$155.62
TOM REIMERS	PUBLICATION	\$327.14
RHD PUBLISHING LLC	SUPPLIES	\$76.20
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$2,006.65
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$441.98
ROWLEY LAW LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$766.00
SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR, LLC	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$976.31
SHERMAN COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$19.00
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$35.30
SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORPORATION	SUBSCRIPTION	\$409.20
EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE/DUES	\$382.07
SOLT WAGNER FUNERAL HOME	CORONER	\$275.00
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$602.00
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$719.49
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$477.54
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$134.64
TYLER	EQUIPMENT	\$210.82
U.S. BANK	MISC EXPENSE	\$3,676.23
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE	\$1,200.00
UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$241.16
VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$1,930.66
PINNACLE BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$950.94
TOM WELLER	MILEAGE	\$155.37
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$355.99
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$5,699.00
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$738.70
TOTAL		\$193,648.86
ROADS		
ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$3,028.32
ADAM MARSHALL	EQUIPMENT	\$1,600.00
AKRS EQUIPMENT	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$225.33
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL/TIRES	\$8,073.00
ROD BERGMARK	INS REIMBURSE	\$182.81
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$80.31
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$667.45
BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	TIRE AMNESTY	\$26,458.93
CENTRAL CITY AUTO PARTS/ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$185.77
CINTAS CORPORATION	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$218.82
COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO	BLDG REPAIR	\$921.22
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$121.88

	KRIS ERICKSON	PURCHASE	\$333.73
	FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$31.50
	FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	REPAIRS	\$244.95
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,737.34
	GARY SMITH CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.	ASPHALT	\$231.04
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$34.95
	HERK'S WELDING SHOP	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$95.10
	INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM	EQUIP REPAIR	\$401.90
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$3,114.00
	JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$91.15
	KELLY SUPPLY CO.	REPAIRS	\$31.68
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSE	\$36.09
	MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$32.00
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$64.80
	MIDWEST PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT	FUEL	\$11,603.53
	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO.	GRADER BLADES	\$7,146.00
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRES	\$5,501.83
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/LABOR	\$1,448.94
	NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$1,111.00
	NEBR. PETERBILT - FORD	REPAIR	\$32.82
	NE SAFETY CENTER	TRAINING	\$1,270.00
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE	\$78.89
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$5,766.81
	PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$31.50
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$5,353.30
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRE REPAIR	\$277.00
	PIONEER DOOR, INC.	BLDG REPAIR	\$1,643.00
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$38.18
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$253.41
	SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	DIESEL	\$1,999.98
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	\$450.43
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$510.40
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/EQUIP	\$110.11
	VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	\$59,831.60
	CLIFFORD YRKOSKI	LAND RENTAL	\$360.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$34.99
	TOTAL		\$155,523.50
JUVENILE DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$46.98
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$196.50

	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSE	\$3.15
TOTAL			\$246.63
ADULT DRUG	MORGAN CAMPBELL-PSCC	COURT EXPENSE	\$51.96
	STACY WAGONER	COURT EXPENSE	\$51.58
TOTAL			\$103.54
K-9 FUND	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9 CARE	\$257.52
TOTAL			\$257.52
COMMISSARY	CIDNET	COMMISSARY	\$360.92
TOTAL			\$360.92
4-H BUILDING	BOSELMAN ENERGY, INC	FUEL	\$145.37
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	4-H UTILITIES	\$1,730.71
	NEBRASKA HEATING & AIR, INC	A/C REPAIR	\$316.78
TOTAL			\$2,192.86

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the October 2023 claims. Roll Call: All Ayes
General Gross: \$54,832.34 Net: \$39,052.79; Roads Gross: \$25,547.11, Net: \$18,324.56; Juvenile
Diversion Gross: \$3,610.02, Net: \$2,462.46. Total Gross: \$83,989.47, Net: \$59,839.81

Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve the payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Adjourn: Moved Placke, second Jarecke to adjourn at 11:47 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

October 24, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kucera, Jarecke, Dexter, Kreachbaum, Placke, Weller, and Wiegert present. County Clerk Strobel was 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 mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Wiegert 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.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: NIRMA (Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Assoc) meeting in Kearney was attended by Kucera, Placke, Dexter, Weller and Wiegert October 19 and 20. Jarecke attended the NIRMA meeting on October 19; Dexter, Kreachbaum and Wiegert-Long Term, October 18; Weller-Bader Park October 17th; Jarecke met with attorneys Mitchell Stehlik and Steve Knutson regarding the proposal received from Jennifer Kearney for a Public Defender position on October 11th; Kreachbaum and Wiegert-4H Building committee-October 16th; Kreachbaum-NE Roads meeting in Lincoln October 20th.

Officials Report: Treasurer Gilg presented a report on the ARPA Funds. Distress warrant reminders on real estate will be sent out. Gilg also informed the board the DMV will be at the courthouse on November 17th but will not be available in December. Gilg will have a notice published in the paper.

Public Comment: Ryan Dettman stated his displeasure by Placke asking the Republican Nonpareil who was paying for the Sheriff's report that was published. Julie Lacey introduced herself as the Interim Administrator for the hospital.

LTC: Emily Triplett provided an update on Long Term Care. Triplett also provided two quotes to the board regarding repair of the second boiler in the old hospital. American Boiler quote for \$51,114.00 and High Plains Boiler \$57,712.50. Triplett stated High Plains would offer it for \$55,000.00. Long Term Care would pay half and Merrick County to pay half. High Plains previously worked on the current boiler being familiar with the system.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve High Plains Boiler quote for \$55,000.00 with Merrick County paying half and to use ARPA Funds. Roll Call: Ayes-Kucera, Jarecke, Placke, Kreachbaum, Dexter, Wiegert. Nays-Weller. Motion Carried with a vote of 6-1.

Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve the courthouse to have a Pinnacle Visa with a limit of \$6000.00, Assessor Myers and Clerk Strobel to have cards and Brent Kunze, Highway Superintendent to have a card issued for the roads department with a limit of \$2500.00. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to accept the valuation and approve the Maintenance Contract with Central Plains Valuation. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion continued regarding the security cameras and panic buttons at the Extension Office. No action taken at this time.

Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the chairman to sign the Special Designated Liquor license for Hwy 14 Brewing Co, LLC. Even to be held November 15 from 4:00 pm until 10:00 pm for Men's Night at the 4-H Building. Roll Call: All Ayes

Attorney Todd McWha and Travis Bock, owner of Lazy B Lodge, appeared in front of the board regarding a Conservation Easement. The property is located east of Silver Creek, accretion ground with 95% in the flood plan. The property has been used as recreation and grazing. If approved Ducks Unlimited has approximately \$150,000 to use for restoration. Assessor Myers stated the property is valued as accretion.

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to approve the chairman to sign Resolution 2023-24 approving Conservation Easement for Wetlands America Trust, Inc from The Lazy B Lodge, LLC. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the Electrical Agreement between Stoltenberg Irrigation/Kevin Brown and Merrick County in Sections 17 and 20, Township 13, Range 7.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Highway Superintendent Kunze recommended to the board that Inskip Ave and Grand Street improvements be shelved until the next fiscal year. Bader Park Road which was paved in 1987/1988 and has significant cupping due to the truck traffic. The engineers estimate to mill off 1" and put back 2" would cost \$566,000.00 and to mill of 1" and put back 2" would be \$791,000.00. The Road Buyback fund has \$240,000 to use on roads and has \$395,000 to be used for bridges. Moved Placke, second Dexter to allow the bid letting begin for Bader Park Road.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion continued regarding the Planning & Zoning Administrator Position. Former Planning & Zoning Administrator Scott Stuhr was in attendance to offer any insight in filling the position. The position became vacant October 22, 2023.

Due to the air conditioner and heating unit at the jail needing replaced, Captain Bauer previously provided two quotes. One from McInay & Company: Good-\$10,230.00, Better-\$13,653.00, and Best-\$19,458.00. Nebraska Heating Air Inc: Good-\$10,767.00, Better-\$12,293.00 and Best-\$14,058.00.

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to approve Nebraska Heating & Air to replace the air conditioner and heating unit with the quote of \$12,293.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

October 2023 payroll was presented to the Board for approval. General Gross: \$62,782.02, Net: \$44,508.86. Road Gross: \$5,416.66, Net: \$3,585.96

Moved Kucera, second Jarecke to approve the October 2023 payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 11:57 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trish Fate-Strobel, Merrick County Clerk

November 14, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Kucera, Wiegert. Weller absent. County Clerk Strobel and Brad Wells 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.

Chairman Wiegert 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. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the minutes from October 24, 2023 with the correction of Placke replacing Wiegert in attending the Long-Term Care board meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter-Five Nines conference call and SCEDD housing meeting November 9, Merrick County Economic Development meeting November 3rd.

Officials Report: Doug Maw mentioned there had been a few issues with thermostats on the first floor. Highway Superintendent Kunze informed the board that bid letting will be held November 28 for the Bader Park Road. He has started a grant application process with FEMA and MEMA for flood plain management. FEMA would pay 75% and Merrick County 25%. A bill was received for the Bader Park Bridge engineering fee from Hamilton County.

Public Comment: Brad Wells stated he would like to meet regarding county communications with radio and towers.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to place lock boxes on the first-floor thermostats. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Kucera to approve the chairman to sign Resolution 2023-25 for amendment and addendum to NIRMA/NIMRA II Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the chairman to sign Resolution 2023-26 of the Year-End certification of County Highway Superintendent 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the chairman to sign Resolution 2023-27 directing the treasurer to pay the Courthouse Bond payment due on December 1, 2023 in the amount of \$131,100.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Placke to approve the chairman to sign Resolution 2023-28 directing the treasurer to pay the 4-H Building Bond Payment due on December 1, 2023 in the amount of \$145,473-75. Roll Call: All Ayes

Treasurer Gilg presented a report of Distress Warrants issued and turned over 25 distress warrants totaling \$19,927.85 over to the Sheriff's Department.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to have the chairman sign the letter to Region III Behavioral Health Services regarding the requested county match funds of \$20,381.14. One check \$8,152.46 will be from County General Fund and the second check for \$12,228.68 from the Opioid Recovery Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Highway Superintendent Kunze stated the Chapman Highway project was completed and the invoice was received from Vontz Paving. Initially it was discussed to use the roads fund, Gilg stated it would advantageous to utilize ARPA funding for this project. The roads fund will be used on the Bader Park paving project in Spring 2024 and the Von Ohlen Bridge will be funded through the road fund for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to allow the Highway Department to use the ARPA Funds for the Chapman Highway project. Roll Call: All Ayes

Resolution 2023-29: Directing the transfer \$250,000.00 from Inheritance to Roads to cover expenses. No action taken.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the Fiber Optic Agreement between NNTC and Merrick County, Sections 6 & 5, Township 14, Range 5. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the permit to move over width/overlength building over Merrick County Roads by Ace Movers. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the chairman to sign Resolution 2023-30 directing transfer of funds of \$1,225,000.00 from General in tax collection to the Road Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to set two public hearings on November 28th to amend a land use map and rezone for Jeremy Summers. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the chairman to sign the Conservation Easement Application for Kent & Burke Company. Roll Call: All Ayes

Supervisor Kucera stated after receiving a phone call from Bob White regarding the pipeline. Green Plains is no longer going to go with Summit but instead Tall Grass which will go into Wyoming and not North Dakota.

Clerk Strobel informed the board of the ongoing billing situation with Vyve Broadband. County Attorney Kunz stated he plans to file a dispute in which the county has until November 21st as well consider filing a motion to enforce the arbitration clause of the contract if needed.

Supervisor Dexter provided quotes from Hamilton Telecommunications for panic buttons and a security camera system. Project 1-Panic Buttons \$1,680.50 for purchase and install of three panic buttons for the Extension Office. Project 2-Camera System \$2,125.00 for purchase and install of camera system. No action taken, discussion to continue at the next board meeting.

Moved Kucera, second Placke to approve the Maximus Contract Roll Call: All Ayes

County Attorney Kunze present.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the Public Defender contract as presented by Jennifer Kearney. Roll Call: All Ayes

Supervisor Placke has been filling in as Planning & Zoning Administrator until someone is hired for the position. Five Rule and Marvin Planning Consulting provided quotes to the board for consideration in helping with any questions or meetings until the position is filled. Advertising for the position will continue.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve hiring Marvin Planning Consulting in helping to manage the Planning & Zoning position. Roll Call: Ayes-Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Kucera, Dexter and Wiegert; Nays-none; Abstain: Placke. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0-1.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to have the starting wage for the Planning & Zoning Administrator to be \$18.50/hr. with a minimum of 16 hours per week. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to pay Placke \$18.50/hr. for her services filling in as Planning & Zoning Administrator beginning immediately. Roll Call: Ayes-Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Kucera, Dexter, Wiegert; Nays-None; Abstain: Placke, Motion carried with a vote of: 5-0-1

Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve Placke to act as Interim Planning & Zoning Administrator until the position is filled. Roll Call: Ayes-Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Kucera, Dexter, Wiegert; Nays-None; Abstain: Placke, Motion carried with a vote of: 5-0-1

Discussion regarding a County Administer continued. Kucera stated the salary was taken out of the budget but if needed could be taken out of the Inheritance Fund. No action taken and will continue at the next board meeting.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to go into Executive Session at 11:21 a.m. to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Jarecke to go out of Executive Session at 12:23 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve fees as presented from District Court, Sheriff and County Clerk's offices. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	AGREEMENT	\$271.67
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,082.24
	BANKS WRAPS & SIGNS	SUPPLIES	\$90.00

AARON BENSON	INS REIMBURS	\$14.41
BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING COST	\$750.00
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$1,057.82
LORI CAVE	MILEAGE	\$32.88
CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$37.00
CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$35.59
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	BLDG REPAIR	\$393.02
CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$262.16
CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$216.66
CHERRY COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSES	\$6.00
CINTAS CORPORATION	MEDICAL SUPPLY	\$404.15
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES-LTC	\$506.45
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,019.86
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.23
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	LODGING	\$853.65
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	OFFICE WATER	\$865.00
DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$21.90
ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$93.66
CARRIE RODRIGUEZ-CPO	SUPPORT	\$16,824.94
EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$1,510.67
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$35.47
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$333.60
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$226.89
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$279.32
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/TRAVEL	\$140.43
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$5,610.60
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	CAR REPAIR	\$101.93
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$72.77
GALUSHA ELECTRIC	BLDG REPAIR	\$125.00
SHARON GILG	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
THERESA GOOD	MILEAGE	\$87.24
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING/MEDS	\$2,419.32
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$2,550.00
HAMILTON COUNTY	P&Z INTERLOCAL	\$1,740.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$3,475.42
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$255.00
HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY	LODGING- C/S	\$185.90
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$357.79
JACKSON SERVICES	RUG SERVICE	\$206.73
JACKSON SERVICES	RUG SERVICE	\$223.77
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$9.98

KEARNEY & DESIMONE LAW, LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,632.75
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$834.39
LOGAN LUFT	INS REIMBURS	\$443.95
DOUG MAW	PHONE/MISC EXP	\$173.36
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$53.84
MERRICK CO DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	\$494.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT CLAIMS	\$1,936.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. HISTORICAL MUSEUM	SUPPORT	\$5,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$229.62
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	IMAGING	\$35.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$181.20
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$3,675.77
MIPS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$268.00
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	PEST CONTROL	\$90.00
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$558.59
NACO PLANNING & ZONING	ANNUAL DUES	\$40.00
	MEMBERSHIP	
NACO	DUE	\$1,894.72
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$150.00
NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL	SUBSCRIPTION	\$81.70
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$465.00
NE SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION	MEMBERSHIP	\$230.00
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	REGISTRATION	\$210.00
NEBRASKA AIR FILTER, INC	FURNACE REPAIR	\$297.59
NNTC	E911 PHONE	\$269.73
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$208.46
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$779.42
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	PAPER SHRED	\$35.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$280.77
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$553.78
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$681.52
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$677.44
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$343.81
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$718.41
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$698.35
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$202.36
JAN PLACKE	MILEAGE	\$93.67
PLATTE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY	BOARDING/MEDS	\$2,318.16
PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS ASSOC OF NE	REGISTRATION	\$175.00
REGION 3 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES	SUPPORT	\$8,152.46

	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$8.11
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$37.68
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$22.84
	SACK LUMBER	BLDG REPAIR	\$37.47
	SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$15.46
	EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$83.93
	STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$1,359.60
	STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,037.50
	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$491.36
	TOTAL AUTO BODY	CAR REPAIR	\$500.00
	TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$112.05
	TYLER	EQUIPMENT	\$449.00
	U.S. BANK	MISC EXPENSE	\$3,749.34
	PINNACLE BANK	MEALS/MEDS	\$273.73
	PINNACLE BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$580.63
	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE/SUPPLY	\$199.99
	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$477.54
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH, ROGER WIEGERT	ATTORNEY FEES	\$4,840.50
	WOODS & AITKEN LLP	MILEAGE	\$71.39
		GENERAL LABOR	\$97.50
TOTAL			\$197,598.61
ROADS	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$47,210.80
	AKRS EQUIPMENT	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$457.08
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$3,533.08
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$81.74
	BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$210.05
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	OIL & GREASE	\$145.22
	CINTAS CORPORATION	MEDICAL SUPPLY	\$110.45
	CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	LODGING	\$121.95
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$66.47
	KRIS ERICKSON	FUEL	\$84.32
	FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$96.50
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$2,357.52
	GALUSHA ELECTRIC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$607.20
	GROSSHANS, INC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$46.01
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$34.95
	HANSEN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK INC	REPAIR/LABOR	\$61.20
	INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM	REPAIR	\$419.85
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$166.36
	JACKSON SERVICE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$91.26
	BRENT KUNZE	FUEL	\$69.27

	LARSON METAL LLC	EQUIPMENT	\$3,250.00
	MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES, INC	ENGINEER FEES	\$487.50
	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D & A TESTING	\$35.00
	MERRICK CO. CLERK	PLAT BOOK	\$30.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$22.62
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$64.80
	MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$136.23
	MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC	REPAIRS	\$82.78
	MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$90.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/LABOR	\$2,523.10
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T	PHONE SERVICE	\$81.56
	OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	ENGINEER FEES	\$12,907.25
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$8,939.64
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	\$5,983.25
	PALSER SERVICE	TIRES	\$130.90
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$38.52
	RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$480.24
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$167.90
	SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	FUEL	\$7,154.04
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$505.20
	STRAIGHT LINE STRIPING INC	STRIPING	\$3,467.80
	T & R AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$753.65
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/RENTAL	\$110.15
	VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL/SURFACE	\$17,242.80
	WELDON PARTS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$645.64
TOTAL			\$123,727.56
OPIOID TOTAL	REGION 3 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES	SUPPORT	\$12,228.68 \$12,228.68
JUVENILE DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$163.59
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$56.20
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUVDIV-POSTAGE	\$5.67
	U.S. BANK	MISC EXP	\$396.55
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$262.32
TOTAL			\$884.33
ADULT DRUG COURT	MORGAN CAMPBELL-PSCC	COURT EXPENSES	\$25.14
	COR THERAPEUTIC SERVICES, LLC	COURT EXPENSES	\$78.23

TOTAL \$103.37

K-9 CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC K-9 CARE \$54.04
TOTAL \$54.04

ARPA VONTZ PAVING INC BITUMINOUS \$459,755.06
TOTAL \$459,755.06

4-H BLDG CENTRAL PLUMBING LLC BLDG REPAIR \$172.00
FUND CITY OF CENTRAL CITY UTILITIES \$1,302.92
MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY, LLC SUPPLY/REPAIR \$341.00
US FOODS DIVISION #2365 SUPPLIES \$1,074.70
TOTAL \$2,890.62

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the November claims with the change of \$459,755.06 to be taken out of ARPA funds instead of the Road funds. Roll Call: All Ayes

Payroll: General Gross: \$51,622.93, Net: \$36,317.76; Roads Gross: \$29,397.51, Net: \$21,246.11; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3,609.16, Net: \$2,461.64

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

Adjourn: Moved Placke, second Jarecke to adjourn at 12:26 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

November 28, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Kucera, Weller and Wiegert present. County Clerk Strobel, Brad Wells and Lori Sautter 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.

Chairman Wiegert 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. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the minutes from November 14, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Weller-Central District Health, Nov 13; Dexter-NIRMA Appreciation Dinner in York, November 13, SCEDD, Nov. 15 and Long-Term Care November 17; Kreachbaum-Mid Plains Center in Grand Island Nov 15, Long Term Care and Dept of Transportation in Lincoln, November 17, 4-H Building Overseer's Nov 20; Kucera-Mid Nebraska Individual Services Nov 15 and Wiegert 4-H Overseer's November 20th.

Officials Report: Veteran's Service Officer, Tom Reimers provided the 1st and 2nd quarterly reports.

Treasurer Gilg provided

Clerk Strobel informed the board new employee, Maria Kohl started November 20th in the Clerk's office.

Interim Planning & Zoning Administrator Placke informed the board she will be working with Marvin Planning Consultants until the position is filled.

Emily Triplett provided an update on Long Term Care. Triplett also provided three quotes from engineers regarding fees for pre-construction services for possible future building planning. No action taken. This will be discussed at the next board meeting for possible action.

Emergency Manager Clark provided a quarterly update.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve District Court Clerk Good to dispose of a computer monitor and keyboard as she sees fit. Roll Call: All Ayes

Brad Wells approached the board regarding the communication towers and radios within the county. Lori Sautter voiced her concerns regarding the safety and response times due to the issue of the radios not being able to contact each emergency responder in a timely manner, if at all. Members of the board would like to place this issue on the December 12 meeting agenda as well as having members of surrounding fire departments and the County Sheriff present. No action taken at this time, placed on December 12th agenda for further discussion.

Supervisor Dexter provided a quote from Hamilton Telecommunications for panic buttons and security cameras for the Extension Building. Dexter will get a quote from 1 to 1 Technologies for discussion at the next meeting.

Highway Superintendent Kunze provided a handout from the Bid Letting for Bader Park Road Resurfacing project held on November 22, 2023. Three bids were received: Vontz Paving, Inc: Base bid price: \$499,383.90, alternate bid \$678,212.40 (tack coat and asphaltic concrete, type SPR); Gary Smith Construction: Base bid \$525,882.25, alternate bid \$711,543.25; Werner Construction: Base bid \$575,271.00, alternate bid \$76,413.50. Engineers estimate: Base bid \$566,030.00, alternate bid \$791,355.00. Moved Dexter, second Kucera to accept the bid for \$499,383.90 from Vontz Paving, Inc for the Bader Park Road Resurfacing project. Roll Call: Ayes-Jarecke, Weller, Kreachbaum, Dexter, Kucera and Wiegert. Nays-Placke. Motion carried with a vote of 6-1

Planning & Zoning administrator discussion continued with an interview being held today.

County Administrator position continued and a job description will be written up to be published in the future.

Moved Weller, second Kucera to approve the 2024 Holidays as stated in the Employee Handbook with the addition of closing the courthouse at noon on Christmas Eve Day. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Jarecke to approve the November payroll: General Gross: \$62,823.65, Net: \$44,562.22; Roads General: \$5416.66, Net \$3,585.18; Total Gross: \$68240.31, Net: \$48,147.40

Roll Call: All Ayes

Adjourn: Moved Dexter, second Kucera to adjourn at 11:16 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

December 12, 2023

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Kucera, Wiegert. Weller present. County Clerk Strobel, Brad Wells, Lori Sautter, Police Chief Mark Dreher, Sheriff Westman, Captain Bauer, Tanner Maw, John Friedrichsen, Kent Carlson, Emergency Manager Clark were also present.

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

Minutes: Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the minutes from November 28, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter-SCEDD, Hastings November 30, Merrick County Economic Development December 1, Safety Committee meeting December 5, conference call with Eli Hunter-Hamilton Telecommunications regarding Cybersecurity grant on December 6th; Wiegert-Midland Area on Aging December 7; Jarecke and Wiegert November 28-interview with Planning & Zoning applicant.

Officials: Planning & Zoning interim Placke stated she had a Planning Commission meeting December 11 and Village of Palmer the evening of December 13. Placke also stated she would be willing to stay on once a new employee has been hired to help when needed.

Highway Superintendent Kunze started December 11th on one of the 1- & 6-Year Plans, #243 and placing culverts back in and should be open tomorrow December 13. Kunze is also working on getting the Federal Motor Clearing House set up. Randy Fuehrer and Chris Huston will be retiring, Fuehrer's last day will be Monday, December 18 and Chris Huston January 15. Kunze and Kris Erickson will be participating in the Suspicion Training to be able to recognize if someone is under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

Clerk Strobel informed the board the dividend check in the amount of \$3,338.00 from NIRMA was received.

County Attorney Kunz present at 9:11 a.m.

Juvenile Diversion officer, McNeff approached the board regarding the grant and interlocal agreement. McNeff stated Polk County will now be in the York County Interlocal. The Interlocal stays the same with the exception of the dates and with Polk County being omitted this year. High Plains will continue to be served in this Interlocal.

Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve the Chairman to sign the Juvenile Diversion grant and the Interlocal as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the surplus of a computer and keyboard as the clerk sees fit. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Kucera to approve the Interlocal Agreement with City of Central City for dirt work and snow removal. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-32 directing the treasurer to transfer of \$400,000.00 from Inheritance Fund to the General Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve the Long-Term Care Pre-Construction Service contract with CMBA Architects. Roll Call: Ayes-Kucera, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Kreachbaum, Wiegert; Nays-Weller. Motion carried with a 6-1 vote.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to the Bader Park Road project contract with Vontz Paving. Roll Call: All Ayes

Supervisor Dexter provided quotes from 1 to 1 Technologies and Simply Safe for security cameras and panic buttons for the 4-H Extension Building. Moved Placke, second Kreachbaum to accept the quote from 1 to 1 Technologies for the two security cameras and Simply Safe for one panic button for the Extension Office. Roll Call: All Ayes

Supervisors Jarecke and Wiegert along with County Assessor Myers set in on the interview for the applicant of Planning & Zoning Administrator. Personnel Committee recommended offering the position to the applicant. Moved Jarecke, second Weller to offer the position of the Planning & Zoning Administrator to Barbara Quinn. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to table the County Administrator position until December 26, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to recess at 9:50 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to reconvene at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to open the 10:00 a.m. Public Hearing to amend Future Land Use Map. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion to amend the Merrick County Comprehensive Plan to allow rezoning for the following property from Agricultural Preservation District to Light Industrial District in Section 25, Township 14, Range 6. The area will be used for a car repair facility.

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to close the 10:00 a.m. Public Hearing at 10:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Weller to amend the Future Land Use Map. Roll Call: Ayes-Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Dexter, Kucera, Weller and Wiegert. Nays-None, Abstain: Placke. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0-1.

Moved Kucera, second Jarecke to open the Public Hearing at 10:08 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to close the Public Hearing at 10:09 a.m. due to no comments from the public. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-31 approving the request to amend the Merrick County Comprehensive Plan to allow rezoning for the following property from an Agricultural Preservation District to Light Industrial District. Section 25, Township 14N, Range 6W pt tract in se ¼. Roll Call: Ayes-Dexter, Weller, Kucera, Jarecke, Kreachbaum and Weigert; Nays-none; Abstain-Placke. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0-1

Brad Wells provided a recap of his address to the board regarding the county communications radio and towers from the previous meeting. Sheriff Westman spoke to the board to explain how the radio system works with other Merrick County emergency responders. Captain Bauer presented a video showing how the radios in the deputies' vehicles work. Discussion continued between first responders of Merrick County highlighting the need for better communication. No action required.

Moved Kucera, second Jarecke to move into Executive Session for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual at 11:34 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to move out of Executive Session at 11:49 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to move into Executive Session for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual at 11:50 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to move out of Executive Session at 12:36 p.m. Roll Call; All Ayes

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

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

GENERAL	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECH	MAINTENANCE	\$271.67
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICES	\$1,082.24
	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$208.80
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$28.43
	BUTLER COUNTY CLINIC PC	PRISONER CARE	\$172.00
	BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	HOUSING FEES	\$450.00

CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$2,105.02
CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$15.16
CENTRAL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$7,000.00
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	WEED SUPPLIES	\$19.95
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$52.95
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$2.49
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	BLDG REPAIRS	\$32.42
CENTURY LINK	E911 SERVICES	\$278.24
CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$216.66
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,911.90
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,287.58
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.22
CLARKS PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$1,000.00
COMFORT INN	LODGING	\$229.90
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$254.00
CVSOAN	REGISTRATION	\$100.00
ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$58.55
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$83.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$108.54
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$120.70
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$778.38
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$223.54
FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS LTD	PLAT BOOKS	\$280.00
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/TRAVEL	\$139.12
KELLY FEEHAN	MILEAGE	\$56.33
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP	CYBERSECURITY	\$5,689.19
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	CAR REPAIR	\$157.09
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$72.78
SHARON GILG	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING/MEDS	\$2,674.79
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$3,300.00
HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK	INTERLOCAL	\$41,250.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$4,625.74
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$255.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP. REPAIR	\$245.87
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$23.58
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	UNIFORMS	\$179.89
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$206.72
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$224.47
DENNIS JARECKE	MILEAGE	\$106.76
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$19.89

JOHNSON CONTROLS SECURITY SOL	SECURITY	\$70.83
KEARNEY & DESIMONE LAW, LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$2,866.38
KENDRICK WINDSHIELD REPAIR	CAR REPAIR	\$50.00
LA QUINTA INNS & SUITES	LODGING	\$114.95
BILL MACK	FUEL	\$7.18
DOUG MAW	MISC EXPENSES	\$220.34
MCILNAY & CO	SUPPLIES	\$325.00
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$301.08
MERRICK CO. CLERK	FILING FEE	\$26.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	ATTORNEY FEES	\$366.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	SERVICE FEES	\$432.24
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$258.45
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$399.00
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIPMENT RENT	\$35.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	DISPOSAL	\$181.20
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	PRISONER TRANS	\$214.60
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$3,675.77
JENNIFER MYERS	PNONE/TRAVEL	\$185.89
NACO	REGISTRATIONS	\$150.00
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	REGISTRATION	\$150.00
NNTC	E911 PHONE	\$132.85
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$440.94
PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$1,000.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHRED	\$93.00
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY, PC	CORONER	\$271.00
PINNACLE BANK CC	SUPPLIES	\$207.26
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$149.59
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$342.79
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$560.13
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$795.51
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$434.65
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$517.20
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$547.95
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$100.51
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$3,630.14
PLATTE CO SHERIFF	SERVICE FEES	\$18.69
PLATTE PEER GROUP	SUPPORT	\$6,000.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$3,200.65
POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOC OF NE	DUES	\$20.00
SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION	ELEVATOR EXP	\$4,078.07
NE SECRETARY OF STATE	TRAINING	\$60.00

	SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$1,000.00
	EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$169.51
	SPARROW PUBLICATIONS LLC	PUBLICATION	\$170.20
	STATE OF NEBRASKA	TELETYPE	\$1,025.60
	STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$337.50
	STROMSBURG SOFT WATER	SUPPLIES	\$62.40
	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$438.79
	THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	COURT EXPENSE	\$18.65
	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$477.54
	TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$74.09
	TROUBA LAW OFFICE	ATTORNEY FEES	\$343.75
	UNL PARKING & TRANSIT	PARKING FEE	\$40.00
	PINNACLE BANK	SUPPLIES/DUES	\$104.25
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES/REPAIR	\$463.93
	CHRISTY WANDFLUH	MILEAGE	\$144.10
	KARA WELLS	MILAGE/SUPPLY	\$444.56
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$20,573.50
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	EQUIPMENT	\$2,799.92
TOTAL			\$243,120.74
ROADS	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	SUPPLIES	\$1,568.03
	AKRS EQUIPMENT	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$724.00
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$14,251.75
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$106.01
	BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$415.26
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	GREASE/FUEL	\$805.37
	BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	LANDFILL SERVI	\$30.00
	PAUL CUNNINGHAM	INS REIMBURS	\$182.81
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLIE	\$464.34
	FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$184.80
	FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	DIESEL	\$23.27
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$2,660.11
	RANDY FUEHRER	INS REIMBURS	\$14.41
	GRAND ISLAND CLINIC	DRUG TEST	\$35.00
	GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	REPAIR	\$32.63
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$154.99
	HERK'S WELDING SHOP	SHOP REPAIR	\$671.46
	BUCKY HERMAN	LAND RENTAL	\$720.00
	HUSKER STEEL	STRUCTURE/REPR	\$14,871.00
	JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$91.51
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$266.08
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$67.40
	MIDWEST PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT	FUEL	\$3,574.63

	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO.	GRADER BLADES	\$31,774.60
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRES	\$8,076.83
	MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$136.23
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	LABOR/REPAIR	\$4,193.01
	NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL	FEE	\$120.00
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NORFOLK CONTRACTING, INC	LABOR/MATERIAL	\$19,000.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE	\$78.89
	OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	ENGINEER FEES	\$2,750.00
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$662.42
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	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$6,878.18
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	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$284.99
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC	ELECTRICITY	\$43.20
	SACK LUMBER CO	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$72.27
	SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	DIESEL	\$13,757.94
	SIGN DESIGN	EQUIPMENT	\$398.75
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$546.36
	SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS	ENGINEER	\$14,580.00
	STATE GLASS, INC.	REPAIR/LABOR	\$267.80
	T & R AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$115.99
	VERIZON	MONTHLY SERVIC	\$560.59
	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE	\$110.16
	VONTZ PAVING INC	SAND/GRAVEL	\$16,868.80
	CLIFFORD YRKOSKI	LAND RENTAL	\$360.00
	TOTAL		\$166,254.41
JUVENILE DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$25.50
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$52.92
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$5.67
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$131.34
	TOTAL		\$215.43
K-9 FUND TOTAL	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9 CARE	\$130.68
			\$130.68
4-H BLDG FUND	CENTRAL PLUMBING LLC	BLDG REPAIR	\$296.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,428.45
	MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY, LLC	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$697.90
	STANEK FIRE PROTECTION	INSPECTION	\$164.00

TOTAL

\$2,586.35

Payroll expense & benefit warrants paid: General \$40,696.02, Roads: \$20,372.78, Juvenile Diversion \$2,664.34. General Gross: \$53,615.30, Net: \$37,716.30, Roads Gross: \$28,128.16, Net \$20,240.93 Juvenile Diversion \$3441.56, Net: \$2,344.45

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

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 12:43 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

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The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, December 26, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Kucera, Wiegert. Weller present, Placke absent. County Clerk Strobel, County Attorney Kunz, Brad Wells and Sheriff Westman 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.

Chairman Wiegert 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. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Agenda: Moved Dexter, second Kucera to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Jarecke, second Kucera to approve the minutes from December 12, 2023 as published.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Weller Bader Park-December 12, NACO meeting in Kearney December 13. Dexter, Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Kucera, Placke and Wiegert NACO-Kearney December 13 thru December 15.

Dexter met with Cody (1 to 1 Technologies) regarding equipment for the Extension building, Kreachbaum and Dexter Long Term Care December 20.

Officials: Veteran Service Officer Tom Reimers informed the board of an update for the VetraSpec user agreement. Extension Officer Emily Soll provided a quarterly update for the board. Highway Superintendent Brent Kunze stated the bridge on 22nd road is repaired and also replaced a bridge last week on Q Rd between 3rd and 4th with new culverts. Both bridges are open to traffic. There is an agreement on principal with Central NE Railroad to remove some of the crossings between Central City and Palmer. Kunze also mentioned NIRMA Assist grants in which the county will receive will be \$10,000.00 for a mulching head for the excavator and \$2800.00 to buy new barricades.

Brad Wells thanked everyone for getting back to him after the last board meeting.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve the Chairman to sign the SDL Application from Banana Rams, LLC-January 12, 2024 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m., Merrick County 4-H Building for Merrick Medical Employee Christmas Party. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve Fiber Optic Agreements with Lumen. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the starting salary for the new Planning & Zoning part time administrator position at \$20.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Hamilton County E911 Dispatch Supervisor, Ryan Shaw appeared before the board to go over how the radio system works between Merrick County, City of Central and Hamilton County.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve the write off of past due surveyor and highway balances as discussed in the Executive Session held during the December 12, 2023 board meeting with the addition of \$409.37 for the Council Township. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve the wage adjustments as presented by Highway Superintendent Kunze for the roads department employees. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kucera, second Dexter to approve the December payroll up to and not over \$170,000.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 10:47 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk