

## **January 10, 2024**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Kucera, Wiegert present, Weller and County Attorney Kunz 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 9:00 a.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to approve the minutes from December 26, 2023 as published. Roll Call: Ayes-Kucera, Dexter, Jarecke, Kreachbaum; Abstain-Placke. Motion carried  
Chairman Wiegert called for reorganization of the Board for 2024. Moved Kucera, second Jarecke to reorganize as Board of Supervisors. Roll Call: All Ayes

Silent vote took place for the Board Chairperson position. First drawing was three votes Wiegert, three votes Kucera. A second silent vote took place with four votes Kucera, two votes Wiegert. Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the Chairman position to Kucera. Roll Call: Ayes-Placke, Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Dexter and Jarecke. Abstain-Kucera.

Silent vote then took place for the Board Co-Chairperson position. Drawing was three votes Wiegert, two votes Dexter and one vote Jarecke. Moved Dexter, second Placke to approve the Co-Chairman position to Wiegert. Roll Call: Ayes-Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Placke, Kucera. Abstain: Wiegert. Motion carried.

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

Moved Placke, second Dexter to designate the Palmer Journal, Republican Nonpareil and the Merrick County website as the official means of publication for Merrick County. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Placke to designate Nebraska Cooperative Liquid Asset Securities System Trust ("Nebraska Class") as a county depository for Merrick County. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Placke to designate Bank of Clarks, Farmers State Bank 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 for Merrick County and NPAIT, NFIT (Union Bank & Trust) as depository. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Placke to adopt blanket bond of Nebraska Intergovernmental risk Management Association (NIRMA) insured under Certificate of Insurance Master Policy. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Placke to appoint the Board of Supervisors as the predesignated Grievance Board. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to appoint Clerk Strobel as the NIRMA contact person. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to appoint Brent Kunze to the advisory committee for the NRD for 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to appoint Brent Kunze as Merrick County Highway Superintendent and to designate him to negotiate Right of Way agreements for Merrick County 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

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

Moved Wiegert, second Placke to keep the meal per diem to \$30.00 a day for meetings. Roll Call: All Ayes

Chairman Kucera appointed the same board members to the committees they served in the prior year. Chairman Kucera appointed the board to the following boards: Bader Park-Weller; Central NE Community Action Partnership-Jarecke; Central NE Housing Authority-Placke; Central Platte NRD-Wiegert; Emergency Management-Kreachbaum; Central District Health Board-Jarecke; Midland Area Agency on Aging-Wiegert, Alternate-Dexter; Mid-Plains Center for Behavioral Healthcare Services-Kreachbaum; Mid-Nebraska Individual Services-Kucera; Region III-Kucera; Senior Center-Placke; Merrick County Development District-Dexter, Alternate-Placke; Litzenberg Long Term Care Board-Dexter; Extension Board-Kucera

Meetings: Dexter-January 3<sup>rd</sup> phone conference was held with Bryon Barnett with NIRMA, 4<sup>th</sup>-webinar with Pam Bourne of Woods & Aitken, 5<sup>th</sup>-Merrick County Economic Development; Placke stated the Employee Appreciation letters are out and she will continue as interim Planning & Zoning for the time being.

Officials Report: Highway Superintendent Kunze hired someone to start on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January and still short a few people. Three roads are currently closed due to the snow. Captain Bauer informed the board the Corrections Officer position has been filled making the jail full staffed. Brady Klute will start June 1<sup>st</sup> as a new deputy for the county after the completion of college. Bauer also stated a letter was received from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center regarding the reporting of the continuing education hours for the deputies.

Moved Dexter, second Placke to appoint Courtney Root and Paul Jarecke to the Extension Board to replace Nate Carlson and Lori Cave. Roll Call: Ayes-Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Dexter, Placke, Kucera. Abstain-Jarecke. Motion carried

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the SDL Application received from the Independent Club JAP, LLC for January 27, 2024 at the 4-H Building for the Chamber Gala 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Kreachbaum to approve the Interlocal Agreement between County of Merrick and the Village of Chapman for snow removal services at the rate of \$190.00 per machine hour. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the disposal of a jail refrigerator as seen fit by the Sheriff's Department. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Placke to approve the surplus of District Court's typewriter. Roll Call: All ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the CMBA contract expenses be taken out of the ARPA Funds for the half of expenses paid by Merrick County. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding the County Board Assistant/Human Resource position continued.

Discussion regarding animals and/or service animals in the courthouse.

County Clerk Strobel addressed the board regarding officials and part time employee payroll. Strobel stated it would be more efficient for the clerk's office if all employees and official's payroll were set to every two weeks. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve all employees and official's payroll to be every two weeks beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding procedure for closing of the courthouse regarding weather.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign the Juvenile Diversion Enhancement Grant. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding the Vyve billing continued. No action taken.

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to allow Hamilton Telecommunications to apply for CISA Grants in Merrick County's behalf. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to recess at 11:31 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to convene as Board of Supervisors at 11:38 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve the December Fees as presented by District Court, County Sheriff and County Clerk offices. Roll Call: All Ayes

<b>GENERAL</b>	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	MAINT/AGREE	\$271.67
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,082.24

EMELISE BAUGHMAN, LIMHP	COUNSELING	\$300.00
BLUE360 MEDIA	LIBRARY	\$376.73
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$56.70
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$1,663.95
CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$153.55
CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$53.47
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	REPAIR	\$59.44
CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICES	\$278.24
CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$216.66
CITIZENS BANK & TRUST COMPANY	DEP BOX RENTAL	\$8.00
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$5,633.12
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	MISC UTILITY	\$11.99
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	\$455.00
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	LODGING	\$3,103.85
DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$34.56
DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	PRISONER MEDS	\$180.70
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$122.40
EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$83.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$352.97
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP/MAINT	\$43.59
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$4.95
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$565.18
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$701.92
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$32.49
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$579.46
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	MLG/PHONE	\$61.22
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS SERVICE TEAM,INC	INTERNET	\$975.45
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	MISC	\$5,825.30
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	REPAIR	\$1,161.43
SIDNEY E FREY	FEES	\$155.25
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$570.11
GALUSHA ELECTRIC	REPAIR	\$781.60
GI AREA CLEAN COMMUNITY SYSTEM	SUPPORT	\$2,000.00
SHARON GILG	EXPENSES	\$124.71
THERESA GOOD	TRAVEL	\$230.32
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING COSTS	\$3,561.82
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$3,700.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/OFFICE	\$3,372.40
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$255.00
HEINS LAWN & LANDSCAPE INC	ICE MELT	\$123.75
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS	LODGING	\$229.90

HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP REPAIR	\$245.87
JACKSON SERVICES	SUPPLIES	\$207.24
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$335.78
DENNIS JARECKE	MILEAGE	\$110.30
KEARNEY & DESIMONE LAW, LLC	FEES	\$3,431.75
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	MAINT/REPAIR	\$111.65
BRIAN KLUCK	MENTAL HEALTH	\$385.60
RUSSELL KREACHBAUM	MILEAGE	\$101.39
MARY LIVINGSTON	MH BOARD	\$280.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT COSTS	\$415.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	REIMBURSEMENT	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$392.79
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSE	\$735.72
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$181.20
MIDWEST CONNECT	SUPPLIES	\$305.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	TRANSPORTATION	\$162.80
MIPS INC.	JURY LIST	\$316.38
MIPS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$25.85
MIPS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$205.50
JENNIFER MYERS	TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$251.50
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	NAT'L DUES	\$450.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSITUTIONS	\$1,215.00
NEBRASKA GLASS COMPANY LLC	JAIL VAN	\$49.95
NNTC	911 PHONE	\$132.85
PALMER JOURNAL	WEED CONTROL	\$470.24
PALSER SERVICE	CAR MAINT	\$190.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$40.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$154.88
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$247.95
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$591.65
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$730.62
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$344.20
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$570.75
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$760.27
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$123.96
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$50.42
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$3,607.76
JAN PLACKE	SUPPLIES	\$141.86
PLATTE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY	BOARDING	\$250.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	EQUIP	\$986.58
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$516.99
REGION 3 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES	SUPPORT	\$5,095.29
TOM REIMERS	MILEAGE	\$94.32

MARIA RODRIGUEZ	SUPPLIES	\$68.70
SCEDD	SUPPORT	\$2,000.00
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$16.24
EMILY SOLL	SUPPLIES	\$19.96
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	PHONE SERVICES	\$154.00
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$5,440.00
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$370.28
THE RADAR SHOP	RADAR MAINT	\$558.00
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$477.54
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$12.92
JAMES H TRUPELL	MH BOARD	\$279.61
STEPHEN R.W. TWISS	FEES	\$98.00
U.S. BANK	SUPPLIES	\$100.01
VIGILNET AMERICA, LLC	MONITORING	\$20.10
PINNACLE BANK	DUES	\$576.29
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	INMATE SUPPLY	\$88.69
TOM WELLER	MILEAGE	\$152.63
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$125.76
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$5,551.50
WOODS & AITKEN LLP	ATTORNEY FEES	\$422.50
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	OFFICE EQUIP	\$1,389.96
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$184,653.69</b>
<b>ROADS</b>		
ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$18,399.00
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$2,044.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$183.50
BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$75.60
CEDAR VALLEY LUMBER CLARKS, LLC	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$46.99
CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	SIGNS	\$2,457.80
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	LODGING	\$269.90
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$46.88
KRIS ERICKSON	REIMBURSE	\$522.39
FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$202.45
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,201.68
JIM L GRAVES	RETIREMENT	\$168.00
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	PARTS	\$81.32
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$155.01
HANSEN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK INC	REPAIR	\$255.79
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$266.55
J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES	\$4,970.00
JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$92.40
JELINEK ACE HARDWARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$120.44

	RON JOHNS	REIMBURSEMENT	\$214.00
	MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES, INC	ENGINEER FEES	\$7,205.46
	MENARDS	ASPHALT	\$1,508.22
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSE	\$12.60
	MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	D & A TESTING	\$32.00
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$67.40
	MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$28.65
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	SHOP PARTS	\$1,202.73
	NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$567.00
	NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN COMPANY	SALT	\$5,312.81
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE/SHOP	\$79.89
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$6,614.49
	PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$63.00
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$1,960.38
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRE REPAIR	\$555.00
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIPMENT	\$2,350.71
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$56.74
	SAPP BROS. PETROLEUM	DIESEL	\$1,659.39
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	\$612.45
	T & R AUTO PARTS	SHOP SUPPLY	\$85.92
	VERIZON WIRELESS	VERIZON	\$110.14
	WELDON PARTS	SHOP SUPPLY	\$68.27
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$149.99
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$62,151.94</b>
<b>JUVENILE</b>	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSE	\$5.04
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$5.04</b>
<b>4-H BUILDING</b>	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$1,343.25
	ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING COMPANY	MATERIALS	\$1,907.55
	GALUSHA ELECTRIC	LABOR	\$160.50
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$3,411.30</b>

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the January claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes  
 Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes  
 Moved Placke, second Jarecke to adjourn at 12:03 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes+-  
 /s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairman  
 /s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

## **January 23, 2024**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Kucera, Wiegert, Weller, Jarecke, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present,

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

Minutes: Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to approve the minutes from December 26, 2023 as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting reports: Weller-January 15<sup>th</sup> Bader Park; Weller and Dexter January 17<sup>th</sup> handbook; Weller, Dexter, Kreachbaum and Placke-January 17<sup>th</sup> Long Term Care Board; Dexter-January 22<sup>nd</sup> SCEDD zoom meeting; Jarecke Central Nebraska Action Partner zoom; Kreachbaum January 15<sup>th</sup> City Council and January 17<sup>th</sup> Emergency Management with Emergency Manager Clark, Boone and Nance counties.

Officials: Treasurer Gilg presented the semi-annual report as well as informing the board the DMV will hopefully be available twice in February and March. Clerk Strobel stated she received the certification for the Palmer School District bond on January 19<sup>th</sup>. The Election Plan will need to be presented to the Secretary of State's office by Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. The special election will be held on March 12, 2024. County Attorney Kunz stated Deputy Attorney Luzum worked with the handbook committee along with some officials. Luzum also reached out to Dana Cole & Associates regarding the status and billing of the budget that was performed in 2023. Luzum has also been in contact with NIRMA regarding the suit against Merrick County and Long-Term Care.

Captain Bauer informed the board the annual jail inspection was performed with no deficiencies reported. The ruling with the continuing education is there will be a seven-day grace period in which the Sheriff's Department abided by. Highway Superintendent Kunze informed the department is now fully staffed. Kunze also stated he would like to check into possibly purchasing a vacant building in the future to move the highway department and help house equipment.

Emily Triplett with Long Term Care provided updates as well as informed the board regarding the belt which broke in the ambulance bay creating a broken sprinkler head.

Adam Jurgens with Hamilton Telecommunications presented the benefits of the Cybersecurity CISA grant in which they would apply for the county.

Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to approve the Special Designated Liquor license for Little Storm Daycare for a fundraiser to be held February 23 at Beck's Barn from 6:00 pm to 12:00 am. Roll Call: All Ayes

Treasurer Gilg approached the board regarding the employee parking lot and the 30-minute safe place and jail parking stalls. Gilg stated due to the weather it would helpful for the employees to have more parking stalls for safety. No action taken.

Maintenance Manager Maw discussed the snow removal in the parking lot. Heins was hired during the snow storm the weekend of January 12 to help maintain the upkeep.

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to hire Heins Lawncare for the courthouse lawncare for the 2024 year in the amount of \$1905.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the Moved by Snow Removal Agreement between City of Central City and Merrick County with the rate increase from \$80.00 to \$200.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the Chairman to sign the Frequency Interlocal between City of Central City and Merrick County. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding Board Assistant/Human Resource position continued. Job listing will be published on the County Website as well as NACO.

Discussion regarding the open planning & zoning administrator position continued. Job listing will continue to be advertised on the County Website as well as NACO.

Moved Wiegert, second Jarecke to approve the hourly rate change for Interim Planning & Zoning administrator from \$18.50 to \$20.00/hr. Roll Call: Ayes-Dexter, Weigert, Jarecke, Kucera. Nays-Kreatchbaum and Weller. Abstain: Placke. Motion carried 4-2-1.

Merrick County Employee Handbook was discussed. Moved Jarecke, second Weller to approve the new vacation hours increase. After one year, vacation will be two weeks earned with an additional day accrued every year up to 16 years with the maximum vacation allowed to earn is 200 hours. This includes one day after four months and two days after eight months. Roll Call: Ayes-Wiegert, Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Weller and Kucera. Nays-Placke. Motion carried 6-1.

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to change the maximum 120 hours of comp time to be used in twelve months instead of four months. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke to ban smoking and vaping in county owned buildings and equipment by employees. Motion died for lack of second.

Moved Weller, second Jarecke to ban smoking, vaping and other tobacco use to include county owned buildings and equipment by employees. Roll Call: All Ayes-Wiegert, Placke, Dexter, Weller, Kreachbaum, Kucera. Nays-Jarecke. Motion carried 6-1

Discussion regarding highway employee union wage on overtime. No action needed.

Highway Superintendent Kunze met with the board for his six-month review.

Weller absent at 12:30 p.m.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to increase Highway Superintendent's wage from \$65,000.00 to \$67,000.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to adjourn at 12:41 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

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

Minutes: Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve the minutes from January 23, 2024 as published.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Wiegert, Dexter, Jarecke, Kucera-Green Plains/Tall Grass meeting; Dexter-January 25, SCEDD in Gibbon; Placke February 5, CRA Housing development; Jarecke-January 31 Tall Grass, February 12-Handbook; Wiegert-February 1 Midland Area Agency in Hastings, February 6 Safety Committee picture with NIRMA; Kucera-January 26 Region III, January 31 Tall Grass; February 1-met with Candace Meredith and Beth Farrell with NACO regarding Townships, February 8-Mid Nebraska Individual Services phone call.

Officials Reports: County Attorney Kunz informed the board Deputy County Attorney Luzum updated the handbook and sent out his recommendation regarding the Dana Cole & Associates invoice for the audit. Currently there is an open clerical position available to share between the sheriff's department and county attorney. Highway Superintendent Kunze stated Nance County has a 3 pt snow blower that would attach to the back of a tractor for \$15,000.00. Superintendent training is March 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, motor grading training with NIRMA March 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. Engineer estimate on Bader Park Bridge was received. Treasurer Gilg advertised 62 parcels for under \$60,000.00 in delinquent taxes, now down to 56 parcels and just over \$40,000.00. Gilg provided a comparison between Inheritance and Lodging Tax. Inheritance Tax average received in the county over the last six years has been \$535,000.00. Lodging Tax average for the county is \$6264.00 in which the county would receive only a portion. Assessor Meyer mentioned the new Permissive Exemptions will be a hearing held at the next Board of Equalization meeting. Clerk Strobel informed the board the ballots for the Palmer School Bond Special Election were received February 9<sup>th</sup> and the office is still waiting on the envelopes. Ballots will be mailed out Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Public Comment: Brad Wells with the Riverside Park Association addressed the board regarding his concerns on the roads at Riverside Park.

Emily Soll, Kara Wells, Shelby Hostler, Chloe Jefferson appeared before the board Proclaiming February Merrick County 4-H month. Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the chairperson to sign the Proclamation. Roll Call: All Ayes

Brett Klein with Flatwater Wealth appeared before the board regarding voluntary retirement contributions. No action taken.

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the SDL application for Prairie Creek Vineyard's, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Merrick County Fairgrounds for Women's Night. Roll Call: All Ayes  
Captain Bauer presented the Radio Frequency Interlocal between City of Central City and Merrick County to be resigned after the January 23<sup>rd</sup> approval. City of Central City did not want to sign on Merrick County letterhead.

Moved Placke, second Wiegert to approve the surplus of the Sheriff's department standing desk and two drawer filing cabinet in which they see fit and to open up to any office. Roll Call: All Ayes

County Clerk Magistrate Rodriguez provided a handout with the cabling quote from Applied Connective for the courtroom at \$1898.40. Moved Jarecke, second Weller to move forward with Applied Connective quote. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the chairperson to sign Resolution 2024-01 prohibiting all animals from being brought into county buildings with the exception of service animals as defined by the ADA. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to retract the motion made January 23, 2024 regarding the vacation policy. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the new vacation time policy as presented with the addition of 40 hours earned after six-month probation period and 40 hours on the first anniversary of employment.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Highway Superintendent Kunze informed the board that Hamilton County provided a quote of \$985,785.10 for the Bader Park Bridge rehabilitation project in which Merrick County would be responsible for half of the cost. Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to proceed with the Bader Park project.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to move into Executive Session at 10:41 a.m. for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Discussion regarding making the Planning & Zoning position into full time employment. No action taken.

Discussion regarding the Board Assistant/Human Resources continued. No action taken.

Moved Weller, second Dexter to accept the handbook with the additional changes as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

<b>GENERAL</b>	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	AGREEMENT	\$271.67
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICES	\$1,082.48
	MARTI BANKSON	SUPPLIES	\$40.85
	WES BECK, JR	BOARD MILEAGE	\$13.10
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$34.98
	JESS BRANDES	BOARD MILEAGE	\$26.20
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	FOOD/SUPPLIES	\$2,850.42
	CENTEC CAST METAL PRODUCTS	MARKERS-FLAGS	\$1,083.16
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$15.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$242.20
	CENTRAL NE COUNTY ASSESSOR	CEN DIST ASSO	\$25.00
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$14.97
	CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$278.44
	CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$216.76
	CIOX HEALTH	COSTS	\$20.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$3,270.11
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$3,153.40
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$118.51
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$11.77
	CITY OF HASTINGS	DUES	\$1,000.00
	CJIS OPERATIONAL PROTECTION SERVICE	DUES	\$1,275.00
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$144.00
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	DRINKING WATER	\$955.00
	CVSOAN	DUES/REGISTRAT	\$60.00

DAWSON COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$765.00
DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY	EQUIPMENT	\$1,350.53
DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	PRISONER MED	\$1,113.34
ED DEXTER	MILAGE	\$68.47
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$21.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$532.82
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$321.35
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES/EQUIP	\$424.75
EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	EQUIP RENTAL	\$140.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$956.90
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	REPAIR	\$276.44
EAKES	SUPPLIES	\$3.29
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	SUPPLIES	\$563.38
FAIRVIEW CEMETERY	SUPPORT	\$700.00
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	MISC EXSPENSE	\$40.16
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	ANNUAL FEE	\$200.00
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$5,718.75
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	CAR MAINT	\$2,346.31
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
LIZ GAMBLIN	BOARD MILEAGE	\$28.82
SHARON GILG	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING/MEDS	\$5,416.17
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$2,175.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$3,223.48
RICK HARRAHILL	BOARD MILEAGE	\$27.51
HASTINGS RADIOLOGY ASSOCIATES	PRISONER CARE	\$103.00
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$255.00
HEINS LAWN & LANDSCAPE INC	FERTILIZER	\$2,014.50
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	\$245.87
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$24.00
JACKSON SERVICES	RUG SERVICE	\$317.27
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$39.78
KENDRICK WINDSHIELD REPAIR	REPAIR	\$50.00
MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS	CONSULTANT FEE	\$80.00
DOUG MAW	REIMBURSMENT	\$137.00
MCILNAY & CO	SUPPLIES	\$8.99
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D & A TESTING	\$70.00
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HEALTH	PRISONER CARE	\$574.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	FILING FEES	\$662.69
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	SERVICE FEE	\$36.84
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSE	\$410.59

MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$1,852.83
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$70.00
MID NEBR. INDIVIDUAL SERVICES	SUPPORT	\$7,668.00
MIPS INC.	STAMP/SUPPLY	\$298.30
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$11,027.31
MIPS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$1,389.97
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	EXTERMINATING	\$150.00
JENNIFER MYERS	TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$288.62
NACEB	DUES/REGISTER	\$180.00
NACO	DIST MEETING	\$110.00
NACT TREASURER	DUES	\$50.00
NE COUNTY ASSESSOR'S ASSOCIATION	NACA DUES	\$75.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$888.00
NEBRASKA FIRE SPRINKLER	REPAIR	\$489.00
KAREN NELSON	POSTAGE	\$8.56
NNTC	E911 PHONE	\$132.85
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$50.41
OWENS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC	JUVENILE SER	\$552.00
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$359.32
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$82.90
PALSER SERVICE	MAINTENANCE	\$70.45
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$80.00
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY, PC	CORONER	\$2,350.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$74.34
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$679.09
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$702.68
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$259.47
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$485.40
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$640.59
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$134.52
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$3,875.86
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$143.95
JAN PLACKE	MILEAGE	\$25.34
PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS ASSOC OF NE	CONFERENCE	\$207.95
R R DONNELLEY	SUPPLIES	\$125.52
RAPID FIRE PROTECTION	INSPECTIONS	\$350.00
TOM REIMERS	MILEAGE	\$238.52
LINDA RIBLETT	BOARD MILEAGE	\$6.55
PAT ROBINSON	BOARD MILEAGE	\$30.13
SACK LUMBER	SUPPLIES	\$9.98
SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR, LLC	MAIN/REPAIR	\$655.45
EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$89.68

CHRIS STAROSTKA	BOARD MILEAGE	\$78.60
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM		
SRVC	TELETYPE	\$2,231.20
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	FEEES	\$4,651.00
MITCHELL C STEHLIK	ATTORNEY FEES	\$550.00
SURVEY RECORD REPOSITORY	SUPPLIES	\$47.50
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$236.61
U.S. BANK	FEE	\$2.37
UNMC CENTER FOR CONTINUING ED	TRAINING	\$120.00
PINNACLE BANK	DUES	\$14.99
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$1,079.58
CHRISTY WANDFLUH	TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$117.31
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$226.33
WEST PAYMENT CENTER	LAW LIBRARY	\$477.54
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$6,794.00
KELLY WICHMANN	BOARD MILEAGE	\$60.26
LYNN WIEGERT	BOARD MILEAGE	\$52.40
ROGER WIEGERT	MILAGE	\$73.03
WOODS & AITKEN LLP	LAWYER FEES	\$65.00
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$79.99
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$203,752.32</b>

<b>ROADS</b>	AKRS EQUIPMENT	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$1,209.54
	ANNABELL GARDENS	LODGING	\$214.00
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$2,326.90
	BEATRICE SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$7,065.14
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS	\$290.48
	BOMGAARS	REPAIR	\$622.11
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	DIESEL/FLUID	\$6,640.20
	BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	DITCH GARBAGE	\$30.00
	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	SUPPLIES	\$417.99
	CINTAS CORPORATION	MEDIC SUPPLIES	\$103.99
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$39.98
	FILTER CARE	SUPPLIES	\$31.50
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$2,686.59
	GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	PARTS	\$2.38
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$155.01
	HERK'S WELDING SHOP	SHOP SUPPLY	\$150.84
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$98.76
	JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$139.17
	MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES, INC	INSPECTION	\$4,650.00
	MENARDS	SHOP REPAIR	\$52.99
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE-ROAD	\$17.02

	MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	DRUG SCREEN	\$136.00
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	DISPOSAL	\$67.40
	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO.	BRIDGE DECKING	\$17,917.48
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRE DISPOSAL	\$307.00
	MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$408.69
	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO.INC	REPAIR	\$1,025.68
	NACO	DIST MEETING	\$55.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR	\$4,434.26
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE	\$79.89
	OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	ENGINEERING	\$3,700.00
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$54.80
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$6,782.17
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRE REPAIR	\$238.95
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	BACKGROUND CK	\$15.00
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
	POLK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT	MAINTENANCE	\$375.00
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$324.70
	R-A-D SHOP	REPAIR	\$23.75
	RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	PARTS	\$392.31
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	ADVERTISING	\$156.57
	SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$10,879.32
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$909.36
	SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS	ENGINEERING	\$7,290.00
	T & R AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$139.69
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$606.10
	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE	\$110.16
	WELDON PARTS	REPAIR	\$498.61
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$1,419.95
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$87,718.14</b>
<b>JUVENILE DIVERSION</b>	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$178.83
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$85.63
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$505.39
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$769.85</b>
<b>ARPA</b>	CALIFORNIA BOILER	BOILER REPAIR	\$27,500.00
	CMBA ARCHITECTS	ENGINEER FEES	\$2,565.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$30,065.00</b>
<b>4-H BLDG</b>	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,675.13

	NEBRASKA FIRE SPRINKLER	INSPECTION	\$345.00
	NEBRASKA HEATING & AIR, INC	REPAIR	\$304.79
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>\$3,324.92</b>

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

Moved Wiegert, second Jarecke to adjourn as 11:35 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

## **February 27, 2024**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 9:18 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Weller, Jarecke, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present, Kucera absent. Also present, Mike Peters, Brad Wells, Katie Benner and Judy Rieken.

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.

Co-Chairwoman 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 9:18 a.m. Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:18 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 Weller to approve the minutes from February 13, 2024 as published.

Roll Call: Ayes-Placke, Jarecke, Dexter, Weller, Wiegert; Abstain: Kreachbaum.

Meeting Reports: Dexter-February 20<sup>th</sup> Zoom meeting with Five Nines for Cybersecurity check list, February 21<sup>st</sup> met with CMBA out at Long-Term discussing structure work, Long Term Board meeting, Merrick County Economic Development meeting the evening of February 21<sup>st</sup> and February 22<sup>nd</sup> received critical security alert from Five Nines, issue was resolved. February 22<sup>nd</sup> spoke with Eli Hunter with Hamilton Telecommunications regarding getting nationwide security review completed. Placke-February 15<sup>th</sup> attended funeral services for former Supervisor Norman Euse, February 20<sup>th</sup> Senior Center meeting, Jarecke-20<sup>th</sup> zoom meeting with Community Action out of Loup City; Kreachbaum-February 20<sup>th</sup> 4-H Building Overseer's, February 21<sup>st</sup> Long Term Care, evening of 21<sup>st</sup> Mid-Plains Behavioral Health. Wiegert attended 4-H Building committee on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Placke, Jarecke February 22<sup>nd</sup> toured ethanol plant with Green Plains and Tall Grass.

Officials Reports: Treasurer Gilg tax sale scheduled for Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Clerk Strobel informed the board the special election ballots were mailed out February 20<sup>th</sup> and the Clerk's office shall remain open until 6:00 p.m. for voter registration. Attorney Kunz stated the Sheriff/Attorney position have received ten applications.

Beth Farrell from NACO provided a handout and explained the process of eliminating townships throughout the county.

Dean Hartwig, Weed Superintendent, provided his quarterly and annual report.

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the surplus of the County Board monitor and recorder. Roll Call: All Ayes

Treasurer Gilg and Maintenance Supervisor Maw provided handouts regarding lighting options for the second-floor hallway.

Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve the purchase of the lights. Roll Call: All Ayes

Captain Bauer presented the Sheriff Distress Warrants. 25 Distress Warrants were received in the amount of \$19,927.85, 21 distress warrants were returned satisfied and four distress warrants returned unsatisfied.

Treasurer Gilg presented the Treasurers Distress Warrants.

Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve Resolution 2024-2 directing the striking of delinquent taxes on parcel #8567.08 and parcel #8567.03 for improvements on leased land. Roll Call: All Ayes

Captain Bauer addressed the analog radio equipment that was purchased in 2002 needs to be replaced. The parts however, are no longer replaceable. Captain Bauer stated the replacement would cost \$8,210.00.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to replace the analog radio equipment using ARPA Funds. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Weller, second Kreachbaum to approve the Electrical Agreement between Scott Oakley and Merrick County, Section 15, Township 15, Range 4. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Merrick County Road Department Sinking Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the Union Amendment Agreement regarding vacation to match the new employee vacation policy. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Nebraska Central Railroad Company (NCRC) agreement with Merrick County. Roll Call: All Ayes

Chairman Kucera present at 11:05 a.m.

Moved Weller, second Dexter to move into Executive Session at 11:14 a.m. for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Dexter, second Placke to move out of Executive Session at 11:25 a.m.

Moved Weller, second Wiegert to combine the Planning & Zoning position with the Surveyor Assistant position. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding the Board Assistant/Human Resources position continued. A representative with Zelle will be attending the next board meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>. No action taken.

General Gross: \$64825.17, Net \$46346.52, Roads: \$5,583.33, Net \$3718.71. General Gross: \$55071.79, Net: \$36,636.89, Roads Gross: \$28,379.64, Net \$20,952.87, Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3,520.58, Net \$2,411.80.

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

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to adjourn at 11:37 a.m. with jail inspection to follow. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

**March 12, 2024**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Weller, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present. David and Teresa O'Brien 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 Kucera declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 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 Placke, second Dexter to approve the minutes from February 27, 2024 with the correction of Co-Chairwoman to Co-Chairman as published. Roll Call: Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter-March 1<sup>st</sup>-Merrick County Economic Development Board, met with Cody with 1 to 1 Technologies discussed security cameras with Steve Melvin at the Extension Office; March 5<sup>th</sup>-Zoom meeting with SCEDD regarding housing; March 7<sup>th</sup> Zoom meeting with NIRMA regarding Human Resources. Placke-February 27<sup>th</sup> Senior Center Soup Fundraiser, March 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Planning & Zoning Conference in Kearney; Kucera-February 16<sup>th</sup> Chairmans workshop in Kearney.

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers submitted revaluations on lake properties with irrigated valuations increasing 18-20% more next year. Lots within Grand Island Subs and Chapman lot value had a significant increase. Treasurer Gilg stated the DMV will be back to full-time every Friday. Gilg also stated the lights were ordered and the Courthouse Fund will be used for the fixtures and labor.

Clerk Strobel stated Deputy Secretary of State Wayne Bena will meet with the board March 26<sup>th</sup> to help answer any questions regarding the election process. The Palmer School Bond Special Election was being held today with 5:00 p.m. polls closed. Highway Superintendent Kunze attended the Supervisor Exam training with the examination being held April 5<sup>th</sup>. County Attorney Kunze stated they had a candidate in mind to hire for the open position and that Child Support received Marti Bankson's resignation.

Public Comment: David O'Brien appeared before the board to inform them the public can go to broadbandne.gov for a map to address how much broadband they are actually receiving. Great plains is claiming they have fiber when they actually do not. Candace Meredith with NACO is the advocate for Merrick County.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Chairwoman to sign Resolution 2024-3, Railroad At-Grade Crossing Removal Agreement. Roll Call: All Ayes

Resolution 2024-4 Road Department Sinking Fund-No action taken, tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion regarding townships continued. A committee of Jarecke, Kucera and Weller will form to put out a letter to the villages explaining the townships. Further discussion will continue at the next board meeting with possible an informational meeting Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Chad Thies with Zelle appeared before the board to discuss what the company would offer the county as far as recruitment outsourcing for all positions, publications. They would also provide human resource outlet along with other avenues dealing with personnel. Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the hiring of Zelle pending the review of the contract by the County Attorney. Roll Call: All Ayes Discussion of the handbook was tabled.

Placke met with a Hamilton County board member regarding the possibility of contracting with Merrick County in regards to the planning & zoning position.

Moved Placke, Second Weller to approve the February fees for District Court, County Clerk and County Sheriff. Roll Call: All Ayes

<b>GENERAL</b>	AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY	MEMBERSHIP FEE	\$140.00
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AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,082.48
AWARDS PLUS	SPELLING BEE	\$270.25
BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	CAR MAINT	\$71.45
BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$986.82
LEAH BROWN	SPELLING BEE	\$130.00
CRYSTAL BURKHARDT	MILEAGE	\$29.54
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	FOOD	\$1,783.19
CENTRAL CITY MALL	FOOD	\$102.26
CENTRAL NE ORTHOPEDICS & SPORTS MED	HEALTH CARE	\$390.00
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION LLC	MAINTENANCE	\$2,892.50
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$20.48
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	BLDG REPAIR	\$25.98
CENTURY LINK	E911 SERVICE	\$278.44
CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$216.76
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	ELECTRICITY	\$6,900.99
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,383.16
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$180.00
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$56.00
DAWSON COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$720.00
DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	MEDICAL	\$403.13
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$311.19
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$106.71
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$91.97
EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	EQUIP	\$929.06
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$146.74
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	PRINTER INK	\$226.95
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	REPAIR	\$254.44
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	BALLOT PROD	\$1,742.76
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/POSTAGE	\$60.45
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$699.76
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$2,061.24
GEO COMM CORP	MAP DATA	\$5,401.20
SHARON GILG	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$62.43
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
MRS. MARY GREGOSKI	SPELLING BEE	\$177.20
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING FEE	\$935.00
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARD CONTRACT	\$4,500.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/CABLE	\$908.54
DEAN HARTWIG	WEED CONTROL	\$175.60
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$255.00
HEINS LAWN & LANDSCAPE INC	ICE MELT	\$450.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	\$245.87

INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS	INSPECTION	\$53.36
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$206.45
JACKSON SERVICES	RUG SERVICE	\$111.27
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MED	\$54.78
KEARNEY & DESIMONE LAW, LLC	FEES	\$19,726.50
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	CAR MAINT	\$71.22
LEXIPOL	TRAINING	\$344.82
MARTIN'S FLAG CO.	FLAG ROPE	\$60.20
DOUG MAW	MISC EXPENSES	\$267.06
MCILNAY & CO	SUPPLIES/LABOR	\$80.19
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HEALTH	HEALTH CARE	\$96.92
MEMORIAL HEALTH CLINIC	HEALTH CARE	\$130.00
MERRICK CO. CLERK	DEED FILING	\$48.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$1,486.44
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$7,322.66
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$35.00
MIDSTATES ORGANIZED CRIME INFO	MEMBERSHIP FEE	\$100.00
MILLER TROPHY & AWARDS	SPELLING BEE	\$112.00
DARLENE MILLER	RETIREMENT	\$192.00
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$3,747.00
JENNIFER MYERS	PNONE/TRAVEL	\$161.26
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$605.00
NE ASSOC-CO CLERKS, ROD, ELECTION	DUES	\$50.00
NE CLERKS OF DISTRICT COURT ASSOC	REGISTRATION	\$50.00
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	REGISTRATION	\$150.00
NEBRASKA EXTENSION	PHONE CONNECT	\$1,200.00
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$132.85
OWENS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC	YOUTH COACHING	\$552.00
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$924.36
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRES/REPAIR	\$687.60
PALSER SERVICE	TIRE REPAIR	\$20.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHRED	\$40.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$142.95
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$159.65
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$617.67
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$807.90
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$319.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$548.35
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$674.23
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$158.43
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$3,609.42
PIP MARKETING SIGNS PRINT	ENVELOPES	\$845.47

	PLAINS RADIOLOGY SERVICES	HEALTH CARE	\$24.00
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PRINTING	\$7.37
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	REPORT/TAXLIST	\$1,467.30
	SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$15.68
	EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$253.26
	STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$691.60
	GLORIA TAGGE	RETIREMENT	\$156.00
	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$242.29
	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LIBRARY	\$477.54
	TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$327.61
	UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES	SUPPLIES	\$52.32
	VIGILNET AMERICA, LLC	MONITOR COST	\$245.60
	VIRG'S SEW & SEW	PATCHES	\$27.00
	PINNACLE BANK	DUES/REGIST	\$860.93
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	EQUIPMENT	\$245.78
	CHRISTY WANDFLUH	TRAVEL/MEAL	\$150.21
	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$271.35
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	FEES	\$7,232.50
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	EQUIPMENT	\$159.98
	4H SHOWWORKS BILLING	DUES	\$225.00
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>\$199,800.92</b>
<b>ROADS</b>	AKRS EQUIPMENT	REPAIR	\$9.71
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$86.00
	BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$320.47
	BOSSelman ENERGY INC	OIL/SUPPLIES	\$1,060.50
	CINTAS CORPORATION	SUPPLIES	\$93.41
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$687.81
	FASTENAL CO	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$761.90
	FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$80.50
	GALUSHA ELECTRIC	EQUIP/LABOR	\$1,483.50
	GRAND ISLAND CLINIC	D & A TEST	\$35.00
	GRAND ISLAND EXPRESS, INC	LABOR	\$644.10
	GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	REPAIR	\$14.84
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$155.01
	HANSEN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK INC	REPAIR/LABOR	\$822.86
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$44.80
	JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$46.75
	LOGAN CONTRACTORS, INC	DELIVERY/SEAL	\$3,050.00
	MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES, INC	ENGINEER FEE	\$10,807.04
	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D&A TESTING	\$140.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS	\$12.16
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	DISPOSAL	\$67.40

	MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$115.36
	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO.	BRIDGE PLANK	\$7,488.00
	MIPS INC.	24030920	\$65.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$656.29
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE	\$79.89
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$2,723.10
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRE REPAIR	\$24.00
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$1,012.29
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$254.91
	R-A-D SHOP	LABOR	\$7.92
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$10.80
	SACK LUMBER CO./ROADS	REPAIR	\$41.94
	SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$1,795.75
	SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR, LLC	LABOR	\$528.38
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$698.58
	T & R AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$201.90
	VERIZON	MONTHLY SERVIC	\$303.05
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/EQUIP	\$110.16
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>\$38,966.79</b>
<b>JUVENILE DIVERSION</b>	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$25.50
	STACEY HARLOW	TRAVEL	\$98.77
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUVDIV	\$7.68
	US CELLULAR	PHONE	\$394.69
	3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	EDUCATION	\$120.00
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>\$646.64</b>
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMNT TOTAL</b>	NANCE COUNTY TREASURER	EMER MGMT	\$6,891.00
			<b>\$6,891.00</b>
COURTHOUSE TOTALS	SHARON GILG	LIGHT FIXTURE	\$928.80
			<b>\$928.80</b>
<b>4-H BLDG TOTAL</b>	ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC	ANNUAL FEE	\$420.00
			<b>\$420.00</b>

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the March claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes  
 Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to approve the payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes  
 Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to adjourn at 11:07 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

## **March 26, 2024**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Weller, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present. Brad Rice 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 Kucera declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 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 Jarecke to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve the minutes from March 12, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Central District, March 21-Dexter, Weller, Jarecke, Kucera, Wiegert; 4-H Pancake Feed, March 21-Dexter, Placke, Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Jarecke, Kucera; Long Term Care Board, March 20-Dexter, Placke, Kreachbaum; Township, March 20-Jarecke, Weller, Kucera; Long Term Care and CMBA, March 13 & 20-Dexter; Central District Health, March 18-Weller; CNCAP, March 19-Jarecke; Extension Board, March 19-Kucera; Region III, March 22-Kucera

Officials Reports: Highway Superintendent Kunze informed the board motor grader training was taken by five individuals given by K.C. Pawling of NIRMA last week. The agreement with Cliff Yrkoski has been dissolved and the motor grader will now be stored at Morgan Miller's residence. The power company will install a pole and meter. Snow blower purchased from Nance County has been delivered. Kunze has been in contact with Gworks in regards to possibly adding a program to track assets. (Culverts, signs etc.)

Mulching head for excavator was delivered for cleaning ditches. Paul Cunningham put in his two weeks' notice. Money left over in the equipment budget would like to discuss the possibility of purchasing a wheel loader in the upcoming board meetings.

Clerk Strobel stated the Palmer School Bond Special Election was held March 12<sup>th</sup> and ballot proofing for the Primary Election has started with ballots being ordered by the end of the week.

Captain Bauer informed the board foreclosure sales were held with minimum bids being met. An uptick in arrests in the last week regarding fentanyl. Discussion is being held regarding setting up some drills and CPR training for the employees.

County Attorney Kunz stated Deputy County Attorney Luzum approved the Zelle contract and they will begin working for the county April 1<sup>st</sup>. Heidi Bayard will start April 1 as the new administrator for the Sheriff's and Attorney's offices.

Planning & Zoning temp Placke spoke with Rich Nelson of Hamilton County and the timing is not right to have an Interlocal in place with Hamilton County.

Discussion about sending out letters to the Township boards and placing a letter to the editor in regards to the future of townships. Letters will be mailed out today.

Emily Triplett with Long Term Care provided an update.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to approve Special Designated Liquor License for Banana Rams, LLC at the Merrick County Fairgrounds, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. for Hospital Employee Party. Storm Summer Rec at Beck's Barn, April 6, 2024, 6:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. for a Fundraiser. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Placke to approve the Electrical Agreement between Stoltenberg Irrigation and Darrell Widman with Merrick County. Sections 18 and 7, Township 12, Range, 7.

Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve Resolution 2024-4 directing the Transfer of Funds from Inheritance to General. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve Resolution 2024-5 directing disbursement of money from the Inheritance Fund to the law firm of Wolf, McDermott, Depue, Sabott, Butz & Porto, LLC for the Estate of Freda Joy Traill. Roll Call: All Ayes

Replacing parking stops at the 4-H building was discussed. Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the purchase of new parking stops and funding come of out of 4-H Building Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Captain Bauer approached the board concerning patrol cars. Three vehicles are in excess of 200,000 miles. Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to authorize the Sheriff's department to purchase vehicles as needed not to exceed \$50,000.00 as budgeted out of the Sheriff's budget. Roll Call: All Ayes

A townhall meeting will be held, Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H building. Brad Rice with the Chapman Township spoke regarding the future of the Chapman cemetery funding if the dissolution of townships would occur.

General Gross: \$81,413.73 Net: \$57,275.99; Roads Gross: \$29,357.46 Net: \$21,494.12: Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3,618.68 Net: \$2,482.11

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

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to recess at 11:18 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Roll Call All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to reconvene as Board of Supervisors at 1:00 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Deputy Secretary of State Wayne Bena, Barry Denning, Crystal Burkhardt, Robert Borer and Don Placke were in attendance.

Wayne Bena, Deputy Secretary of State made an appearance before the board to discuss elections in Nebraska. Bena stated MIT ranked Nebraska #5 in the nation in regards to performance during the 2022 elections. Robert Borer and Barry Denning expressed concerns about the integrity of the elections.

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to adjourn at 1:50 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

**April 9, 2024**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Weller, Placke, Kucera, County Clerk Strobel present. Jarecke and County Attorney Kunz absent.

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the minutes from March 26, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter, Jarecke, Wiegert, Kreachbaum, Kucera, Placke were present for the Townhall meeting April 3<sup>rd</sup> in regards to townships. Wiegert, Jarecke and Kreachbaum met with Zelle representatives on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kreachbaum April 4<sup>th</sup> Nebraska Dept of Roads Classifications & Standards April 4, City Council meeting April 8. Wiegert-April 4<sup>th</sup> Midland Area on Aging April 4.

Officials Reports: Highway Superintendent Kunze provided updates including the Bader Park Resurfacing project started today. Corbey Goerl will be the new sign tech.

Clerk Strobel informed the board preparation for the Primary Election has begun. Strobel also introduced Anna Sedlacek, Lead HR member of Zelle, to the board. Sedlacek mentioned all aspects that would be helpful for the county. Assessor Myers stated Nebraska Department of Revenue is taking the State Theatre to TERC as claiming exempt is under question.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for Kids & Dreams Foundation at the Merrick County Education Center-Trivia Night April 27, 5:00 pm until 12:00 am. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding townships continued. Each supervisor will reach out to the representatives of the townships in their district for any questions and/or concerns. Each supervisor will return a report for the April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the Electrical Agreement with Richard Kropatsch Sections 24, 25, Township 16, Range 3. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second to approve the Detention Service Agreement with County of Lancaster, Lancaster County Youth Service Center. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Kreachbaum to approve the Mutual Release and Settlement Agreement with Dana F. Cole & Associates in the amount of \$3,750.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to use ARPA Funds for the Nebraska Heating & Air and Nebraska Fire Sprinkler for building repairs. Roll Call: All Ayes

Treasurer Gilg provided a spreadsheet showing the expenditures of the ARPA Funds to date with the account balance being \$623,277.90 as of April 3, 2024.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to approve the March fees received from District County, County Clerk and County Sheriff. Roll Call: All Ayes

<b>GENERAL</b>	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,082.48
	BIG IRON	EQUIPMENT	\$6,975.00
	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$70.75
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$93.17
	BUFFALO CO. SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$1,625.00
	CRYSTAL BURKHARDT	MILEAGE/MEAL	\$110.66

CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$2,248.86
CYNTHIA CATLETT	EMPLOYEE APPR	\$67.00
CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$495.20
CINTAS CORPORATION	MED SUPPLIES	\$73.45
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,722.15
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$2,086.70
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$106.83
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.01
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$145.00
COMFORT SUITES EAST LINCOLN	LODGING	\$330.53
TIFFANY CROUCH	MILEAGE	\$208.02
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$436.00
ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$55.61
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	COURT EXPENSE	\$8.70
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$2.99
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$289.97
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$35.99
EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	EQUIP RENTAL	\$197.41
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$4.99
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$841.86
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	BALLOTS	\$2,794.14
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	ELECTION	\$54.10
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$11,577.50
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	MAIN/REPAIR	\$2,665.12
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
GALUSHA ELECTRIC	REPAIR	\$170.60
SHARON GILG	CELL PHONE	\$146.15
THERESA GOOD	MILEAGE	\$105.58
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK	3Q PAYMENT	\$47,707.25
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$6,268.65
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$297.96
HILDER IMPLEMENT INC	MAINTENANCE	\$245.86
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	\$245.87
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$18.76
JACKSON SERVICES	RUG SERVICE	\$206.62
JACKSON SERVICES	RUG SERVICE	\$569.48
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$69.89
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	LABOR	\$1,958.92
MARIA KOHL	MILEAGE	\$157.92
BRENT KUNZE	EMPLOYEE APPR	\$371.00
BILL MACK	FUEL	\$8.58
MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS	ZONING ASSIST	\$400.00

DOUG MAW	PHONE	\$541.61
KEARNEY & DESIMONE LAW, LLC	CONTRACT FEES	\$7,033.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUND	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$249.37
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$2,300.30
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$35.00
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	EXTERMINATING	\$240.00
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE	\$84.94
NAISMA	WEED CONTROL	\$40.00
NE CLERKS OF DISTRICT COURT ASSOC	REGISTRATION	\$75.00
NE DISTRICT COURT CLERKS ASSOC	2024 DUES	\$50.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$348.00
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CTR	TEST FEE	\$10.00
NEBRASKA AIR FILTER, INC	MAINT REPAIR	\$221.28
KAREN NELSON	POSTAGE	\$26.19
NIRMA	INSURANCE	\$5,000.00
	YOUTH	
OWENS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC	COACHING	\$253.00
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$729.65
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$93.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$171.44
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$115.15
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$836.04
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$733.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$524.40
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$799.21
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$982.40
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$186.72
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$21.92
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSE	\$4,722.97
PIP MARKETING SIGNS PRINT	ELECTION	\$541.18
JAN PLACKE	MEAL	\$542.64
PONCA STATE PARK	LODGING	\$127.50
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$516.99
TOM REIMERS	DUES/REGIST	\$110.30
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$27.40
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$48.14
JUDY RIEKEN	ELECTION	\$39.67
DEBRA ROBINSON	ELECTION	\$39.41
EMILY SOLL	MEAL	\$62.97
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$2,027.60
SURVEY RECORD REPOSITORY	SUPPLIES	\$17.50
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SUPPLIES	\$971.08

THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$477.54
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$270.81
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	SUBSCRIPTION	\$10.00
UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES	SUPPLIES	\$733.93
VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$4,558.35
PINNACLE BANK	DUES/REGIS	\$656.67
CHRISTY WANDFLUH	MILEAGE	\$56.95
TOM WELLER	MILEAGE	\$129.98
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$422.50
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	MENTAL HEALTH	\$8,685.50
ROGER WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$70.35
WOODS & AITKEN LLP	LABOR	\$525.00
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$99.96
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$246,719.84</b>

<b>ROADS</b>	AKRS EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	\$118.80
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$2,567.70
	BAUM HYDRAULICS	SUPPLIES	\$50.28
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$100.96
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$393.70
	BOSELMAN ENERGY INC	OIL	\$3,993.67
	BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$30.00
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$40.35
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$356.45
	GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	SUPPLY	\$3.22
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	10911452	\$154.78
	INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM	SUPPLY	\$279.90
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SUPPLY	\$105.45
	JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$140.84
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS	\$169.60
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$67.40
	MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE/ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$1,109.02
	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO.	BRIDGE PLANK	\$7,488.00
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRES/DISPOSAL	\$2,208.00
	MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	SHOP	\$90.00
	NANCE COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT	EQUIPMENT	\$15,000.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	LABOR	\$94,012.17
	NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$784.00
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE	\$79.73
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL/GAS	\$3,471.94
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	LABOR	\$50.00

	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC SHOP SUPP	\$96.16
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	LABOR/SERVICE	\$2,113.56
	POWERPLAN	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$858.97
	QUALITY INN & SUITES	LODGING	\$79.00
	R-A-D SHOP	LABOR	\$23.75
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$98.63
	ROAD BUILDERS MACHINERY & SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES	\$932.17
	SACK LUMBER CO./ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$104.99
	SAPP BROS. INC	DEISEL	\$375.78
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$554.17
	T & R AUTO PARTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$59.46
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$303.05
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/RENTAL	\$110.16
	CLIFFORD YRKOSKI	LAND RENTAL	\$360.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$141,361.52</b>
<b>JUVENILE DIVERSION</b>	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$45.03
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$118.69
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUV	\$5.12
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$21.28
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$190.12</b>
<b>DRUG COURT TOTAL</b>	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	MISC	\$40.83
			<b>\$40.83</b>
<b>K-9 TOTAL</b>	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9	\$78.46
			<b>\$78.46</b>
<b>COVID</b>	CMBA ARCHITECTS	ENGINEER FEES	\$10,260.00
	NE HEATING & AIR	BLDG REPAIR	\$12,293.00
	NEBRASKA FIRE SPRINKLER	BLDG REPAIR	\$308.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$22,861.00</b>
<b>INHERITANCE TOTAL</b>	CENTRAL PLATTE NRD	MOORES CREEK	\$37.91
			<b>\$37.91</b>
<b>4-H BLDG</b>	BARCO PRODUCTS, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$1,706.33
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,536.80
	GALUSHA ELECTRIC	LABOR	\$108.65

	MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$924.89
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$4,276.67</b>

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

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

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 10:24 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

## **April 23, 2024**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz 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 Kucera declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 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

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the minutes from April 9, 2024 with the correction of township updates being held at the May 14 meeting and not April 30<sup>th</sup> Roll Call: Ayes-Placke, Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Dexter, Kucera. Abstain-Jarecke. Motion carried.

Meeting Reports: April 11<sup>th</sup> NIRMA in Kearney-Dexter, Placke, Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Kucera. Senator Pete Ricketts presentation in Central City April 12<sup>th</sup>-Placke, Jarecke, Kreachbaum; April 12<sup>th</sup> Microsoft zoom meeting with Five Nines-Dexter; Senior Center meeting April 16<sup>th</sup>-Placke; April 17<sup>th</sup> Long Term Care Board-Dexter, Jarecke and Kreachbaum; CNBA zoom meeting April 17<sup>th</sup>-Jarecke, Dexter.

Officials Reports: Highway Superintendent Kunze informed the board he had taken the Superintendent exam on April 5<sup>th</sup> with test results becoming available on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. A representative from LTAP was available for sign tech training and Bader Park resurfacing has been completed. Digital software is being looked into to keep inventory of signs and culverts. NIRMA \$10,000.00 assist grant was received and will be used toward the purchase of a mulcher. Kunze is also starting to look at the One- and Six-Year Plan. Clerk Strobel stated the ballots for the Primary Election will be mailed out Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Planning & Zoning Placke informed the board she is working on long term actions.

Public Comment: Randy Zmek appeared before the board on the subject of water testing.

Deb Sherlock and Kevin Armstrong with Colonial Life presented options regarding life insurance for employees.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the Special Designated Liquor Application for Prairie Creek Vineyards at wild roots Greenhouse & Market on May 9, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Sharon Hueftle with SCEDD provided the board with the 2023 annual report brochure.

Moved Placke, second Wiegert to allow the Sheriff's department to dispose of the jail dryer at their discretion. Roll Call: All Ayes

Captain Bauer notified the board the Countywide CPR Training will be held, Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Employees who would like to receive a certified card will have the option of purchasing for \$20. The training will be held at the 4-H building with a morning and afternoon session.

Resolution 2024-6 creating the Merrick County Road Department Sinking Fund 801-tabled until next board meeting.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the Chairwoman to sign the Interlocal Agreement between Hamilton County and Merrick County for Bridge No. C004101505P. Roll Call: All Ayes

Townships were briefly discussed with updates from all Supervisors regarding their respective townships at the May 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Payroll General Gross: \$80,474.64, General Net: \$56,165.73; Roads Gross: \$35,379.73, Roads Net: \$25,529.74; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3,511.14, Juvenile Diversion Net: \$2,405.31; Total Gross: \$119,365.51, Net: \$84,100.78.

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

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to adjourn at 10:59 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman  
/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

## **May 14, 2024**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Weller, Placke, Kucera, Wiegert, County Attorney Kunz and Clerk Strobel present.

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Chairwoman Kucera declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 a.m. Moved Jarecke, 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 April 23, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter-SCEDD housing call April 23, Merrick County Economic Development Board May 3, Safety meeting May 7; Placke virtual meeting with pipeline officials May 2<sup>nd</sup>; Wiegert, Midland Area on Aging May 2<sup>nd</sup>; Kreachbaum, Dexter Union salary proposal May 10<sup>th</sup>; Wiegert, Dexter, Jarecke front loader bid opening May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers stated on June 1<sup>st</sup> valuation notices will be mailed out. Treasurer Gilg provided an update on the Opioid fund intake of \$14,570.00. Highway Superintendent Kunze stated he had passed the superintendent exam. He also mentioned there is a motor grader operator position open. Captain Bauer addressed the board to inform them Kristina Sabata completed the field assessment portion of the Commissioner's accreditation program.

Anna Sedlacek with Zelle provided information regarding the recruitment for a roads operator and also communicated that there were two applications received for the planning/zoning and surveyor position received.

Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve Special Designated Liquor applications for Dubs Pub for the following wedding receptions: Hansen-Riverside Park June 1, 2024 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.; Peterson-4-H Building August 10, 2024 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.; Sutherland-4-H Building September 14, 2024 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve Resolution 2024-6 directing the County Treasurer to pay the Courthouse Bond payment on June 1, 2024 for \$775.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke, to approve Resolution 2024-7 directing the County Treasurer to pay the 4-H Building Bond payment in the amount of \$5,088.75. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Placke to approve Resolution 2024-8 creating the Merrick County Road Department Sinking Fund 801. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Wiegert to sign the representation letter. Discussion continued with Placke withdrawing her motion. Representation letter will be tabled until the next meeting.

Emergency Manger Jenna Church followed up with the board regarding the possibility of E911 signage. The blue reflective signs would help first responders in the rural area of the county. The Department of Corrections would charge \$11.75/per sign and 1850 signs would be needed. Church was asked to get pricing on posts for the signs. Discussion was tabled until such pricing would be available.

Bids for a new front-end loader were opened on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Bids received from Cat: 2020 Caterpillar 950M \$226,600. 2018 Caterpillar 950M \$274,155.00. John Deere bids-2020 JD 644L Wheel Loader \$233,600.00, 2013 JD 744KXT \$216,850.00 and 2023 JD644 G-Tier Wheel Loader \$231,950.00. Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to accept the bid for the 2020 JD 644L for \$233,600.00. Ayes: Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Weller and Kucera. Nays: Dexter, Placke, Wiegert. Motion carried with a vote of 4-3.

Moved Weller, second Dexter to use Inheritance Funds for the purchase of a new DS450 battery. Roll Call: All Ayes

Blue Cross/Blue Shield new rates were handed out along with the accompanying letter. Discussion will continue at the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to approve the April` fees received from District County, County Clerk and County Sheriff. Roll Call: All Ayes

<b>GENERAL</b>	AGRICULTURAL SERVICES INC	WEED CONTROL	\$195.00
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,082.00
	EMELISE BAUGHMAN, LIMHP	COUNSELING	\$75.00
	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	SUPPLY	\$33.90
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$81.44
	BUFFALO CO. SHERIFF	BOARDING COST	\$715.00
	CAPITAL CITY TRANSFER SERVICES	CORONER	\$864.00
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$2,463.13
	CYNTHIA CATLETT	APP MEAL 2024	\$86.30
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$80.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$177.53
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	REPAIR	\$15.63
	CENTURY LINK	E911 SERVICE	\$277.96
	CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$216.52
	CHRISTENSEN INSURANCE	DUES	\$40.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	HOSPITAL UTIL	\$2,966.93
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,794.81
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	MISC UTILITY	\$12.00
	CJIS OPERATIONAL PROTECTION SERVICE	DUES	\$2,700.00
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	\$217.00
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$238.00
	DETECTACHEM INC	SUPPLIES	\$214.20
	ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$95.54
	DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$8.70
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$58.76
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$11.94
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	ELECTION EQUIP	\$72.00
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$36.17
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$347.24
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$290.92
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$344.04
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$1,729.03
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$68.89
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$358.63
	EAKES	SUPPLIES	\$94.98
	EARNEST, NICOLE	INS REIMBURSE	\$223.53
	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION	\$7,094.83
	ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC	INSPECTION	\$305.80
	TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	MISC EXPENSES	\$186.50

FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$6,507.50
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	MAINTENANCE	\$1,059.93
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$3,332.60
SHARON GILG	MISC	\$30.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$22.20
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$5,200.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	\$3,480.52
DEAN HARTWIG	REGISTRATION	\$40.00
HASTINGS RADIOLOGY ASSOCIATES	PRISONER CARE	\$210.00
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$250.18
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$298.74
HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY	LODGING	\$347.85
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	\$245.87
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$439.35
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$15.49
RUSSELL KREACHBAUM	MILEAGE	\$104.52
AARON J KUNZ	MILEAGE	\$195.91
BRENT KUNZE	APP MEAL 2024	\$350.00
DOUG MAW	MISC	\$405.84
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$60.43
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HEALTH	PRISONER CARE	\$130.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$1,406.88
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$342.00
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$35.00
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$7,285.48
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$323.46
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$995.00
NACT TREASURER	REGISTRATION	\$150.00
NE COUNTY ASSESSOR'S ASSOCIATION	REGISTRATION	\$600.00
NNTC	E911 PHONE	\$267.03
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$80.00
PALSER SERVICE	MAINTENANCE	\$89.95
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$40.00
PINNACLE BANK CC	SHERIFF CHECKS	\$193.30
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$166.93
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$249.98
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$531.90
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$552.86
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$508.20
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$588.00

PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$937.90
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$209.42
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$3,607.76
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$2,841.01
TOM REIMERS	MILEAGE	\$107.69
RHD PUBLISIHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$1,939.40
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$1,908.73
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	ENVELOPES	\$626.93
RINDER PRINTING COMPANY	SUPPLIES	\$875.03
MARIA RODRIGUEZ	MISC EXPENSES	\$502.65
SEW & SEW	UNIFORM REPAIR	\$44.00
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$43.51
EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$159.46
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$1,025.60
MITCHELL C STEHLIK	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,175.00
STROMSBURG SOFT WATER	MAINTENCE	\$66.00
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$477.54
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$383.96
UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES	SUPPLIES	\$214.37
VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$902.75
PINNACLE BANK	SUPPLIES/MISC	\$1,307.91
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	EQUIPMENT	\$1,247.72
JAMES A WAGONER	ATTORNEY FEES	\$400.00
WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO	WEED CONTROL	\$599.43
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$424.11
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$7,850.00
ROGER WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$74.63
WOODS & AITKEN LLP	ATTORNEY FEES	\$75.00
YELLOW ROBE CONSULTING	COURT EXPENSE	\$1,500.00
ZELLE LLC	HUMAN	
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	RESOURCE	\$5,373.86
	SUPPLIES	\$149.97

**TOTAL**

**\$203,218.14**

**ROADS**

AKRS EQUIPMENT	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$933.32
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$2,408.00
BILL'S VOLUME SALES	REPAIR	\$70.41
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$122.68
BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$930.45
BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	SHOP SUPPLY	\$10,474.24
BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$30.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$546.17
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,065.60

	GROSSHANS, INC	SUPPLIES	\$521.18
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$154.78
	HANSEN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK INC	REPAIR	\$777.96
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SUPPLIES	\$406.98
	J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	SIGNS	\$5,012.70
	JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$93.91
	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D & A TESTING	\$35.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS	\$275.38
	MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	LAB	\$68.00
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$67.40
	MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$67.52
	MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$272.46
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	LABOR	\$1,573.77
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NIOBRARA LODGE	LODGING	\$428.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE SERVICE	\$79.89
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	\$5,310.64
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$658.00
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$935.00
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
	SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$25,138.30
	SIGN DESIGN	MISC	\$10.00
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$572.61
	SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS	ENGINEERING	\$4,374.00
	STATE GLASS, INC.	REPAIR	\$501.25
	T & R AUTO PARTS	SHOP SUPPLY	\$298.58
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$303.05
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$110.14
	VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	\$503,162.74
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$570,215.82</b>
<b>JUVENILE DIVERSION</b>	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$25.50
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$68.07
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUV	\$4.48
	US CELLULAR	PHONE	\$283.34
	3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	CLASSES	\$150.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$531.39</b>
<b>STOP FUND TOTAL</b>	NEBRASKA STATE PATROL FOUNDATION	EQUIPMENT	\$2,300.00
			<b>\$2,300.00</b>
<b>K-9 CARE TOTAL</b>	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	K9 CARE	\$200.00
			<b>\$200.00</b>

<b>ARPA</b>	CMBA ARCHITECTS	ENGINEER FEES	\$4,275.00
	PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$7,945.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$12,220.00</b>
<b>BUILDING</b>	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SECURITY	\$3,442.24
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$3,442.24</b>
<b>4-H</b>	CENTRAL PLUMBING LLC	BLDG REPAIR	\$345.00
<b>BUILDING</b>	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,634.10
	ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC	4-H BUILDING	\$413.80
	RATHMAN & MANNING CORP	BLDG REPAIR	\$375.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$2,767.90</b>

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

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

Moved Placke, second Dexter to move into executive session at 11:36 a.m. to discuss salary negotiations.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to move out of executive session at 12:21 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to adjourn at 12:29 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

## **May 28, 2024**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, Weller, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present.

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Chairwoman Kucera declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 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 Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Minutes: Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the minutes from May 14, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Weller-Bader Park May 21; Dexter-Long Term Care Board May 15, Union Representative May 20; Kreachbaum-Trailblazers for Tallgrass presentation May 23; Placke-Senior Center May 21; CPR Training May 23<sup>rd</sup>; Wiegert-Long Term Care and Mid-Plains Behavioral Health May 15, Union Representatives May 20, Trailblazers for Tallgrass and 4H Building Committee May 20. Highway Superintendent Kunze informed the board that Kirk Schwarz will be a new operator for the roads department. Treasurer Gilg provided an update that only one parcel that has not been paid and will be put on the county tax sale. Zelle representative Anna Sedlacek provided an update regarding the applicants received for the planning & zoning/surveyor position. A part-time janitor will be needed to advertised for the 4-H Building. Sedlacek also stated she has been in contact with a few companies regarding the audit and budget prep with little to no success but she will continue the process. Placke asked how the 457 Plan was coming along and Sedlacek informed her she is taking steps to insure it is done properly.

Moved Placke, second Wiegert to sign the subgroup application with Blue Cross/Blue Shield with the \$1100.00 deductible health insurance. Roll Call: Ayes-Placke, Wiegert; Nays-Dexter, Jarecke, Weller, Kucera. Motion denied with a 4-3 vote.

Continued discussion regarding the Blue Cross/Blue Shield continued.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to sign the subgroup application with Blue Cross/Blue Shield with the deductible to remain the same with the option of changing the deductible starting in January. Roll Call: Ayes-Weller, Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Placke, Dexter, Kucera; Nays-Jarecke. Motion carried with a vote of 6-1.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the Special Designated Liquor license application for Richie's Rib Shack August 24, 2024 from 4:30 pm until 12:00 am at the Merrick County Youth & Ag Center for a wedding reception. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to move into Executive Session at 10:28 a.m. for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to move out of Executive Session at 10:56 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes  
Highway Superintendent Kunze requested the use of ARPA Funds to help in the purchase of the \$223,500.00 loader. Moved Jarecke, second Weller to allow \$40,000.00 to be used out of the ARPA Funds to purchase the loader. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Kreachbaum to allow the chairwoman to sign the representation letter received from Dana J. Cole & Associates. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to allow the chairwoman to sign the utility right of way agreement with Lumen. Roll Call: All Ayes

Planning & Zoning Interim Placke brought up the possibility of looking into a court reporter for the office for legal recording for denied permits. No action was taken.

Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve Resolution 2024-10 that the following question be submitted to the qualified electors of Merrick County, Nebraska at the General Election on November 5, 2024. "Shall

Merrick County discontinue township organization and create a seven-member county board of commissioners.” Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Jarecke to approve Resolution 2024-9 creating the Merrick County Sheriff’s Sinking Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

County Attorney Kunz stated County Deputy Attorney Luzum will be looking into the State Statutes regarding how many special designated liquor licenses would be allowed to be used at the Merrick County 4-H Building. Discussion will continue at the next board meeting.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve the Juvenile Diversion Grant Award. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to adjourn at 10:59 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

**June 11, 2024**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 9:16 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, Weller, County Clerk Strobel were 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.

Chairwoman Kucera declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:16 a.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:16 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to approve the minutes from May 28, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter Zoom meeting with CMBA May 29, June 6-Five Nines with Sheriff Westman and Captain Bauer, SCEDD in Franklin, June 7-Merrick County Economic Development Board, June 10-Proposal for Union contract; Placke-June 5-Merrick County Child Development open house; Placke, Kreachbaum, Jarecke- June 28-Planning & Zoning interviews; Kreachbaum June 10 Union contract; Wiegert-June 6 Midland Area on Aging in Hastings.

Officials Report: Assessor Myers stated TERC will meet Augst 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Lincoln in regards to Green Plains Ethanol Plant. Highway Superintendent Kunze stated Candace Meredith had discussed the broadband readiness. Union negotiations continued and Kunz will be meeting with Tallgrass later in the day. Placke stated a Planning & Zoning hearing will be held in July regarding changing some of the regulations.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the appointment of Miles McGinnis as a Veterans Service Committee Member. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the Chairwoman to sign Resolution 2024-11 directing the Issuance of County Tax Sale Certificates. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding the service supply contract regarding Jackson Services and Aramark. No action taken at this time.

Cash-In-Lieu discussion to be tabled.

Tornado Drill at 9:49 a.m., board meeting resumed at 9:57 a.m. after the all clear was given.

SDL Application limits for the 4H Building was discussed. County Attorney Kunz will call the Liquor Commission to receive clarification.

Supervisor Placke stated she had spoke with Rich Nelson, Hamilton County Commissioner regarding the Planning & Zoning position. Negotiation discussion will continue with Hamilton County.

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to move into Executive Session at 10:42 a.m. due to contract negotiations and prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to move out of Executive Session at 11:17 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Budget workshop with individual offices will begin to be held starting July 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to approve the fees received from District County, County Sheriff and County Clerk for May. Roll Call: All Ayes

<b>GENERAL</b>	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,082.00
	AXON ENTERPRISE, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$2,499.60
	BANKS WRAPS & SIGNS	EQUIPMENT	\$1,105.33
	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	SUPPLIES	\$3,998.48
	BOMGAARS	EQUIP/SUPPLIES	\$421.56
	BRITE	EQUIPMENT	\$6,864.00
	BRYAN HEALTH	INVESTIGATIVE	\$210.00

CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$2,316.72
CEDARS	JUVENILE SERVI	\$215.20
CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$64.00
CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$66.01
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	BUILD REPAIR	\$33.99
CENTURY LINK	E911 SERVICE	\$277.96
CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$216.52
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$3,203.56
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$1,897.45
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$147.71
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,033.49
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	ELECTRIC SERV	\$12.00
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	OFFICE WATER	\$436.00
DANA F COLE & COMPANY	AUDIT/BUDGET	\$17,640.00
DIGITAL-ALLY	EQUIPMENT	\$4,055.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$485.12
EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$9.99
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$135.64
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$106.71
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$10.79
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$166.64
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	REPAIR	\$1,251.50
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/SUPPLIES	\$90.90
FBI-LEEDA	TRAINING	\$795.00
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$5,872.77
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	CAR MAIN/REPAI	\$108.09
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$608.56
SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$30.00
THERESA GOOD	MENTAL HEALTH	\$289.10
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES	\$95.88
GWORKS	EQUIPMENT	\$4,500.00
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING COSTS	\$1,787.00
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	FEES	\$94.70
HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK	COMM. CENTER	\$47,707.25
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	\$3,480.52
DEAN HARTWIG	POSTAGE	\$43.87
TERESA HARTWIG	ELECTION WORK	\$66.00
HD SUPPLY	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$204.52
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSE	\$300.58
NANCY HOHNROTH	ELECTION WORK	\$36.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	\$189.91
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$13.40

JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	UNIFORMS	\$174.89
JACKSON SERVICES	SUPPLIES	\$205.89
JACKSON SERVICES	RUG SERVICE	\$234.24
JUSTICE DATA SOLUTIONS INCORPORATED	RECORD MANAGE	\$6,100.00
KEARNEY & DESIMONE LAW, LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$23,194.13
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	CAR MAINTENANC	\$2,004.93
KENDRICK WINDSHIELD REPAIR	WINDSHIELD	\$437.41
KENNABELL DESIGNS	APPRECIATION	\$320.00
BRIAN KLUCK	MENTAL HEALTH	\$450.04
CAROLYN KOHL	ELECTION WORK	\$24.00
LEXIPOL	JAIL TRAINING	\$480.80
MARY LIVINGSTON	MENTAL HEALTH	\$280.69
DOUG MAW	PHONE	\$128.85
MCILNAY AND COMPANY	BUILD REPAIR	\$99.99
MERRICK CO. COURT	BUDGET	\$2,381.65
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$103,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$180.45
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$1,294.69
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$35.00
MIDWEST CONNECT	SUPPLIES	\$351.00
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$3,609.71
MIPS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$99.75
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	SINKING FUND	\$13,684.02
MPH INDUSTRIES, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$4,478.00
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE/MILAGE	\$141.96
NACO	DUES	\$1,933.62
NEBR. CO. ATTORNEYS ASSOC.	DUES	\$1,100.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$732.00
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CTR	TUITION	\$320.00
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	REGISTRATION	\$150.00
NEBRASKA AIR FILTER, INC	SUPPLIES	\$460.74
MARIAH NEWMYER	MILEAGE	\$25.13
NIRMA	INSURANCE	\$69,053.00
NORTHEAST NE JUVENILE SERVICE	JUVENILE SERVI	\$915.00
OWENS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC	JUVENILE SERVI	\$207.00
PINNACLE BANK CC	CODY'S REPAIR	\$19.99
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$208.83
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$236.90
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$642.97
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL / MEALS	\$772.73
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL / MEALS	\$524.75
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$649.86
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL / MEALS	\$800.95

	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$274.15
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$42.55
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$4,967.34
	PLATTE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY	TRAINING	\$175.00
	PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$16,329.15
	POSTMASTER	POSTAL RENTAL	\$352.00
	KIMBERLY J QUANDT, AAL	ATTORNEY FEES	\$11,525.00
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PRINTING	\$148.42
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$2,726.67
	DEBRA ROBINSON	ELECTION WORK	\$51.41
	SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR, LLC	PARTS	\$529.98
	SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$118.32
	STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$691.60
	STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$2,886.10
	MITCHELL C STEHLIK	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,812.50
	SURVEY RECORD REPOSITORY	COPIES	\$7.50
	TA2	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$500.00
	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$477.54
	TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$411.00
	JAMES H TRUPELL	MENTAL HEALTH	\$280.28
	CMRS-POC	POSTAGE	\$45,000.00
	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE	\$896.92
	VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	CHEMICALS	\$546.80
	PINNACLE BANK	SUPPLIES/MISC	\$3,979.39
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	EQUIPMENT	\$302.19
	JAMES A WAGONER	ATTORNEY FEES	\$2,675.00
	CHRISTY WANDFLUH	MILEAGE	\$76.38
	TOM WELLER	INS REIMBURSE	\$365.63
	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$136.75
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$11,927.00
	WOODS & AITKEN LLP	ATTORNEY	\$50.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$866.91
	CHICAGO MOTORS INC	VEHICLE	\$49,995.00
	EMILY SOLL	MEALS	\$95.56
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$564,124.06</b>
<b>ROADS</b>	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$1,505.00
	BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	SIGNS	\$596.00
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$85.93
	BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$486.29
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	OIL	\$4,870.22
	CUSTOM UPHOLSTERY OF NEBRASKA	SEAT REPAIR	\$325.00
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	CONTRACT	\$288.07

FILTER CARE	FILTER CLEAN	\$420.40
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	REPAIR	\$141.07
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	10927886	\$154.78
J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	SIGNS	\$4,720.00
JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$93.83
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS	\$19.36
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$67.40
MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRES	\$1,652.00
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$136.23
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO.INC	EQUIPMENT	\$193,600.00
POWERPLAN	REPAIR	\$59.96
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR	\$1,328.39
NEBR. PETERBILT - FORD	PARTS	\$421.30
LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
NIRMA	INSURANCE	\$62,576.00
NT&T/SHOP	SHOP PHONE	\$79.73
OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	ENGINEERING	\$850.00
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$286.10
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$1,174.50
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRE REPAIR	\$50.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$115.02
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	RADIO SERVICE	\$86.00
PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$311.45
SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$1,485.01
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$518.74
T & R AUTO PARTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$2,921.26
VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$303.05
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$112.14
VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	\$33,374.40
WELDON PARTS	REPAIR	\$219.90
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$331,034.09</b>

<b>LODGING</b>	ABC CLUB	VISITOR PROMO	\$500.00
<b>TAX</b>	CC AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	VISITOR PROMO	\$2,000.00
	CHAPMAN COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOC	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
	PLATTE PEER GROUP	VISITOR PROMO	\$500.00
	RHD PUBLISHING LLC	PUBLICATION	\$4.42

	RIVER RATS JEEP JAMBOREE	VISITOR PROMO	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$7,404.42</b>
<b>JUV DIVERSION TOTAL</b>	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$0.64
			<b>\$0.64</b>
<b>ADULT DRUG COURT TOTAL</b>	MORGAN CAMPBELL-PSCC CENTRAL CITY MALL	EXPENSES EXPENSES	\$140.02 \$96.90
			<b>\$236.92</b>
<b>K-9 TOTAL</b>	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9 WELLNESS	\$324.18
			<b>\$324.18</b>
<b>ARPA TOTAL</b>	CMBA ARCHITECTS MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO.INC	ENGINEER FEES MACHINERY	\$3,705.00 \$40,000.00
			<b>\$43,705.00</b>
<b>BLDG PROJECT TOTAL</b>	MAJOR LEAGUE ELECTRIC	LIGHTING	\$1,725.00
			<b>\$1,725.00</b>
<b>4-H BLDG TOTAL</b>	RATHMAN & MANNING CORP STANEK FIRE PROTECTION	REPAIRS INSPECTION	\$2,600.00 \$199.00
			<b>\$2,799.00</b>

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve the June claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes  
 Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes  
 Moved Wiegert, second Kreachbaum to adjourn at 12:03 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes  
 /s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman  
 /s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

## **June 25, 2024**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, Weller, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz 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.

Chairwoman Kucera declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 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 June 11, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter, Placke, Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Weller, Wiegert, Kucera-NACO county budget and county board workshop in Kearney June 12 and 13; Dexter and Kreachbaum met with Union Representatives June 11; Weller-Bader Park Board meeting June 18; Placke-Senior Center June 18; Dexter, Placke-Long Term Care Board June 19; Kreachbaum-met with Emergency Manager Church along with Boone and Nance counties June 13.

Officials Report: Treasurer Gilg received an \$80 check as a lighting incentive from City of Central City for the new lights on the second-floor. Gilg attended the treasurer meetings in Grand Island last week and she also presented the ARPA report. Highway Superintendent Kunze informed the board the new loader had been delivered; roads employees are working on a lot of washed-out roads. There are a few drainage issues and are currently working with a few private land owners. Kirk Schwarz began his employment with the roads department. Clerk Strobel stated she attended the NACO budget meeting June 12 and the County Clerk workshop June 12 and 13 in Kearney. Attorney Kunz has been communicating with Dana F. Cole & Associates regarding the audit that was handed over to the county.

Zelle Human Resource representative Sedlacek has spoken to three CPA firms that have responded and are interested in preparing the audit and budget for the county. Sedlacek also stated an offer has been extended to Troy Woods as the part time Extension janitor with a formal offer being presented at the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Public Comment: Jody Mohr, CEO of Merrick Medical appeared before the board with Kendra Jefferson to introduce herself to the board.

Midland Area on Aging Casey Muzic presented the annual budget request, this year's request is \$11,0002.00. Muzic also explained the services provided for the fiscal year which include congregate and home delivered meals, transportation rides and social activities.

Emergency Manager Church presented the findings for new E911 signage for the county. Moved Jarecke, second Weller to purchase posts and signs with three lines from Midwest Service and Cornhusker State Industries for a total of \$36,537.50 using ARPA funds. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the renewal of the Region 44 Interlocal Agreement. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to open the Gravel Bid opening at 10:01 a.m. Roll Call; All Ayes

Central Sand & Gravel: F.O.B. \$18.15/T Area 1 & 2, Fill Sand F.O.B. \$4.30/T Area 1 & 2; Hooker Bros. F.O.B. \$14/T Area 1 & 2, Mud Rock F.O.B. \$10.00/T Area 1 & 2, Fill Sand F.O.B. \$4.00/ T Area 1 & 2; Overland Sand & Gravel: Gravel F.O.B. \$16.75/T Area 1 & 2, Mud Rock F.O.B. \$17.50/T Area 1 & 2, Fill Sand F.O.B. \$5.65/T Area 1 & 2; Vontz Paving Gravel F.O.B. \$17.00/T Area 1 & 2, Fill Sand F.O.B. Area 1 & 2 \$8.00/T.

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to accept the bids as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Jarecke to approve the Special Designated License for Dubs Pub for a September 28, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the 4H Building for a wedding reception. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2024-12 transferring funds to the Merrick County Sheriff's Office Sinking Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2024-13 transferring funds to the Merrick County Road Department Sinking Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the Gas Line Agreement with Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC. Roll Call: All Ayes

Highway Superintendent stated a resident of the Clarks Lakes approached him regarding the private lake development and maintenance. No action taken.

Prairie Island Township surety bond was discussed. Treasurer Gilg received an email from Jeff Schrier from the State Auditors office stating a surety bond would no longer need as the township is no longer operating and all of their assets have been turned over to the county.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the county to pay the First Concord Administrative Fee of \$5 per person per month for employees enrolled in the FSA. Roll Call: All Ayes

Building and Grounds maintenance supervisor Maw presented two quotes for service supplies for the courthouse, roads department and extension building. Quotes were made available from Vestis (Aramark) and Jackson Services. Moved Weller, second Jarecke to approve the chairwoman to sign the Vestis (Aramark) contract for the fiscal year 2024-2025. Roll Call: All Ayes

Cash-In-Lieu discussion tabled until the July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Special Designated Liquor license applications for the 4H building was discussed. Moved Jarecke, second Dexter directing the County Attorney to send out letters to reserved contracts regarding a possible issue with liquor sales. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to move into Executive Session at 11:29 a.m. for contract negotiations and needless injury to the reputation of an individual.

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to move out of Executive Session at 11:41 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the chairwoman to sign the Planning & Zoning Interlocal Agreement with Hamilton County. Roll Call: All Ayes

Budget discussion continued. Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve up to a 2.5% wage increase effective July 1, 2024 for the employees with the possibility of another increase before final budget is approved. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to moved into Executive Session at 12:13 p.m. for contract negotiations. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to move out of Executive Session at 12:40 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the new agreement between Merrick County and Local Union #1597 as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

<b>GENERAL</b>	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$1,611.14
	KEARNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT	L.E. TRAINING	\$311.00
	MARIA RODRIGUEZ	SUPPLIES	\$253.84
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$2,175.98</b>

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the Kearney Police Department, Maria Rodriguez and County Court Claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

General Gross: \$86,589.41, Net: \$60,782.18; Roads Gross: \$31,004.77, Net: 23,123.80; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3,391.49, Net: \$2,295.45

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

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to adjourn at 12:59 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

## **July 9, 2024**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz were also present. Weller absent. Dr. Frank, Lonny Duennerman and Hillary Betka were in attendance.

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Chairwoman Kucera declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 a.m. Moved Wiegert, second Kreachbaum 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 June 25, 2024 with the correction of First Concord payment should be \$2.50 instead of \$5.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter-June 27 met with Cody from 1 to 1 Technologies regarding camera installation at the Extension Office; July 1 Zoom meeting with SCEDD regarding Clarks housing projects; Kreachbaum and Kucera-zoom meeting with the Nebraska Liquor Commission regarding SDL applications. An exemption has been filed for the county so there will no longer be a limit regarding the Special Designated Liquor licenses.

Officials Report: Highway Superintendent Kunze received the Merrick County portion for the Bader Park Bridge estimate at \$593,536.61. Treasurer Gilg provided fund balance for the end of the fiscal year and 65% of the real estate taxes have been paid. The clerk position in the treasurer's office has been advertised in Indeed and applications are being received.

Public Comment: Lonny Duennerman, Grand Island area approached the board with possible water contamination concerns.

Leah Smiley with First Light Child Advocacy presented the board a brochure and information regarding the program. Smiley is requesting \$5,500.00 for the annual budget request.

Weller present 9:35 a.m.

Dr. Douglas Frank appeared before the board regarding concerns with the election process in general. Dr. Frank provided some recommendations to the board including a handout.

Long Term Care Bond was discussed and will be followed up at the next board meeting.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to approve the Special Designated Liquor application for the Merrick County Ag Society July 27 (1:00 pm to 1:00 am) and July 28, 29, 30 and 31<sup>st</sup> (4:00 pm to 12:00 am). Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Jarecke to surplus a Dell laptop from the Planning & Zoning office. Roll Call: Ayes-Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Dexter, Weller, Jarecke, Kucera; Nays-none; Abstain-Placke. Motion carried.

Moved Place, second Dexter to formerly approve the hiring of Troy Wood as the part-time janitor for the courthouse/4-H building. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2024-14 transferring \$4,688.58 from General Fund to Lodging Tax Fund and \$372.44 from General Miscellaneous Fund to County Board Fund to cover an overage for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Funds will be transferred back to said funds in July for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to move into Executive Session at 10:17 a.m. for contract negotiations and prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to move out of Executive Session at 10:32 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the updated Interlocal Agreement for Planning & Zoning between Hamilton County and Merrick County. Roll Call: All Ayes

Hillary Betka the new Hamilton/Merrick County Planning & Zoning administrator will be available every Tuesday in Merrick County.

Budget considerations continued with Judd Allen and Mike Bowden from NACO to go over options regarding the county's Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance policy.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to move into Executive Session at 11:29 a.m. for the prevention of needless injury tot the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to move out of Executive Session at 12:13 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

<b>GENERAL</b>	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,093.38
	JULIE L BELLIS	COURT COSTS	\$74.10
	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	INMATE SUPPLY	\$17.60
	BUFFALO CO. SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$910.00
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$2,729.05
	CEDARS	JUV SERVICES	\$750.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$33.00
	CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION LLC	MAINTANANCE	\$1,137.50
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$11.37
	CENTURY LINK	E911 SERVICES	\$311.96
	CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$216.52
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,685.44
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$2,466.58
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$91.01
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.00
	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	MEALS	\$23.20
	COPYCAT PRINTING	SUPPLIES	\$150.68
	TIFFANY CROUCH	MILEAGE	\$104.04
	CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	LODGING	\$1,119.60
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$319.00
	DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$92.44
	ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$236.24
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$9.99
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	\$229.56
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$48.59
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	EQUIP RENTAL	\$173.16
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES/RENT	\$567.63
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	REPAIR	\$727.03
	TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	MISC EXPENSES	\$211.31
	FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$6,137.20
	FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	CAR REPAIR	\$152.93
	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
	GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$284.77
	SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$116.03
	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES	\$95.88

GWORKS	EQUIPMENT	\$14,963.00
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING	\$8,469.00
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$5,350.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$3,492.73
DEAN HARTWIG	POSTAGE	\$136.31
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$1,281.59
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DIPOSE	\$833.04
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$245.87
CINDIE HOSTLER	POSTAGE	\$28.34
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$205.76
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$230.08
WEBER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	PRISONER HEALT	\$80.00
LIVESTOCKJUDGING.COM	DUES	\$300.00
MARTIN'S FLAG CO.	SUPPLIES	\$516.00
MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS	CONSULTING	\$280.00
DOUG MAW	SUPPLIES	\$124.06
MCILNAY & CO	LABOR	\$506.49
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$170.85
MERRICK CO. CLERK	DEED FILING	\$72.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSE	\$141.69
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$450.84
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$35.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$181.20
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$3,657.63
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	EXTERMINATING	\$240.00
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE	\$127.82
KAREN NELSON	POSTAGE	\$8.73
NNTC	E911 SERVICE	\$132.85
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$567.77
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$2,220.96
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$62.00
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY, PC	CORONER	\$370.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	COMP SUPPORT	\$19.99
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$108.69
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$100.55
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$593.20
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$751.83
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$411.51
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$730.83
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$660.20
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$193.04
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$86.35

	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$93.74
	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	POSTAGE RENT	\$516.99
	RAPID FIRE PROTECTION	INSPECTION	\$1,854.40
	RHD PUBLISHING	SUBSCRIPTION	\$40.00
	SACK LUMBER	SUPPLIES	\$26.98
	SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$34.38
	SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORPORATION	SUBSCRIPTION	\$1,900.80
	EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$295.79
	STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$691.60
	STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$9,528.36
	SURVEY RECORD REPOSITORY	COPIES	\$7.50
	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$477.54
	TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$1,034.29
	UNITED STATES TREASURY	FEES	\$6,975.97
	VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF	LODGING	\$300.00
	VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$587.15
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	TRAINING	\$845.00
	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$228.11
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$2,100.00
	ROGER WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$73.03
	ZELLE LLC	HUMAN RESOURCE	\$5,373.86
	4H SHOWWORKS BILLING	DUES	\$499.50
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$469,711.79</b>
<b>ROADS</b>	AKRS EQUIPMENT	SHOP SUPPLY	\$16.43
	ALL STAR AUTO GLASS	REPAIR	\$1,529.17
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$2,057.20
	BIG STATE INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY INC	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$133.45
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICES	\$91.18
	BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$52.97
	BOSELMAN ENERGY INC	OIL/SUPPLIES	\$774.90
	BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	GARBAGE	\$30.00
	DEERE CREDIT INC	EQUIPMENT	\$10,283.43
	FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$32.70
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$656.55
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	INTERNET	\$155.00
	BUCKY HERMAN	LAND RENTAL	\$720.00
	J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	SIGNS	\$4,927.50
	JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$93.57
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$12.80
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	SHOP TRASH	\$67.40
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRES	\$2,284.00
	MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$163.23

	MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	SHOP	\$90.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR	\$6,497.62
	NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$645.00
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	SHOP PHONE	\$79.90
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$112.89
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$1,266.88
	PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$127.16
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$4,021.60
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$639.00
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$127.78
	PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	MACHINE/EQUIP	\$865.00
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$2,350.71
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$210.36
	SACK LUMBER CO./ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$29.94
	SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$1,634.16
	SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR, LLC	REPAIR	\$835.74
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$533.25
	T & R AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$566.96
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$303.05
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$112.14
	VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	\$51,604.80
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$317,860.24</b>
<b>JUV DIVERSION</b>	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$9.60
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$9.60</b>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	NANCE COUNTY TREASURER	EMER MGMT	\$4,756.24
<b>MGMT</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$4,756.24</b>
<b>4-H BLDG</b>			
<b>FUND</b>	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,006.70
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,006.70</b>

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

Moved Placke, second Wiegert to approve the payroll for July 12. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to recess for lunch at 12:18 p.m. and return at 1:15 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to reconvene as Board of Supervisors at 1:19 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

The county assessor, clerk, treasurer, veteran service officer and the highway department went over their requested budget for fiscal year 2024-2025. Budget discussion will continue at the next board meeting.

Moved Jarecke, second Placke to adjourn at 3:36 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk



**July 16, 2024**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz 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.

Chairwoman Kucera declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:00 a.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Agenda: Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes  
Budget discussion continued with individual departments. The board went over the Sheriff, Planning & Zoning, District Court, Attorney, Building and Grounds, Extension and Weed Control budgets and budget requests.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

## **July 23, 2024**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Kreachbaum, Placke, Kucera, Weller and County Clerk Strobel present. Tyson Benner, Jodi Mohr and Andy Forney were also present.

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Chairwoman Kucera declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 a.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert 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 July 9, 2024 with the correction of eliminating Jarecke off once and adding Kreachbaum to the roll call. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meetings: Weller-Central District Health Finance Committee-July 18; Dexter- Merrick County Economic Development-July 12, SCEDD zoom meeting-July 18; Kucera-Mid Nebraska Individual Services-July 17. Dexter, Placke-Zoom CMBA July 10; Dexter, Placke, Kreachbaum, Long Term Care Board Meeting July 17; Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Kucera-4H Building Committee July 15.

Officials Report: Treasurer Gilg handed out the Seni Annual Report. Highway Superintendent Kunze stated the culverts had been delivered. Kunze also mentioned he has been receiving calls regarding pivots running on the roadways. One- and Six-Year Plan will be looked into further detail after budget is set, the One-and Six-Year Plan will need to be completed by June 30, 2025. County Attorney Kunz has been in contact with Mark Avery, Assistant Deputy State Auditor regarding the issues with the audit. Dana Cole & Associates is to have the corrected audit draft completed by July 26<sup>th</sup>.

County Clerk Strobel the office has been working diligently on petitions being received while also getting ready for the General Election.

Captain Bauer stated the hiring process has gone well and expect to be full staffed by next week.

Captain Bauer has been working with Highway Superintendent Kunze regarding the pivot violations. After (if applicable) the third time Kunze speaks to the same individual regarding the violation, he will then contact the Sheriff's Department. A letter will then be sent from the Sheriff's Department explaining possible penalties involved. If it continues on to a fourth violation, potential citations may be issued.

Zelle Consultant Anna Sedlacek mentioned there were applicants for the clerk position in the Treasurer's office in which they interviewed Planning & Zoning Interim Placke stated she is officially done with the position due to the Interlocal Agreement with Hamilton County.

Andy Forney with DA Davidson discussed a financial plan and potential timeline for the potential Long Term Care facility bond. 20 Year Maturity Estimated Valuation:

\$2,017,143,517.00-Bond Proceeds \$16,944,199.00 with projected interest rate 4.30% and estimated annual payment \$1,279,732.00. A 25 Year Maturity Estimated Valuation & Bond Proceeds same as prior. Projected interest rate 4.40% and estimated annual payment

\$1,129,972.00. Tyson Benner stated the new facility would have 52 beds, 10 memory care with 46 rooms. The board could decide if they want to go through with the bond or go by a vote on the General Election ballot.

Chief Deputy Probation Officer Jeff Banholzer provided a booklet for the board outlining the expenses and services provided to Merrick County through probation. The total request from Merrick County for support is \$15,041.65.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the Special Designated Liquor license for Scotty's LLC-Riverside Park Pavilion-September 28, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. For a wedding reception. Roll Call: All Ayes

County Attorney Kunz present at 10:05 a.m. Kunz was asked to look over the Letter of Intent. Highway Superintendent Kunze passed out a pamphlet showing details of bridges that need to be possibly be replaced. Bridge #22410 just east of 22<sup>nd</sup> and V Road and Bridge UN Y Road between 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Road. Lance Harter with Oak Creek Engineering provided an estimate for low water crossing for \$11,000.00 engineering fees.

Interlocal Agreement: Platte County would like to armor coat the Monroe Oil Road going north of the county line. Merrick County shares three and a half miles, Platte County is asking if the county would pay for half of the armor coat cost which would be \$47,800.00. The average traffic count on the Monroe Highway is 1640 vehicles per day.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Platte County and Merrick County, Nebraska Platte County 2024 Armor Coat, C-71 (833) using the Road Buyback Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Highway Superintendent Kunze addressed the board regarding the 2021 lease of a skid steer. The monthly rental fee is \$2350.71 and currently has 920 hours. Moved Wiegert, second Kreachbaum to purchase the leased skid steer for the \$25,000.00 buyout. Roll Call: All Ayes County Attorney Kunze informed the board he had no issue with the Letter of Intent with Bryan Health.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to direct the County Attorney to pursue a contract with Merrick Medical/Bryan Health Care for Long Term Care Lease. Roll Call: Ayes-Wiegert, Jarecke Roll Call: Ayes-Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Kucera, Placke, Dexter, Wiegert; Nays-Weller. Motion carried 6-1.

Tyson Benner urged the board to consider other options if they had any hesitation in continuing with the Long-Term Care Bond.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to rescind the prior motion regarding the County Attorney to pursue a contract with Merrick Medical Center/Bryan Health Care. Roll Call: All Ayes Long Term Care Bond will be placed on the August 13<sup>th</sup> agenda for further discussion.

Supervisor Kreachbaum stated some changes for the contract rental fees at the fairgrounds. Education Room will remain the same at \$500 for the first day and any extra days will increase from \$50/day to \$150/day. Conference Room will increase from \$100/day to \$150/day with extra days costing an additional \$50/day. Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to approve the new contract rental rates for the 4H Building. Roll Call: Ayes-Wiegert, Kucera, Weller, Dexter, Jarecke, Kreachbaum. Nays-Weller. Motion carried with a 6-1 vote.

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to move into Executive Session at 11:11 a.m. to receive advice from legal counsel on a personnel matter for the protection of the publics interest. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Weller to move out of Executive Session at 11:47 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

<b>GENERAL</b>	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	DUES	\$671.72
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$671.72</b>

<b>ROADS</b>	BIG IRON	TIRES	\$8,200.00
	PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC	LOADER	\$25,825.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$34,025.00</b>

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the VISA claim for the Sheriff's office. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to approve the Big Iron claim for the Road's department. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moed Jarecke, second Weller to approve the claim to PNC Equipment for the skid steer. Roll Call: All Ayes

Gross General: \$87,621.15, Net: \$61,393.38; Roads Gross: \$33,531.31, Net: \$24,894.53;

Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$ 3890.76, Net: \$2658.99. Total Gross: \$125,043.22, Net: \$88,946.90

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

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to recess at 12:54 p.m. until the conclusion of the Board of Equalization meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to reconvene at 1:37 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding replacing the Child Support Enforcement Officer.

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to adjourn at 1:47 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

## **August 13, 2024**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, August 13, 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. Chairwoman Kucera declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 a.m.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes  
**Agenda:** Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the agenda. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Minutes:** Moved Wiegert, second Kreachbaum to approve the minutes of July 23, 2024 as published.  
Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Meeting Reports:** Dexter-SCEDD Grand Island July 15; Kreachbaum-radio class with local fire departments in Aurora. Discussed grants for new digital radios July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Wiegert-Midland Area on Aging in Hastings August 1.

**Officials Reports:** Sedlacek with Zelle and Treasurer Gilg informed the board Melissa Rankin had been hired for the new clerk position in the Treasurer's office. Sedlacek also stated Child Support Enforcement officer and surveyor will remain advertised until the positions are filled. Clerk Strobel stated the office has been working on seven different petitions that had been distributed throughout Nebraska. Highway Superintendent Kunze said they are working on reconstructing F Road between Highway 30 and Bader Park Road. Assessor Myers reported she certified the total taxable values for 2024 at \$2,238,711,340.00 with a real growth of 1.01%. Myers mentioned she would like to hire Julie Bellis, Court Reporter to transcribe some information from a tax protest hearing. County Attorney Kunz wanted to commend Sheriff Westman on the job he did with the scene and investigation of an accident that happened Sunday morning.

**Public Comment:** Tyson Benner commented that at the City Council meeting it was reaffirmed of their pledge of \$500,000.00 towards the new Long-Term Care facility.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the Special Designated Liquor application for Overtime Sports Bar & Grill, August 31, Merrick County Fairgrounds 12 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to approve the Chairwoman to sign the Letter of Agreement with Region 3 Behavioral Health Services. Roll Call: All ayes

Moved Weller, second Wiegert to approve the Chairwoman to sign Resolution 2024-15 County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Placke to approve the signing of the Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion continued regarding whether to continue with the bond for a new Long Term Care facility.

Moved Kreachbaum to proceed with the \$17 million bond for the new Long Term Care facility. Motion died due to lack of second.

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to continue discussion later into the meeting. Roll Call: Ayes-Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Wiegert, Dexter, Kucera. Nays-Weller. Motion carried with a 6-1 vote.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to proceed with the purchase of the E911 Signage. Roll Call: Ayes-Dexter, Placke, Kreachbaum, Jarecke. Nays-Wiegert, Weller, Kucera. Motion carried with a vote of 4-3.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to proceed with the \$17 million bond for the new Long Term Care facility to place on the November 2024 ballot. Roll Call: Ayes-Dexter, Kreachbaum; Nays-Weller, Jarecke, Wiegert, Placke, Kucera. Motion denied with a vote of 5-2

Moved Placke, second Dexter to have the Chairwoman sign the audit contract with Lengemann & Associates, P.C. with Randy Hook. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the Chairwoman to sign the budget/audit waiver with Cruise & Associates. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve the Chairwoman to sign Resolution 2024-16 directing the transfer of funds from Inheritance Fund to General Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Scott Prestidge with Tall Grass provided a handout and gave the board members an update.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the use of the Bridge Buyback Fund to replace the bridge on V Road. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Treasurer Gilg gave an update regarding the audit that was performed by Dana J Cole & Associates. Gilg has been in contact with Mark Avery of the State Auditor's office. Every office will need to review their report and document any findings.

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to move into Executive Session at 11:26 a.m. for the protection of the public interest. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Roger to move out of Executive Session at 11:52 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the July 2024 fees as presented by District Court, County Sheriff and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes

<b>GENERAL</b>	ANDERSON PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$24.38
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,130.51
	WES BECK, JR	MILEAGE	\$53.60
	BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	MAINTENANCE	\$74.95
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$43.15
	JESS BRANDES	MILEAGE	\$26.80
	BRYAN HEALTH	PRISONER CARE	\$126.00
	BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING	\$2,100.00
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$2,737.36
	CEDARS	JV SERVICES	\$1,581.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$45.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$189.80
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$23.92
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$13.98
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	CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$216.78
	CHARM-TEX	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$93.13
	CHRISTENSEN INSURANCE	DUES	\$120.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,852.37
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$3,374.04
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.00
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$1,110.00
	JOSIE CROUCH	MILEAGE	\$26.53
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	DRINKING WATER	\$373.00
	CUSTOM UPHOLSTERY OF NEBRASKA	CAR REPAIR	\$225.00
	CVSOAN	DUES/REGISTRAT	\$60.00
	DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$26.77
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$1,082.79
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$648.26
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$411.21

EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	SUPPLIES	\$182.80
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$67.27
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLY/REPAIRS	\$1,030.83
EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL	LODGING	\$249.82
ESU PURSUITS	SHERIFF EQUIP	\$13,877.00
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	POSTAGE	\$90.90
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	RENEWAL	\$130.00
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	MAINTENANCE	\$108.09
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$266.77
LIZ GAMBLIN	MILEAGE	\$58.96
SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$63.50
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING	\$6,514.07
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	FEES	\$3,844.50
HAMILTON COUNTY TREASURER	COURT COSTS	\$1,219.97
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$3,494.54
RICK HARRAHILL	MILEAGE	\$56.28
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$413.30
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$295.62
HOMETOWN LEASING	RENTAL	\$245.87
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$42.81
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$526.40
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$242.18
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$77.26
DOUG MAW	SUPPLIES	\$473.28
MCILNAY & CO	LABOR	\$494.00
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D&A TESTING	\$105.00
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$117.25
MERRICK CO. COURT	FILING FEES	\$942.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$148.69
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$35.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	TRANSPORTATION	\$157.25
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$676.72
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$350.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$732.00
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CTR	TRAINING	\$299.00
KAREN NELSON	POSTAGE	\$8.73
NNTC	E911 SERVICE	\$268.37
NSA/POSAN	DUES	\$400.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$91.14
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$436.30

PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$154.62
PALSER SERVICE	PARTS	\$133.09
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$40.00
PINNACLE BANK CC	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$108.04
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$190.09
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$371.85
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$290.65
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$986.09
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$468.45
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$455.04
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/FOOD	\$764.70
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$218.85
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$140.48
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	CERTIFIED LET	\$8,133.31
JAN PLACKE	MILEAGE	\$96.21
KIMBERLY J QUANDT, AAL	ATTORNEY FEES	\$3,036.50
RAPID FIRE PROTECTION	INSPECTION	\$225.00
RHD PUBLISIHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$700.56
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$169.28
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$25.79
LINDA RIBLETT	MILEAGE	\$6.70
PAT ROBINSON	MILEAGE	\$61.64
CHRIS SAROSTKA	MILEAGE	\$40.20
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$59.50
EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$36.18
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM		
SRVC	TELETYPE	\$1,025.60
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,100.00
MITCHELL C STEHLIK	ATTORNEY FEES	\$2,801.00
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	EQUIPMENT	\$1,765.30
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$501.42
TOP QUALITY GLOVES	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$360.37
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$374.38
VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF	LODGING	\$150.00
VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	CHEMICAL	\$775.00
PINNACLE BANK	DUES	\$787.02
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	L.E. TRAINING	\$779.00
VOLITANT DRONE TECHNOLOGIES	THISTLE SPRAY	\$1,432.40
JAMES A WAGONER	ATTORNEY FEES	\$925.00
TOM WELLER	MILEAGE	\$259.96
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$103.58
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$6,321.25
KELLY WICHMANN	MILEAGE	\$123.28

	LYNN WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$80.40
	WOODS & AITKEN LLP	ATTORNEY FEES	\$490.00
	ZELLE LLC	HUMAN RESOURCES	\$5,396.36
	ZIEMBA ROOFING COMPANY	REPAIRS	\$265.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$3,556.57
	911 CUSTOM	UNIFORMS	\$1,165.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			
<b>ROADS</b>			
	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$34,602.78
	AKRS EQUIPMENT	REPAIRS	\$32.00
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL/REPAIRS	\$5,420.44
	BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	SIGNS	\$737.25
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$91.02
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES/REPAI	\$782.80
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	FUEL/OIL	\$3,726.38
	CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	SIGNS	\$3,805.20
	FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS LTD	SIGNS	\$205.00
	FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$163.80
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,931.14
	GRAND ISLAND CLINIC	D & A TEST	\$35.00
	GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	REPAIRS	\$141.50
	HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$3,600.00
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$155.00
	HERK'S WELDING SHOP	PIPE	\$133.84
	INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS	EXTINGUISHERS	\$1,723.00
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SUPPLIES	\$643.46
	J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	SIGNS	\$472.00
	JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$140.22
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROAD	\$14.17
	MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	LAB	\$68.00
	MICHAEL MEYER	REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,195.04
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$67.40
	MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE/ROADS	PARTS	\$44.75
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRES	\$590.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	PARTS	\$659.63
	NEBRASKA GLASS COMPANY LLC	RCR UNIT	\$139.85
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	SHOP PHONE	\$160.93
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS	\$27.13
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$35,776.61
	PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$11.23
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL/OIL	\$6,146.80
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRES	\$395.00

	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$121.43
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$14.99
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$656.73
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/SUPPLIES	\$8,116.91
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	METER READING	\$37.91
	RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	SHOP REPAIRS	\$193.10
	RHD PUBLISHING LLC	PUBLICATION	\$25.79
	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM, INC	DIESEL	\$24,106.52
	SIGN DESIGN	SIGNS	\$50.00
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$529.41
	SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS	ENGINEERING FE	\$2,916.00
	STATE GLASS, INC.	REPAIR	\$205.70
	STRAIGHT LINE STRIPING INC	CENTER LINE	\$4,312.90
	T & R AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES/OIL	\$539.74
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$303.05
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/EQUIPMEN	\$112.18
	VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	\$29,250.20
	WELDON PARTS	EQUIPMENT	\$377.58
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$163,518.79</b>
<b>JUVENILE DIVERSION TOTAL</b>	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$34.30
			<b>\$34.30</b>
<b>K9 FUND TOTAL</b>	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9 BOARDING	\$99.90
			<b>\$99.90</b>
<b>COVID TOTAL</b>	CMBA ARCHITECTS	ENGINEER FEES	\$1,995.00
			<b>\$1,995.00</b>
<b>4H BLDG RUND</b>	BLACKWATER PUMPING	REPAIRS	\$101.50
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$33.98
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$11.22
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,694.03
	KBL CONSTRUCTION INC	LABOR	\$262.00
	KEN'S APPLIANCE	EQUIPMENT	\$723.60
	MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$608.40
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$201.96
	PROCLEAN SOLUTIONS	CLEANING SERV	\$535.52
	YOUNG GUN HANDY MAN	MATERIAL	\$235.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$4,407.21</b>

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

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the 2023-2024 inventory presented from District Court, Treasurer, Assessor, Weed Superintendent, Highway Department, Surveyor, District 5 Probation, Veterans Service Officer and Building/Grounds. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

**Adjourn:** Moved Jarecke, second Placke to adjourn at 12:11 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

August 27, 2024

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, August 27, 2024 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. Chairwoman Kucera declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 a.m.

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

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

Minutes: Minutes from August 13, 2024 will be approved at the next board meeting. Corrected minutes were sent to the papers and published on the website.

Meeting Reports: Weller-Bader Park, August 20; Dexter-Safety Committee August 20, Dexter, Placke, Wiegert, Kreachbaum Long Term Care Board August 21; Jarecke, CNCAP in Loup City, August 20; Kucera-Region III August 23.

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers informed the board certifications were sent out August 31 with all certifications are on the website. A settlement was offered for the two TERC cases with no response. HR Sedlacek is working on getting two openings filled in the courthouse. Treasurer Gilg explained borrowing funds with Resolution 2024-16 was not necessary as real estate taxes were being paid. General Fund currently has \$506,340.00. District Court Clerk Good stated the upgrades to the courtroom will be completed by September 6 with the cost being under the original estimate of \$1400.00. Currently there is a tentative letting date of September 23 for the Von Ohlen bridge and a permit application for new driveway is on the county website informed Highway Superintendent Kunze. Clerk Strobel: Office is currently working on the 7<sup>th</sup> and final petition as well as preparing for the General Election prep. Strobel also contacted SuAnn Engel in regards with the possibility of helping with the budget.

Public Comment: Three minutes was allotted for individual public comment by the Chairwoman. Each person used the time to voice their opinion on placing the Long-Term Care Bond on the November 5, General Election. Kathy Wagner-Archer, Merlene Paulson, Travis Kuchar, Howard Mesner, Dallas Zimelman, Loren Lippincott, Miles McGinnis, Brad Wells, Tracey Deichmann, Sara Wagner, Mandy Kuchar, Noah Broekemeier, Ken Anderson, Kirsten Hermansen-Ryan, Kirsten Fasbender, Don Placke, Mervin Fishler-Central City; Emily Tripplett-Osceola; Melissa Vandewalle-Cedar Rapids; Sally Berney, Sara DeCastro-Palmer; Kathy Wagner, Kim Wagner, Trent Wagner-Archer; Zandra Kalkwarf-Clarks.

Long-Term Care: Melissa Vandewalle provided the monthly update.

Discussion continued regarding the Long-Term Care bond, including tax implications across the county.

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve the Long-Term Care bond to move forward to the November, General Election. Ayes-Placke, Dexter, Kreachbaum. Nays-Weller, Jarecke, Wiegert, Kucera, Motion denied with a vote of 3-4.

Moved Jarecke, second Placke to approve Resolution 2024-17 directing the disbursement of money from the Inheritance Fund for the Estate of Robert William Davis, PR 22-22. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to have the Chairwoman sign the Permit to Perform Work on Public Right-of-Way for Telcom Construction. All Ayes

Security cameras at the Extension Building and Regional Jail will be tabled until next meeting. No action taken.

Discussion continued on the issues found with the last audit. Treasurer Gilg has been the liaison between Mark Avery with the State Auditor and Mitch Inman, Dana Cole & Associates. Third draft has been received and the county is still seeing incorrect entries.

Maintenance Supervisor Maw appeared before the board and informed them there was an issue with the contracts of the service supply. It appeared the Extension and Roads department contracts were signed

inadvertently by employees and hadn't been approved by the board. The Extension contract ends February 2025 (\$699.71) and the Roads contract (\$1411.45) will expire 2027 with Jackson Services. Moved Weller, second Wiegert to pay out Jackson Services \$2,111.16 for their contract. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to move into Executive Session at 11:32 a.m. for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to move out of Executive Session at 11:39 A.M. Roll Call: All Ayes  
Discussion continued with the budget.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the 2023-2024 inventory as presented from the County Clerk, Election Commissioner, County Supervisors and County Court. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

**Adjourn:** Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

## September 10, 2024

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, September 10, 2024 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.

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

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

Minutes: Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the minutes as published for August 13, August 27 and September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter-SCEDD September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Merrick County Economic Development September 6; Dexter, Placke, Weller attended Drug Court graduation September 9; Kreachbaum-Mid Plains Behavioral Services August 28, Village of Chapman board meeting August 29.

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers stated Randy Zmek filed TERC claims on the four protests he filed. Green Plains Ethanol Plant TERC previous case will be continued with a future date to be determined. District Court Clerk Good informed the board the court upgrade had been completed; Treasurer Gilg stated the fourth draft of the 2023-2024 audit had been received. Human Resource Sedlacek stated they are currently working on filling the position for Child Support Enforcement Officer and the position in the treasurer. Sheriff Westman provided an update on Captain Bauer. Clerk Strobel told the board the seven petitions received have been completed and returned. The office is currently waiting for the certification from the state to finalize the ballots. A random audit from the IRS is being conducted for select 1099 forms from 2021. County Attorney Kunz stated a former employee is considering coming back to the office part time and to help train when a new hire is available for the Child Support Officer. Public Comment: Tyson Benner approached the board with his displeasure in regards to the Long-Term Care comments in previous meetings. Benner asks the board to make a commitment for the future of Long-Term.

Discussion continued regarding Long-Term Care. No plans to close the facility and to continue operation with a possible future bond. Remodel construction was also discussed. Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to investigate a remodel cost for the current Long-Term Care building. Roll Call: Ayes-Placke, Dexter, Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Kucera. Nays-Wiegert, Weller. Motion carried with a vote of 5-2. Moved Placke, second Dexter to open the public hearing at 10:02 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Discussion regarding Resolution 2024-0018 for Merrick County to allow "Special Dwelling Types" in all districts. Moved Dexter, second Weller to close the public hearing at 10:11 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes  
Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve Chairwoman Kucera to sign Resolution 2024-0018. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Wiegert to approve the chairwoman to sign the Special Designated Liquor Applications as presented. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve the sick leave donations courthouse staff would like to donate to Captain Bauer. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Weller to raise the Cash 'n Lieu to \$850.00 for employees opting out of health insurance provided by the county. Roll Call: Ayes-Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Weller. Nays-Kreachbaum and Kucera. Motion carried 5-2.

Dexter informed the board 1 to 1 Technologies is waiting on the University of Lincoln Extension in order to link the security camera footage to the Sheriff's Department. Kucera mentioned the fair board would like to be informed before the outside cameras are linked.

Kucera spoke with Tim Cornwell, Nance County Chairman in regards to possible interest for a regional jail on land in Nance County with neighboring counties. Sheriff Westman would like to see a jail committee formed to look into the pros and cons in regards to staffing, court dates etc. Jarecke and Westman will reach out to Cornwell.

Maintenance Supervisor Maw informed the board there were issues with Vestis in getting the correct inventory delivered. The Vestis representative decided to back out of the contract. Jackson Service representative will work with Maw on cutting back on supply inventory to cut costs. The previous contract buy out with Jackson Services has been cancelled and there had not been a check issued. September 24, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. has been set for the budget hearing.

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to approve the 2023-2024 inventory as presented from the County Sheriff:

Roll Call: All Ayes

<b>GENERAL</b>	AGRICULTURAL SERVICES INC	WEED CONTROL	\$195.00
	ANTELOPE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	BOARDING	\$920.00
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,138.85
	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	SUPPLIES	\$150.50
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$1.72
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$66.98
	BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING	\$3,400.00
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$1,230.89
	CEDARS	JV SERVICE	\$806.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$57.24
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES-HOSPITAL	\$1,951.47
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$3,529.97
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$3,707.00
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.00
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	\$216.00
	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	MEALS	\$110.20
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$413.00
	DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$553.74
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$89.31
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$22.39
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	\$133.74
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$106.71
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$119.98
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	RENTAL	\$186.45
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$119.95
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	PRINTING	\$134.22
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	REPAIR	\$167.12
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$70.44
	SUANN ENGEL	CONSULTANT	\$2,250.00
	FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS LTD	PLAT BOOKS	\$280.00
	TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
	FBI-LEEDA	TRAINING	\$795.00
	FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$11,694.40

FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICES	MAINTANANCE	\$108.09
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$1,232.12
SHARON GILG	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
GLADSTONE, INC	ONLINE ENTRIES	\$676.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING	\$3,257.12
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$3,500.00
HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK	DISPATCH AGRMT	\$47,707.25
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$3,494.54
HAMPTON INN	LODGING	\$869.70
HASTINGS RADIOLOGY ASSOCIATES	PRISONER CARE	\$89.00
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$1.95
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$293.28
HILDER IMPLEMENT INC	OIL/FILTERS	\$82.50
HISPANO ELECTRIC	LABOR/REPAIR	\$1,400.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	RENTAL	\$245.87
INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS	INSURANCE	\$660.00
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$171.98
KEARNEY & DESIMONE LAW, LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$21,099.00
KENDRICK WINDSHIELD REPAIR	REPAIR	\$50.00
LINCOLN DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING	\$880.00
DOUG MAW	SUPPLIES/PHONE	\$260.69
MCILNAY & CO	LABOR	\$144.89
MCILNAY AND COMPANY	REPAIR	\$1,173.74
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$18.49
MERRICK CO. CLERK	SURVEY	\$16.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	FILING FEES	\$368.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$102,000.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	SERVICE RETURN	\$30.77
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$220.66
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER HC	\$958.15
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$35.00
MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING	SUPPORT	\$11,002.00
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$3,657.63
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$568.01
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$400.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$465.00
NNTC	E911 SERVICE	\$132.85
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$67.58
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$837.85
PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR	\$1,164.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$40.00

PINNACLE BANK CC	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$45.58
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$116.15
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$48.15
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$393.35
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$824.80
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$541.45
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$1,142.78
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$791.64
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$287.12
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$72.55
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$3,816.87
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$13.20
SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORPORATION	SUBSCRIPTION	\$409.20
EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$158.12
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$691.60
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,250.00
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$501.42
TOTAL AUTO BODY	LABOR	\$572.00
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$372.36
UNL-HASKELL AG LAB	REGISTRATION	\$115.00
VESTIS	MATS	\$37.68
PINNACLE BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$1,947.74
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$2,060.79
CHRISTY WANDFLUH	MILEAGE	\$94.47
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$92.06
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH, MATTHEW D WILBER	ATTORNEY FEES	\$2,787.50
ZELLE LLC	TRAINING	\$585.00
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	HR	\$5,249.24
	SUPPLIES	\$29.99
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$269,277.84</b>

<b>ROADS</b>	AKRS EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	\$211.34
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$1,898.00
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$85.16
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$220.24
	BOSELMAN ENERGY INC	OIL	\$8,991.13
	CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	NIRMA CONF	\$123.95
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$312.92
	FILTER CARE	FILTERS	\$31.50
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,146.21
	GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	PARTS	\$223.86
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	\$155.00

	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	EQUIPMENT	\$332.22
	JACKSON SERVICE/ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$77.24
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROAD	\$13.80
	MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	A & D TESTING	\$34.00
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASK PICK UP	\$67.40
	MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$136.23
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR	\$828.13
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	SHOP PHONE	\$79.60
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$93,096.90
	PALMER JOURNAL	NOTICE	\$99.75
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL/OIL	\$3,959.81
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$740.50
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$77.64
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$38.44
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	NOTICE	\$138.70
	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM, INC	DIESEL	\$1,509.67
	SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR,LLC	LABOR	\$135.60
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$542.43
	T & R AUTO PARTS	REPAIR	\$212.84
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$303.05
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$112.18
	WELDON PARTS	TOOLS	\$257.15
<b>TOTAL</b>			\$116,267.59
<b>JUVENILE DIVERSION</b>	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$166.78
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$134.27
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$4.83
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$38.92
	3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	EDUCATION	\$75.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			\$419.80
<b>K-9 FUND TOTAL</b>	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9 BOARDING	\$274.33
			\$274.33
<b>ARPA TOTAL</b>	CMBA ARCHITECTS	ENGINEER FEES	\$5,700.00
			\$5,700.00
<b>4-H BLDG RUND</b>	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$53.94
	MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$765.24
	PIONEER DOOR, INC.	SUPPLIES	\$3,238.00
<b>TOTALS</b>			\$4,057.18

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

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

**Adjourn:** Moved Wiegert, second Jarecke to adjourn at 10:52 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

## September 24, 2024

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Dexter, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, Wiegert, County Attorney Kunz and County Clerk Strobel present. Weller absent.

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. Chairwoman Kucera declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 a.m.

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the minutes as published for September 10, 2024.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter-September 13-SCEDD housing call, 16<sup>th</sup>-budget workshop, 18<sup>th</sup> -pipeline in Columbus, 19<sup>th</sup>-Central District-NACCO; Placke-September 17<sup>th</sup>-Senior Center and Patient Advocacy Board at the hospital, 18<sup>th</sup> Long Term Care board, Central Nebraska Action Community Partners, 19<sup>th</sup>-Central District-NACO, 23<sup>rd</sup> Joint Housing zoom call and Joint Public Hearing at the PAC; Jarecke-17<sup>th</sup> CNCAP, 19<sup>th</sup> Central District, 23-Joint Public Hearing; Kreachbaum-September 23 Joint Public Hearing, 26<sup>th</sup>-4H Building, 18<sup>th</sup> Pipeline and 19<sup>th</sup> Central District.

Officials Reports: Treasurer Gilg stated she remains short staffed and the DMV in Hamilton County will be closed for an undetermined time. Denise Pullen is helping with the Child Support position until filled reported Attorney Kunz. Clerk Strobel stated the submission for the ballots had been completed with six initiative issues for the state of Nebraska.

Public Comment: Tyson Benner appeared to voice his appreciation the board is looking into depreciation funds going forward.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to allow the Community Christmas to be held on the courthouse lawn on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Roll Call: All Ayes

Melissa Vandewalle provided an update on Long-Term Care. Discussion continued on the possibilities of a remodel of the current building.

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for Scotty's LLC on October 19 at the Fairgrounds for a wedding reception from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign (18) eighteen crude oil &/or other hydro-carbons pipe line agreements with Trailblazer CO2 Pipe Line, LLC. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve start date of the Cash-in-Lieu as January 1, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert for the new 4-H Building Rental rates to begin October 1, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve Brad Wells for the removal of the snow at the 4H building as needed and on call for a minimum of \$150/hr. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to open the Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes  
Planning & Zoning Hillary Betka discussed the Joint Planning Commission requested the approval to allow accessory structures larger than 1200 square feet in the LSR-1 District.

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

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to approve the Chairwoman to sign Resolution 2024-0019 to amend section 4.12.06 to allow accessory structures larger than 1200 sq feet. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to purchase a snow plow for \$8000.00 for the use at the courthouse.

Payment to be used from the Local Assist & Tribal Consistency Fund Roll Call: All Ayes

4H Security Cameras discussion continued with no action taken.

Regional jail committee was tabled for discussion.

Treasurer Gilg commented she had sent more discrepancies to Dana J Cole & Associates last Monday regarding the 2022-2023 audit. She has not heard back from the firm to date.

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to move into Executive Session at 10:21 am for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to move out of Executive Session at 10:52 am. Roll Call: All Ayes

Continued budget discussion.

Motion Placke, second Dexter to approve payroll. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, Placke second to recess at 11:19 a.m. until the 1:00 p.m. Budget hearing. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to reconvene as the Board of Supervisors at 1:00 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to open the budget hearing at 1:00 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Darrell Siekman appeared before the board with questions regarding the usage of the COVID funds and the increase of the budget. Brad Wells would like someone to look into new repeater towers for all departments and possibly use the COVID funds.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to close the budget hearing at 1:22 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to open the final budget hearing at 1:30 p.m. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to close the budget hearing at 1:45 p.m. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve the 2024-2025 budget as presented with the correction of the total bonded indebtedness. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to recess at 1:47 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Jarecke to reconvene as Board of Supervisors at 3:00 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Placke to open the public hearing at 3:00 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Clerk Strobel made a presentation outlining the key provisions of the proposed budget, including, but not limited to, a comparison with the prior year's budget. The floor was then opened for public comment on the proposed budget. All members of the publish wishing to address the governing body were provided a reasonable amount of time to do so.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to close the budget hearing at 3:15 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Jarecke, second Placke to request an audit waiver for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to approve the 2024-2025 Central Township budget as proposed. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to reconvene as Board of Supervisors at 3:30 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Placke to open the public hearing at 3:30 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to close the budget hearing at 3:40 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to increase the total restricted funds authority by an additional 1%. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to request an audit waiver for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the 2024-2025 Prairie Island Township budget as proposed. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to adjourn the meeting at 3:41 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

October 8, 2024

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, October 8, 2024 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.

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the minutes as published for September 24, 2024 with the correction of Dexter abstaining from the snowplow purchase motion. Roll Call: All Ayes-Wiegert, Placke, Kreachbaum, Dexter, Jarecke, Kucera; Nays-none; abstain-Weller.

Meeting Reports: Dexter-September 25<sup>th</sup> met with Jeff & Melissa at Long Term Care regarding the garage door at the old hospital, September 26 met Chad with NIRMA on safety reports, SCEDD, September 30-SCEDD housing call; October 3<sup>rd</sup>-Merrick County Economic Board. Dexter, Placke, Kucera and Kreachbaum October 7<sup>th</sup> GOP ballot review. Wiegert-October 3<sup>rd</sup> Midland Area on Aging, October 7<sup>th</sup> Bid opening; Kucera-Mid-Nebraska Individual Services.

Officials Reports: Human Resources Sedlacek reminded the board the handbook committee would need to start reorganizing again. Highway Superintendent Kune stated he had attended and passed the bridge inspection training held in Lincoln. He will need to practice under a licensed bridge inspector for the next five years. Kunz is also working on the One- & Six-Year Plan for the October 22<sup>nd</sup> board meeting.

Treasurer Gilg is still conducting interviews for the clerk position open in her office. Clerk Strobel stated the county budget was submitted to the State Auditors on September 30. The office has been preparing the ballots to send out October 16<sup>th</sup> for the General Election. Attorney Kunz stated he will discuss with Deputy County Attorney Luzum regarding the letter of engagement with Dane Cole & Associates.

Carrie Rodriguez and Morgan Campbell presented the board with literature regarding the process of Problem-Solving Court. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign the Problem-Solving Court Interlocal Agreement. Roll Call: All Ayes

Long Term discussion continued with Melissa Vandewalle informing the board that RDG Planning & Design also reached out to her regarding a possible remodel. It was decided to proceed with the plans for a remodel of Long-Term Care.

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign the audit contract with Lengemann & Associates. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the chairwoman to sign the inventory acceptance provided by AOCF. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to approve the chairwoman to sign the Telephone line agreement with Great Plains Communications 18-12-7. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Placke to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2024-21 for the transfer of General Funds to the Roads Funds. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2024-22 adopting and approving the execution of an agreement with the Department of Transportation of the State of Nebraska for Project NO. NH-30-5 (136). Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to accept the September fees received from the County Clerk, District Court and the County Sheriff. Roll Call: All Ayes

<b>GENERAL</b>	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	ELECTRICAL	\$642.13
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICES	\$1,138.85
	JULIE L BELLIS	COURT COSTS	\$795.60

BRYAN HEALTH	PRISONER CARE	\$418.95
BUFFALO CO. SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$520.00
BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING	\$2,150.00
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$1,998.32
CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$40.00
CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$48.07
CENTRAL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$7,000.00
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	BUILDING REPAIR	\$23.28
CENTURY LINK	E911 SERVICES	\$311.88
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$2,855.24
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,878.29
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$12.00
CLARKS PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$1,000.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	\$72.00
COMFORT INN	LODGING	\$149.45
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	MEALS	\$521.00
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$397.00
DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$551.48
ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$46.23
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$12.39
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$301.95
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$72.34
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	CONTRACT	\$146.11
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$1,700.05
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$10.47
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$1,096.56
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	BALLOT PRODUCT	\$3,039.42
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$53.71
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$6,092.20
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$36.07
SHARON GILG	PHONE/TRAVEL	\$53.05
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING	\$776.00
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$955.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$3,498.60
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$326.77
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$292.50
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	\$245.87
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$41.81
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$209.20
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$454.77
JOHNSON CONTROLS SECURITY SOLUTIONS	SECURITY	\$500.00

KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	MAINTENANCE	\$77.26
AARON J KUNZ	MILEAGE	\$179.56
LINCOLN DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING	\$1,705.00
LYNN PEAVY COMPANY	INVEST COSTS	\$175.05
M & O DOOR PRODUCTS	BLDG REPAIR	\$297.00
MARTIN'S FLAG CO.	FLAGS/POLE	\$68.55
DOUG MAW	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$627.94
MAXIMUS CONSULTING SERVICES, INC	CONSULTANT	\$2,100.00
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$154.10
MENARDS	BUILDING REPAIR	\$11.99
MERRICK CO. CLERK	FILING	\$20.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$205,863.33
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	MILEAGE	\$17.40
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$108.45
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$182.16
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$35.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$187.60
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$3,657.63
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	EXTERMINATING	\$150.00
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE	\$473.54
NACO	REGISTRATIONS	\$1,600.00
NCEA C/O F JOHN HAY	REGISTRATION	\$840.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$558.00
KAREN NELSON	POSTAGE	\$20.09
NSA/POSAN	EQUIPMENT	\$50.54
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	EQUIPMENT	\$282.90
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$1,770.88
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$84.00
PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$1,000.00
PALSER SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$1,746.75
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$80.00
PINNACLE BANK CC	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$388.24
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$226.71
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$168.12
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$655.08
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$639.09
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$424.71
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$454.68
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$310.95
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/MEALS	\$243.48
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$32.51
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$3,877.62
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	RENEWAL	\$378.75

	PLATTE VALLEY WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	MEMBERSHIP DUE	\$300.00
	PSYCHOLOGICAL RESOURCES	EVALUATION	\$600.00
	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	POSTAGE	\$516.99
	TOM REIMERS	MILEAGE/MEALS	\$207.29
	RHD PUBLISHING	PUBLICATIONS	\$197.89
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$1,168.00
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$313.90
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$22.84
	MARIA RODRIGUEZ	SUPPLIES	\$299.45
	SEILER INSTRUMENT MANUFACTURING, INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$1,500.00
	SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$1,000.00
	EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$260.76
	STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$1,121.60
	STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,000.00
	STROMSBURG SOFT WATER	MAINT. AGRMT.	\$99.00
	SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	EQUIPMENT	\$1,108.50
	T & R AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$88.02
	THOMSON WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$501.42
	TOTAL AUTO BODY	REPAIR	\$500.00
	TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$211.84
	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE	\$1,010.00
	UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES	SUPPLIES	\$271.98
	VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$2,637.70
	PINNACLE BANK	EXPENSES	\$169.91
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	TRAINING/SUPP	\$249.57
	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$170.45
	WESTFIELD PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$439.20
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$5,562.50
	WOODS & AITKEN LLP	ATTORNEY FEES	\$175.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	EQUIP/SUPPLIES	\$1,175.96
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$297,449.09</b>
<b>ROADS</b>	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$12,066.12
	AKRS EQUIPMENT	REPAIR	\$61.02
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$1,876.00
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS READING	\$85.16
	BOMGAARS	REPAIR	\$286.85
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		GARBAGE	
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	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRES	\$8,788.48
	MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$136.23
	MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	EXTERMINATING	\$90.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	RETURN	\$3,892.23
	NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$1,114.00
	NT&T	SHOP PHONE	\$80.52
	OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	ENGINEER FEE	\$11,000.00
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$23,960.31
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	\$4,454.48
	PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR	\$73.00
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$103.28
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	METER READING	\$38.90
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$88.84
	SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$1,411.57
	SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR,LLC	LABOR	\$82.95
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$551.94
	T & R AUTO PARTS	REPAIR	\$34.11
	TRAUSCH DYNAMICS	REPAIR	\$40.54
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$303.05
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$112.21
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$78,423.61</b>
<b>JUVENILE DIVERSION</b>	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$53.65
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$82.61
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUVDIV-POSTAGE	\$8.28
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$93.08
	3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	EDUCATION	\$825.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,062.62</b>
<b>SHER. SINKING FUND TOTAL</b>	AXON ENTERPRISE, INC	AGREEMENT	\$2,280.00
			<b>\$2,280.00</b>

**4-H BLDG**

<b>FUND</b>	BOSELMAN ENERGY, INC	FUEL	\$124.68
	CENTRAL CITY VOL FIRE DEPT	PUMP TRUCK USE	\$500.00
	HANS SERVICE LLC	LABOR	\$190.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$814.68</b>

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the October claims. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

October 22, 2024

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, October 22, 2024 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. Chairwoman Kucera declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 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. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the minutes as published for October 8, 2024 with the correction of Brent Kunz name being misspelled. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Weller-October 15 Bader Park; Dexter-October 11 SCEDD Housing zoom, October 16th Long Term Care Board and SCEDD Housing zoom; Placke-October 15 Central Nebraska Community Action Partners Loup City; Jarecke-CNCAP zoom; Kreachbaum-Central City Council and Long-Term Care Board October 16.

Officials reports: Sedlacek with Zelle reported on the DMV Clearing House.

Treasurer Gilg has a new employee starting Thursday. Highway Superintendent Kunze will have his One- & Six-Year Plan for the board meeting on November 12. Clerk Strobel stated the levy certifications were sent to the necessary counties. Ballots were mailed Wednesday; October 16 and the office will remain open until 6:00 p.m. for voter registration. Assessor Myers mentioned once all the levies were received in her office the overall district levies actually decreased despite the county's political subdivision decreasing. Captain Bauer shared his gratitude with the board from he and his wife for all of the support from everyone in the community. He is back on light duty for four hours each Tuesday and Thursday.

Two recruits at the training center are set to graduate in December. Attorney Kunz helped an individual LeaAnne Yokum with SCEDD provided a map regarding the need for broadband in the county.

Jared Reimers, District Coordinator for Congressman Adrian Amith's office to provide updates.

Long Term Care discussion continued with Dexter stating he made contact with RDG to provide quotes on remodeling but has yet to hear back from them. Stage I would consist of boilers, plumbing, etc.

Discussion regarding the possibility of acquiring a vehicle for county official use involved the possibility of purchasing an older vehicle from the Sheriff's department. This will potentially be discussed further for the next fiscal year.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter for the clerk to look into either a Sam's credit card or apply for another Pinnacle Visa for building and grounds usage. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to surplus seven cases of toeless floor trim. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve the clerk to surplus of an HP LaserJet 400 printer. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for Scotty's LLC for November 20 at the Merrick County Fairgrounds 5:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve Resolution 2024-23 directing the treasurer to transfer \$800,000.00 from Inheritance Fund to the General Fund per Fiscal Year budget. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Wiegert to approve the chairman to sign Resolution 2024-24 of the Year-End certification of County Highway Superintendent. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding townships. No action taken.

Discussion regarding the 2025-2026 budget preparation. Clerk Strobel stated she would look into training and also discuss with Deputy County Clerk Crouch as well as Nance County Human Resource Directory, SuAnn Engel.

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

Moved Placke, second Dexter to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

## November 12, 2024

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, November 12, 2024 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 Deputy County Clerk Crouch present. County Clerk Strobel absent.

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the minutes as published for October 22, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter, Placke, Jarecke, Wiegert, Kreachbaum and Kucera NIRMA meetings October 24-25<sup>th</sup> in Kearney. Dexter-Merrick Co Economic Board November 3, spoke with Mitch Elliott with RDG November 5 and they will be out November 22 regarding LTC, November 4-spoke to CNBA and they will also be out November 20; Jarecke, Kreachbaum and Wiegert-November 4-Personnel meeting; Wiegert-November 7<sup>th</sup> bid opening. Kucera November 4<sup>th</sup> attended GOP meeting.

Officials Reports: Highway Superintendent Kunze stated they are putting together specs for a new blade and working on a different salt mixture for highways in order to help reduce cost. Attorney Kunz attended NIRMA meeting and has been working with Mitch Inman regarding the budget and audit from the previous year. Human Resource Sedlacek mentioned she has been working with Kunze to get the CDL drivers registered in the Clearing House.

Tyson Benner appeared before the board regarding the One- & Six-Year Plan. Benner recommends having intermediate and long-term goals for the county as required by the roads department.

Long Term Care was discussed and Dexter reiterated that RDG and CNBA will be here this week to look at boilers and plumbing.

County Government Day was discussed and will be held Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 a.m. Treasurer Gilg approached the board regarding the Sinking Funds and would like clarification on what revenue would be placed in the funds. Dexter stated the Sinking Fund money would stay in the Sinking Fund and the other would be returned to the perspective department funds. Updated resolutions will need to be voted on in the upcoming meeting.

Distress Warrant report was presented by Gilg. 34 distress warrants were turned over the Sheriff's office of which seven have been updated and paid. Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to approve the Distress Warrant Report as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2024-25 directing the Courthouse Bond Payment to be paid. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Wiegert, second Jarecke to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2024-26 directing the 4-H Building Bond Payment. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Discussion on townships continued with Highway Superintendent Kunze stating he would like to have one meeting for all townships and would like guidance on how to continue. Townships will be on the November 26 board meeting agenda.

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to approve the chairwoman to sign Bader Park Permanent Easement for Trailblazer CO2 Pipeline. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Wiegert to approve the chairwoman to sign the four Midstate's Data Transport Utility Easement Permits. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to open the One-&Six Year public meeting at 9:55 a.m. Roll Call; All Ayes. Highway Superintendent Kunze presented a slide show of the roads and bridges on the One- & Six-

Year Plan. Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to move out of the One- & Six-Year Plan at 10:48 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2024-27 approving the One- & Six-Year improvement plan as presented by Highway Superintendent, Brent Kunze. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to accept the bid amount of \$232,692.25 from Midlands Contracting for the 22<sup>nd</sup> and V Box Culvert Project. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Dexter to accept the bid amount of \$557,526.40 from Vontz Paving for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Road Resurfacing Project. Roll Call: All Ayes

County Attorney Kunz stated the final bill for the budget performed by Dana Cole & Associates will be \$21,340.00 down from \$27,000.00.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the payment to Dana Cole & Associates for \$21,340.00. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Dexter, second Placke to go into Executive Session in regard to the Long-Term Care contract at 11:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to go out of Executive Session at 11:27 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the November claims with Jacob Dexter's \$8000.00 claim for snow grader to be included. Roll Call: All Ayes

<b>GENERAL</b>	ADVANCED RADIOLOGY OF GRAND ISLAND	PRISONER CARE	\$45.00
	AGRICULTURAL SERVICES INC	WEED CONTROL	\$195.00
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,139.54
	BANKS WRAPS & SIGNS	REPAIR	\$638.06
	BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	REPAIR	\$71.45
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$202.74
	BRYAN HEALTH	HEALTHCARE	\$122.55
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$2,867.31
	CEDARS	JV SERVICE	\$312.00
	CENTEC CAST METAL PRODUCTS	MARKERS-FLAGS	\$1,159.17
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$4.19
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES/FUEL	\$48.17
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$17.17
	CENTRAL NEBRASKA FABRICATION	REPAIR	\$400.00
	CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION LLC	MAINTAINANCE	\$4,800.00
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$279.96
	CENTURY LINK	E911 SERVICES	\$312.64
	CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$93.20
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	OLD HOSP UTIL	\$3,440.20
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,716.87
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$15.75
	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	MEALS	\$906.35
	CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	LODGING	\$1,239.50
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	OFFICE WATER	\$346.00
	CUSTOM UPHOLSTERY OF NEBRASKA	REPAIR	\$1,490.27

CVSOAN	2025 DUES	\$100.00
ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$95.68
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$63.50
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$58.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$462.23
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$53.84
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$204.52
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES/EQUIP	\$119.90
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	CONTRACT/RENT	\$294.95
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$79.08
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$227.08
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	BALLOT PRODUCT	\$3,473.47
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	TRAVEL/POSTAGE	\$178.58
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORM	\$200.99
SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$157.76
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
HAMILTON CO ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	INTERLOCAL	\$7,725.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$3,528.00
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$718.80
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$305.38
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	\$301.83
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$209.24
SHALYNN KANTER	MILEAGE	\$30.82
KEARNEY & DESIMONE LAW, LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,633.50
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	REPAIR	\$77.26
AARON J KUNZ	MILEAGE	\$414.06
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	BOARDING COST	\$1,650.00
DOUG MAW	SUPPLIES/PHONE	\$287.29
MAXIMUS CONSULTING SERVICES, INC	CONSULTANT FEE	\$2,100.00
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$259.96
MERRICK CO DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	\$276.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUND	\$205,000.00
MERRICK CO. HISTORICAL MUSEUM	SUPPORT	\$5,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$3,941.55
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$35.00
MIPS INC.	LB 644 CARDS	\$3,449.50
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$3,592.63
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING, INC	EXTERMINATING	\$90.00
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$226.98
NACO	MEMBERSHIP DUE	\$1,933.62

NACO	REGISTRATIONS	\$160.00
NACT TREASURER	2025 REGISTER	\$360.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$639.00
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CTR	TRAINING	\$500.00
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	MEMBERSHIP FEE	\$235.00
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$132.85
NSA/POSAN	MEMBERSHIP	\$230.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$99.38
PALSER SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$197.90
PINNACLE BANK CC	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$804.48
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/SUPPLIES	\$194.25
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$526.45
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$572.57
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/POSTAGE	\$230.50
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$644.21
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$573.48
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$205.79
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$80.10
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$3,860.05
PIP MARKETING SIGNS PRINT	SUPPLIES	\$255.89
POAN	RENEWAL	\$20.00
PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS ASSOC	MEMBERSHIP	\$175.00
REGION 3 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES	SUPPORT	\$5,107.30
TOM REIMERS	DUES	\$50.00
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$27.40
ROWLEY LAW LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$5,854.50
SHARON SCHULZE	MILEAGE	\$30.82
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$24.66
EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$28.14
STATE OF NEBRASKA	TELETYPE	\$713.60
MITCHELL C STEHLIK	ATTORNEY FEES	\$412.50
T & R AUTO PARTS	SERVICE CHARGE	\$69.81
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$501.42
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$99.17
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	EQUIPMENT	\$449.00
US FOODS DIVISION #2365	SUPPLIES	\$981.93
VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$1,525.85
VESTIS	MATS	\$37.68
PINNACLE BANK	MISC	\$402.90
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	UNIFORMS	\$51.94
ANGELA WELLER KOSMICKI	MILEAGE	\$30.82
TOM WELLER	MILEAGE	\$116.58
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$101.64

	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH, ROGER WIEGERT 1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES 911 CUSTOM	ATTORNEY FEES MILEAGE SUPPLIES EQUIPMENT	\$3,050.00 \$111.35 \$19.99 \$1,215.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 302,290.04</b>
<b>ROADS</b>	AKRS EQUIPMENT ANDERSON FORD-LINCOLN-MERCURY AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO. BLACK HILLS ENERGY BOMGAARS BOSELMAN ENERGY INC CYNTHIA CATLETT CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS FILTER CARE HASTINGS SERVICE CENTER FRONTIER COOPERATIVE HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS HANSEN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK INC ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. MENARDS MERRICK CO. TREASURER MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE MIPS INC. NEBR. MACHINERY CO. LEE NEEL NT&T/SHOP OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL PALMER SERVICE CENTER PALSER SERVICE/ROADS PCRPPD REED'S DO IT BEST INC RHD PUBLISHING, LLC SAPP BROS. INC SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT T & R AUTO PARTS VERIZON VERIZON WIRELESS	REPAIR REPAIR DIESEL GAS SERVICE SHOP SUPPLIES OIL MILEAGE SIGNS SUPPLIES SHOP SUPPLIES REPAIR DIESEL PHONE REPAIR SUPPLIES ASPHALT SEAL ROAD TRASH DISPOSAL EQUIP SUPPORT SHOP SUPPLIES UTILITIES PHONE GRAVEL TIRES REPAIR METER READING REPAIR PUBLICATION DIESEL ELECTRICITY REPAIR PHONE SERVICE PHONE/RENTAL	\$516.95 \$31.68 \$22,716.52 \$85.23 \$155.07 \$2,069.33 \$62.91 \$181.75 \$34.33 \$244.20 \$6,840.61 \$529.21 \$155.18 \$818.60 \$665.37 \$746.85 \$8.28 \$70.10 \$435.00 \$136.23 \$6,838.55 \$150.00 \$80.52 \$10,558.74 \$3,437.00 \$898.00 \$38.52 \$8.00 \$387.86 \$1,479.37 \$514.12 \$843.32 \$303.05 \$112.23
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$62,152.68</b>

<b>JUVENILE</b>	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$27.22
<b>DIVERSION</b>	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$65.26
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JV DIV	\$1.38
	US CELLULAR	PHONE	\$93.15
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$187.01</b>
<b>ADULT DRUG</b>	MORGAN CAMPBELL-PSCC	EXPENSES	\$23.98
<b>COURT</b>	CENTRAL CITY MALL	EXPENSES	\$81.55
	JAMES CONDREAY	EXPENSES	\$210.62
	PAUL HANSEN	EXPENSES	\$188.58
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$504.73</b>
<b>LATC FUND</b>	JACOB DEXTER	EQUIPMENT	\$8,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$8,000.00</b>
<b>INHERITANCE</b>	GENERAL FUND	FUND TRANSFER	\$800,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$800,000.00</b>
<b>4-H BLDG</b>	ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC	INSPECTION	\$165.40
<b>FUND</b>	GALUSHA ELECTRIC	REPAIR	\$115.00
	HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$71.22
	MCILNAY & CO	LABOR/MATERIAL	\$212.50
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$564.12</b>

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

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

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Tiffany Crouch, Deputy County Clerk

## November 26, 2024

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Dexter, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, Wiegert, Weller, County Clerk Strobel present. County Attorney Kunz absent.

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the minutes as published for November 12, 2024.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: County Government Day November 19<sup>th</sup>-Dexter, Placke, Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Wiegert, Kucera; Long Term Care Board November 20<sup>th</sup>-Dexter, Placke, Kreachbaum; CNBA at Long Term Care November 20<sup>th</sup>-Dexter, Placke, Kreachbaum; RDG at Long Term November 22<sup>nd</sup>-Dexter; Personnel meeting November 19<sup>th</sup>-Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Wiegert; 4H Building Committee-November 18<sup>th</sup>-Wiegert, Kreachbaum; November 26<sup>th</sup> Safety Meeting-Dexter; Central District Health November 18<sup>th</sup>-Weller; Good Life Center November 19<sup>th</sup>-Placke; Mid Plains November 20<sup>th</sup>-Kreachbaum; Mid-Nebraska Individual Services November 20<sup>th</sup>-Kucera.

Officials Reports: Treasurer Gilg informed the board the tax statements were printed last week. The Local Assist and Tribal Consistency Fund has \$92,000.00 remaining. Gilg will look into whether the funds need to be committed by the end of the year.

Sedlacek stated the first draft of the handbook has been completed and will need to get with the handbook committee to finalize. CDL drivers have been put into the Clearing House.

County Clerk Strobel stated the final voter turnout for Merrick County in the General Election was 83.73%.

Tyson Benner thanked board members Placke, Dexter and Kreachbaum for meeting with CNBA and RDG in regards to the Long-Term Care remodel. Benner stated he is also excited to see the direction townships will take in the future and is happy that County Government Day is being brought back for the students of Merrick County.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to correct the October 8, 2024 Board of Supervisor minutes to include the motion which was omitted from the minutes: Moved Placke, second Dexter to commit the remainder of the ARPA funds to the Bader Bridge Project as of October 8, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Melissa Vandewalle appeared before the board to give an update on Long Term Care. Vandewalle stated CNBA and RDG will have quotes ready for the January 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Rates will increase to \$290/day with private rooms remaining at an additional \$75/day.

Courtney Retzlaff, member of the Long-Term Care board and Chief Financial Officer of the Merrick Foundation provided a presentation if there were funds held at Merrick Foundation or a money market. Retzlaff stated that if donations went through Merrick Foundation, they would handle receiving donations and provide proper acknowledgement for tax purposes.

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to start a fund with Merrick Foundation for donations to Long Term Care board for use at the Long-Term Care facility. Roll Call: All Ayes

Brad Rice with the Chapman Township appeared before the board and requested the direction the board is going in the future with townships.

Moved Placke, second Wiegert to accept sick time donations from roads employees to be used by Cyrus Whitebull. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Weigert to approve the write off \$434.47 for past due billing for the Merrick County Surveyors department. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to approve all new agreements and permit fees to increase to \$50.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign the Von Ohlen Bridge Easement Agreements. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to approve the county burial application as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Judd Allen with Blue Cross/Blue Shield provided a handout to the board regarding HRA buy down deductible savings report. Allen explained different options to the board. A \$6100.00 deductible for Employee Only and a \$12, 200.00 deductible for Employee/Spouse, Employee/Children and Employee/Family with a buy down to the previous deductibles of \$1100.00 and \$2200.00 could potentially save the county \$104,298.36 per year.

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to raise the deductible plan to \$6100.00 beginning January 1, 2025 with the usage of the buy down. Roll Call: All Ayes

County Surveyor contract discussion was held. No action taken.

Resolution 2024-28 to eliminate the position of Road/Survey Assistant position to be tabled until the next board meeting.

Treasurer Gilg explained the last draft she received from Dana Cole & Associates was dated September 9<sup>th</sup>. Dana Cole & Associates sent a letter dated October 18, 2024 for the board to sign, however, there have not been any corrections or a final draft submitted by the company to date. Until there is an updated letter with the corrections, the letter will not be signed.

Clerk Strobel provided email correspondence between herself and the State Auditor in regards to the 2024-2025 budget that was submitted.

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

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

## December 10, 2024

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Dexter, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, Wiegert, Weller, County Clerk Strobel present. County Attorney Kunz absent.

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Moved Wiegert, second Weller to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes  
Agenda: Moved Placke, second Jarecke to approve the agenda. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the minutes as published for November 26, 2024 board meeting with the addition of Placke leaving the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Bader Park December 2<sup>nd</sup>-Weller; SCEDD December 2<sup>nd</sup>, SCEDD Board meeting December 5<sup>th</sup>, Merrick County Economic Development Center December 6<sup>th</sup>-Dexter; Midland Area on Aging December 5<sup>th</sup>-Wiegert; Tall Grass Conference Call update and phone meeting with Beth Farrell regarding Chapman Cemetery December 2<sup>nd</sup>-Kucera.

Officials Reports: Anna Sedlacek with Zelle provided an update on the handbook.

Highway Superintendent Kunze stated he had entered into a contract with Midwest Engineering for a box culvert at 19<sup>th</sup> & T bridge. Updating all permits on the road department website so permits may be digitalized. Von Ohlen bridge and 22<sup>nd</sup> & V box culvert projects contractors want to start in January. Bader Park bridge project will begin next week.

Treasurer Gilg spoke about the obligations and conditions in using the ARPA Funds. Tax statements have been printed and sent. Gilg is looking into a full-service next year where a company through NACO which will prepare and mail statements for the county.

Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to approve the chairwoman to sign the SDL application for Scotty's, LLC for a reception at the Merrick County Fairgrounds for a reception 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Mitch Elliott, consulting engineer for RDG, handed out a proposal for a Long-Term Care remodel which included renovation, modifications and percentage of construction. Proposals from both RDG and CMBA are due at the January 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Stacey Harlow provided a handout for the Juvenile Diversion 5 Year Community Plan. Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the board to sign the 5 Year Community Plan. Roll Call: All Ayes

Juvenile Diversion directory, Jordanne McNeff, presented the Interlocal Agreement and Grant Applications to the board. McNeff stated a \$1500.00 increase per county would occur so the dues per county will be \$5500.00 per year. Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to sign the grant application as presented. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Kreachbaum to approve the Interlocal Agreement as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Resolution 2024-28 clarifying the funding source for the Merrick County Road Department Sinking Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Public Defender, Jennifer Kearney, appeared before the board and requested to meet again January 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss her contract in addition to extending her contract through the end of January. Moved Weller, second Dexter to extend Jennifer Kearney's Public Defender contract through the end of January 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign the Opioid Remediation Letter to be sent to Region III along with their support claim check. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to have the chairwoman sign Resolution 2024-30 directing the transfer of \$250,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Wiegert absent at 10:51 a.m.

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to approve the November fees as presented by District Court, County Clerk and the County Sheriff's departments. Roll Call: All Ayes

<b>GENERAL</b>	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	MAINTENANCE	\$240.00
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,139.54
	HEIDI BEYARD	ELECTION WRKR	\$48.00
	BG&S TRANSMISSIONS OF GRAND ISLAND	MAINTENANCE	\$775.40
	BLUE360 MEDIA	SUPPLIES	\$102.95
	BOMGAARS	EQUIPMENT	\$3,059.98
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$1,458.71
	CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION LLC	MAINTENANCE	\$22,704.00
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$39.96
	CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$315.92
	CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$32.46
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,543.10
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$4,119.38
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITY BILL	\$15.87
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$173.00
	COMFORT INN	LODGING	\$119.00
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$360.00
	PENNY CERNIK	ELECTION WRKR	\$163.74
	BARRY DENNING	ELECTION WRKR	\$60.00
	ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$164.82
	BELINDA DIERKS	ELECTION WRKR	\$27.00
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$77.89
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	EQUIP RENTAL	\$1,189.12
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$332.51
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$106.71
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	EQUIP RENTAL	\$150.58
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$18.81
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$6.48
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	INV602976	\$203.67
	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	SUPPLIES	\$4,295.27
	ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC	SYSTEM INSPECT	\$305.40
	SUANN ENGEL	BUDGET ASSIST	\$1,837.50
	FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES	LODGING	\$119.95
	TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	ADMIN FEE	\$400.00
	FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$12,303.06
	ERIN FOUSEK	MILEAGE	\$11.66
	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
	SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$30.00
	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES	\$95.88

HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$800.00
HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK	DISPATCH AGRMT	\$47,707.25
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/CABLE	\$3,528.15
TERESA HARTWIG	ELECTION WRKR	\$96.00
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$617.48
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH SERVICE	\$303.72
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	\$135.87
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	UNIFORMS	\$340.79
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$209.12
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$213.00
JACOBSEN-GREENWAY-DIETZ	CORONER	\$422.00
JOHNSON CONTROLS SECURITY SOLUTIONS	SECURITY	\$28.13
KEARNEY & DESIMONE LAW, LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$16,485.00
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	MAINTANANCE	\$77.26
BARB KOHL	ELECTION WRKR	\$90.52
DOUG MAW	PHONE	\$179.99
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$36.58
MERRICK CO. COURT	CO COURT COST	\$1,490.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUND	\$205,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$271.23
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$575.00
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$3,657.63
MIPS INC.	RECEIPTS	\$272.00
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE	\$155.96
NACO	REGISTRATIONS	\$480.00
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	MEMBERSHIP	\$450.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$453.00
KAREN NELSON	ELECTION WRKR	\$66.00
NNTC	PHONE SERVICES	\$132.85
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	PAPER SHRED	\$40.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$146.28
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$365.70
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$367.07
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$356.35
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$387.74
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$789.15
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$152.36
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$58.75
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$4,002.68
JAN PLACKE	ELECTION WRKR	\$111.00
PLATTE PEER GROUP	SUPPORT	\$6,000.00
REGION 3 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES	SUPPORT	\$3,064.38
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$878.31

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	MARY SANTIN	ELECTION WRKR	\$110.08
	SAYLER SCREENPRINTING	UNIFORMS	\$314.00
	SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION	INSPECTION	\$4,565.51
	EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$188.94
	STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$1,381.60
	STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,600.00
	SURVEY RECORD REPOSITORY	COPIES	\$25.00
	THE RADAR SHOP	RECERT RADAR	\$430.00
	TOP QUALITY GLOVES	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$84.65
	TOTAL AUTO BODY	DEDUCTIBLE	\$1,000.00
	TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$131.55
	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	SHOWWORKS	\$325.00
	PINNACLE BANK	DUES	\$271.49
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	JAIL REPAIRS	\$201.25
	CHRISTY WANDFLUH	MILEAGE	\$134.00
	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$214.00
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$2,950.00
	ZELLE LLC	CONSULTING	\$5,311.55
	JODY ZIEMBA	CEMETERY KEEP	\$700.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$659.95
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$381,575.81</b>
<b>ROADS</b>			
	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$6,059.92
	AKRS EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	\$1,012.38
	BAUM HYDRAULICS	SUPPLIES	\$70.53
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$85.26
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$169.19
	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	2 YEAR PLAN	\$729.96
	COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO	REPAIR	\$354.32
	CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	SIGNS	\$635.20
	D&S TREE SERVICE	EQUIP RENTAL	\$30.00
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	CONTRACT	\$440.92
	FILTER CARE	CLEANED	\$106.15
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,405.78
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	10993954	\$155.18
	HERK'S WELDING SHOP	SUPPLIES	\$291.96
	INTERMOUNTAIN MACHINE & FAB, INC	REPAIR	\$223.68
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SUPPLY	\$107.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROAD	\$15.07
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH PICKUP	\$70.10
	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO.	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$23,450.07
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRES	\$668.72

	MIPS INC.	24080920	\$136.23
	NACO	KUNZE	\$160.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$1,173.65
	NSG LOGISTICS, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$4,205.23
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	SHOP PHONE	\$80.52
	OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	ENGINEER FEE	\$26,550.00
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$15,443.02
	PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$342.87
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL/TIRES	\$3,208.40
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$600.00
	RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	REPAIR	\$2,368.03
	SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$1,476.00
	SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR, LLC	REPAIR	\$14.00
	SIGN SOLUTIONS USA LLC	SIGNS	\$258.58
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$566.82
	EVAGELINE SVITAK	EASEMENT	\$300.00
	T & R AUTO PARTS	EQUIP/SUPPLIES	\$417.58
	UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY	LAND LEASE	\$250.00
	VERIZON	PHONE	\$303.05
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/RENTAL	\$112.25
	FREDRICK & JETTA VON OHLEN	EASEMENT	\$300.00
	WELDON PARTS	REPAIR	\$48.04
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$94,470.66</b>
<b>OPIOID RECOVERY FUNDS</b>	REGION 3 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES	QTR	\$12,257.52
			\$12,257.52
<b>K-9 FUNDS</b>	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	BOARD/VACCINE	\$195.03
	PINNACLE BANK	SUPPLIES	\$218.90
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$413.93</b>
<b>INHERITANCE FUND</b>	GENERAL FUND	FUND TRANSFER	\$250,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$250,000.00</b>
<b>4H BLDG FUND</b>	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$7.88
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$22.66
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,353.62
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$126.01
	HANS SERVICE LLC	EQUIPMENT	\$650.72
	HD SUPPLY	INV837088657	\$766.06
	MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$715.91

STANEK FIRE PROTECTION

SERVICE

\$170.00

**TOTAL**

**\$3,812.86**

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

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to approve the payroll. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

## December 23, 2024

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Monday, December 23, 2024 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Dexter, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, Wiegert, Weller, County Clerk Strobel and Deputy County Attorney Luzum 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. Chairwoman Kucera declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 a.m.

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

Minutes: Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the minutes as published for December 10, 2024 board meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Weller-NACO in Kearney December 18 and 19; NACO in Kearney December 18 thru the 20<sup>th</sup>-Dexter, Placke, Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Wiegert and Kucera. Dexter-Five Nines business call December 11; Finance Committee meeting December 16<sup>th</sup>-Dexter, Wiegert, Kucera; Placke-Senior Center December 13<sup>th</sup>; Santa Cop-December 17<sup>th</sup>- Jarecke, Kucera; December 12<sup>th</sup>-Mid Nebraska Individual Services.

Officials Reports: Anna Sedlacek with Zelle reported that she had been working with employee personnel. Clerk Strobel stated their office is finalizing the random 1099 audit from 2021. Highway Superintendent Kunze informed the board the state bridge funding will be reimbursing the county approximately 55% of the cost on three bridges.

Public Comment: Katie Benner asked if any there any updates regarding on the township meetings. Highway Superintendent Kunze goal is to have a meeting sometime in January and will be providing documentation for the attendees.

Melissa Vandewalle provided an update on Long Term Care. Vandewalle stated the nursing home board would like to know what the supervisors' level of commitment is dollarwise to invest in the current building. An answer would be appreciated today or before the January 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting, this would allow for contract clarity. Also, what are the supervisors willing to fund the nursing home if they cannot commit to separating the buildings. Chairwoman Kucera stated that would be discussed during Executive Session later on in the meeting.

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to commit the remainder of the ARPA Funds in the amount of \$536,796.99 to the Bader Bridge project due to not having a contract for the E911 Signage. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Wiegert to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2024-29 eliminating the position of Surveyor Assistant. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2024-31 clarifying funding source for the Merrick County Sheriff's Office Sinking Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

10:00 a.m. Motor Grader bid opening: Murphy Tractor & Equipment bid: New 2025 Articulated Motor Grader \$465,400.00. Trade in credit: 2010 CAT-140M -\$72,500.00 and 1996 CAT-160H -\$32,500.00 for a total of \$360,400.00. Nebraska Machinery Co bid: New 2025 Articulated Motor Grader \$473,200.00. Trade in credit: 2010 CAT-140M -\$70,950.00 and 1996 CAT-160H -\$41,500.00 for a total of \$391,350.00. Nebraska Machinery Co bid: \$391,350.00 with delivery date within 6 months of bid. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the purchase from Nebraska Machinery consistent with the bid presented. Roll Call: Ayes-Placke, Jarecke, Wiegert, Kreachbaum, Dexter, Kucera Nays: Weller Motion carried with a 6-1 vote.

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the chairwoman to sign the Addendum between IBEW Local 1597 International Brotherhood of Electrical Works, Local Union 1597 and Merrick County to add Christmas Eve Day for 8 hours of Holiday pay and be retroactive from July 1, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Captain Bauer presented a handout with the Sheriff Departments vehicle inventory.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve the fleet quote provided by ESU pursuits. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign the Audit Representation letter with the clause regarding the journal entries redacted. Roll Call: All Ayes

Anna Sedlacek appeared before the board to go over the contract with Zelle. Sedlacek will be meeting with officials after the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting for the handbook. Sedlacek named off the job responsibilities she has been taking care of and informed the board of county's they may contact for more guidance on how to benefit from Zelle's services more effectively.

Chairwoman Kucera stated she would like the officials to make a priority list for the coming year on wants and needs for their offices.

Discussion regarding the Hearing Room resulted in the decision to keep the past and current procedure to stay in place. Anyone in the courthouse wishing to use the Hearing Room will need to contact District Court for availability.

Moved Wiegert, second Jarecke to move into Executive Session at 11:37 a.m. to discuss contract negotiations. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to move out of Executive Session at 11:48 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha Fate-Strobel, County Clerk