

January 14, 2025

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Weller, Placke, County Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present. Kucera 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.

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

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

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

Roll Call: All Ayes

Vice Chairman Wiegert called for reorganization of the Board for 2025. Moved Dexter, second Placke to reorganize as Board of Supervisors. Roll Call: All Ayes

Silent vote took place for the Board Chairperson position. Results four votes Kucera, two votes Wiegert and one vote Dexter. Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the appointment of Kucera as Board Chairwoman with a vote of 4-2-1. Roll Call: All Ayes

Silent vote then took place for the Board Vice-Chairperson position. Results: three votes Wiegert and three votes Dexter. A second silent vote for Vice-Chairperson resulted in four votes Dexter, two votes Wiegert. Moved Jarecke, second Placke to approve the Vice-Chairman position to Dexter. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Wiegert, second Placke to designate paid holidays as in the prior year. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Wiegert to set the County Board Meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month with the exception of holding a meeting on Monday, November 10th due to the Veterans Day holiday on Tuesday, November 11th. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Wiegert, second Weller 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 Jarecke, 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 Placke, second Wiegert to appoint the Board of Supervisors as the predesignated Grievance Board along with elected officials and appointed officials. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Weller, second Wiegert to appoint Brent Kunze to the advisory committee for the NRD for 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Jarecke to appoint Brent Kunze as Merrick County Highway Superintendent and to designate him to negotiate Right of Way agreements for Merrick County 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to appoint Jenna Church 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 Jarecke to set the E-911 surcharge rates at \$1.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to keep the meal per diem to \$30.00 a day for travel/meetings. Roll Call: All Ayes

Vice-Chairman Dexter appointed the board members to the same committees as served in the prior year.

Vice-Chairman Dexter 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-Wiegert; 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-Placke, Jarecke, Kreachbaum; Extension Board Liaison-Kucera

Meetings: Dexter-January 3rd SCEDD board meeting

Officials Report: Anna Sedlacek informed the board two interviews were going to be conducted for the corrections position. January 28th personnel will start working on the handbook. Clerk Strobel stated that Mead Township had turned over their books due to wanting to dissolve. Strobel also mentioned Andrew Simmons will no longer be doing the budgets for the townships. Treasurer Gilg reported on the tax collections receiving 13.44% to date. Hamilton County now has DMV available at their courthouse.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to approve the addendum to agreement between IBEW and County of Merrick. This Addendum shall become effective January 9, 2025 through June 30, 2027. This addendum states that any Holiday not in the Union agreement, that is observed by the Merrick County Government, will automatically apply to the bargaining unit as well. Roll Call: Ayes-Weller, Placke, Kreachbaum, Wiegert and Dexter. Nays-Jarecke. Motion carried with a vote of 5-1.

Moved Placke, second Wiegert to appoint Ashley Hake and Karen Benner to the Extension Board. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to approve the SDL Application received from the Independent Club JAP, LLC for February 1, 2025 at the 4-H Building for the Chamber Gala 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to hire RDG Planning & Design. Roll Call: Ayes-Placke, Wiegert, Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Dexter; Nays-Weller. Motion carried with a vote of 5-1.

Moved Weller to pursue private ownership of Long-Term Care. The county will organize a committee to reach out to private investors that may include Bryan Health to own the beds. The county will continue to maintain and remain open until a private investor has a new facility constructed. If the new owner did not want to own the current facility the county would sell the facility separately. Motion died due to lack of second.

Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to move forward in hiring RDG Planning & Design. Roll Call: Discussion regarding Long-Term Care continued with two fee proposals received from CMBA Architects for a lump sum of \$85,600 and RDG Planning & Design for Phase 1 \$28,000.00 for the building assessment.

Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to hire RDG Planning & Design. Roll Call: Ayes-Placke, Wiegert, Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Dexter; Nays-Weller. Motion carried with a vote of 5-1.

Treasurer Gilg presented the Semi-Annual Report.

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve the Enhancement Grant Application for Juvenile Diversion. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to approve the County Bridge Match Program between Merrick County and State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Kreachbaum to approve the Structure No C0006122410 Replacement with Oak Creek Engineering. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Weller to approve the 2nd Road Asphalt Overlay with Oak Creek Engineering.
Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion on the possibility of paying claims twice a month instead of once a month. No action taken.
Moved Placke, second Wiegert to move into Executive Session at 10:49 a.m. for contract negotiations.
Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to move out of Executive Session at 11:16 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Place, second Weller to increase the Highway Superintendent's annual salary to \$72,300.00 effective July 1, 2024. 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

GENERAL	ANIMAL HEALTH INTERNATIONAL NEBR	SUPPLIES	\$297.00
	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICE AGREE	\$240.00
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,139.54
	BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS	TRAINING	\$558.80
	BLUE360 MEDIA	LIBRARY	\$298.35
	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$7.38
	BOMGAARS	EQUIPMENT	\$113.45
	BRYAN HEALTH	PRISONER HC	\$297.77
	CANDLEWOOD SUITES	LODGING	\$2,998.80
	CARDIO PARTNERS INC	EQUIPMENT	\$1,257.48
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$1,768.29
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$17.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$161.45
	CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION LLC	MAINTAINANCE	\$3,696.00
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$44.69
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$39.90
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	EQUIPMENT	\$45.98
	CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICES	\$315.92
	CITIZENS BANK & TRUST COMPANY	RENTAL FEE	\$8.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	OLD HOSP-UTIL	\$2,994.19
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$2,676.68
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$15.75
	CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	COURT EXPENSES	\$24.42
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$346.00
	DAWSON COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$1,350.00
	DES MOINES STAMP	SUPPLIES	\$76.00
	ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$39.93
	DISTRICT 5 PROBATION	24-25 SUPPORT	\$15,041.65
	DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$33.50
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$59.21
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$112.09
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$333.67
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$113.26
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	SUPPLIES	\$202.87

EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$880.96
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$824.98
VIRGINIA FAHNESTOCK	UNIFORMS/ALTER	\$64.00
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/TRAVEL	\$159.48
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	HRA PLAN BUYD	\$512.00
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$6,864.18
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICE	MAINTENANCE	\$378.04
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$360.76
GALUSHA ELECTRIC	SUPPLIES	\$105.76
GI AREA CLEAN COMMUNITY SYSTEM	24-25 SUPPORT	\$2,000.00
SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$126.88
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING	\$440.00
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$4,000.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$3,545.58
DEAN HARTWIG	SUPPLIES	\$34.99
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH SERVICE	\$302.94
HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY	LODGING	\$124.95
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$355.87
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$209.09
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$38.32
KEARNEY & DESIMONE LAW, LLC	ATTY FEES	\$16,376.41
RUSSELL KREACHBAUM	MILEAGE	\$209.04
AARON J KUNZ	TRAVEL	\$108.54
LEXIPOL, LLC	TRAINING	\$358.61
DOUG MAW	PHONE	\$86.76
MCILNAY & CO	SUPPLIES	\$478.97
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HEALTH	PRISONER HEALT	\$408.00
MERRICK CO. CLERK	DEED FILING	\$36.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	CO COURT COSTS	\$414.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUND	\$205,000.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSES	\$55.32
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$174.82
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$35.00
MID NEBR. INDIVIDUAL SERVICES	24-25 SUPPORT	\$7,668.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$166.60
MIDWEST CONNECT	SUPPLIES	\$351.00
DARLENE MILLER	RETIREMENT	\$192.00
MIPS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$323.80
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$7,315.26
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING, INC	EXTERMINATING	\$80.00
JENNIFER MYERS	MILEAGE	\$129.16

NACA C/O LINDY COLEMAN	DUES	\$100.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$210.00
NEBRASKA CLERKS OF DISTRICT COURT	DUES	\$50.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$183.00
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	REGISTRATION	\$150.00
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$269.73
NSA/POSAN	DUES	\$30.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$163.02
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$376.52
PALMER VETERINARY CLINIC	ANIMAL CONTROL	\$236.99
PALSER SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$2,629.81
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	PAPER SHRED	\$173.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$35.06
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$549.84
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$664.27
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$448.07
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$286.55
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$596.20
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$131.29
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$4,226.35
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	CAR REPAIR	\$664.95
POAN	EQUIPMENT	\$120.50
PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS ASSOC OF NE	CONFERENCE	\$250.00
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	POSTAGE RENTAL	\$516.99
KIMBERLY J QUANDT, AAL	ATTY FEES	\$2,422.80
RAPID FIRE PROTECTION	EQUIPMENT	\$375.00
TOM REIMERS	MILEAGE	\$96.48
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$1,075.00
SACK LUMBER	SUPPLIES	\$14.97
SCEDD	SUPPORT	\$2,000.00
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$19.26
EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$112.56
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$1,715.60
STERLING COMMISSARY LLC	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$164.97
STORE MORE STORE	EQUIPMENT	\$825.36
GLORIA TAGGE	RETIREMENT	\$156.00
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$1,002.84
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$140.02
STEPHEN R.W. TWISS	FEES	\$98.00
VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$50.00
PINNACLE BANK	DUES	\$503.90
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$119.26
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$4,979.07

	ROGER WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$76.92
	WILLOW RISING, INC	SUPPORT	\$2,500.00
	ZELLE LLC	HR	\$5,123.95
TOTAL			\$334,845.23
ROADS	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	EQUIP REPAIR	\$29.99
	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	SUPPLIES	\$50,733.33
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$5,115.75
	BEATRICE SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$443.13
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$250.54
	BOMGAARS	REPAIR	\$233.86
	BOSELMAN ENERGY INC	SHOP	\$15,044.30
	CANDLEWOOD SUITES	#11660	\$124.95
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$8.99
	DIAMOND LIME, LLC	GRAVEL	\$862.50
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$279.09
	ERICKSON SEPTIC & BACKHOE	BUILDING REPAIR	\$7,152.71
	FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS LTD	SIGNS	\$245.00
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,876.84
	GALUSHA ELECTRIC	BLDG REPAIR	\$2,032.38
	GRAND ISLAND ACE HARDWARE	SHOP	\$81.50
	GRAND ISLAND ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	REPAIR	\$28.34
	GRAND ISLAND CLINIC	D & A TEST	\$180.00
	JIM L GRAVES	RETIREMENT	\$168.00
	GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	REPAIR	\$93.43
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$155.24
	HANSEN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK INC	REPAIR	\$436.69
	BUCKY HERMAN	LAND RENTAL	\$720.00
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP	\$276.35
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS	\$7.59
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$70.10
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRES	\$1,556.00
	MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$272.46
	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO.INC	REPAIR	\$28.62
	MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	EXTERMINATE	\$90.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/CONTRACT	\$1,300.62
	NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$861.00
	NSG LOGISTICS, LLC	ICE CONTROL	\$1,870.31
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	SHOP PHONE	\$80.57
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$786.58
	PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$35.47
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	\$1,168.90

	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRE REPAIR	\$702.50
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	#9553 ROADS	\$441.38
	RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	REPAIR	\$41.36
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$22.05
	SACK LUMBER CO./ROADS	REPAIR	\$128.91
	SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$1,249.31
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$668.03
	T & R AUTO PARTS	SHOP SUPPLY	\$45.67
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$303.05
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/RENTAL	\$237.44
TOTAL			\$98,585.84

JUV DIV	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$80.22
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$52.53
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JV	\$4.14
	US CELLULAR	PHONE SERVICE	\$264.14
	3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	EDUCATION	\$135.00
TOTAL			\$536.03

DRUG CRT	DISTRICT 5 PROBATION	DRUG COURT EXP	\$100.00
TOTAL			\$100.00

4H BLDG	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,626.65
	NEBRASKA FIRE SPRINKLER	INSPECTION	\$350.00
	NEBRASKA HEATING & AIR, INC	DIAGNOSTIC FEE	\$162.39
TOTAL			\$2,139.04

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

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

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

/s/Ed Dexter, Vice-Chairman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

January 28, 2025

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Jarecke absent 9:05 a.m.

Agenda: Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: Ayes-Kreachbaum, Weller, Dexter, Wiegert, Kucera.

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve the minutes from January 14, 2025 with the corrections of the RDG discussion being duplicated and Dexter attending SCEDD meeting January 3rd.

Roll Call: Ayes-Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Dexter, Weller. Abstain-Kucera

Jarecke present 9:08 a.m.

Meeting Reports: Long Term Care-Dexter and Kreachbaum January 15th; Central District Health-Wiegert January 27th; Region III January 24th and MNIS conference call January 28th-Kucera.

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers reported she had received final notice on the 2024 TERC hearings. Anna Sedlacek, Human Resources, stated the handbook meeting will be held after the board meeting today. There are also corrections officer and deputy positions that are being currently interviewed and tested. Treasurer Gilg presented the Distress Warrant Report. The report shows 34 distress warrants totaling \$15,052.30 were giving to the Sheriff's Department. 33 warrants were collected with one warrant returned unsatisfied in the amount of \$40.22 due to the passing of the individual.

Clerk Strobel informed the board the random IRS Audit on 1099's from 2021 has been completed.

Potential withholding tax to be paid to the IRS from the county was \$19,997.00, however all eight entities reported back to Strobel resulting in a zero balance to be paid to the IRS. Highway Superintendent Kunze gave an update on construction projects. Von Bridge will possibly begin in the next two weeks, there is no update on 22nd & V Bridge and currently working on easements on the Bader Park Bridge.

Attorney Kunz provided an update on the Child Support position.

Brady Myers, Lane Moetl, Chloe Jefferson and McKenna Moetl the Merrick County Ambassadors for 4-H were present for the 4-H Proclamation Signing. Chairwoman Kucera signed the proclamation marking February as Merrick County 4-H month.

Jennifer Kearney appeared before the board to discuss her Public Defender contract. Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve Kearney's contract with a start date of February 1, 2025 in the amount of \$10,000.00 per month. Roll Call: All Ayes

Melissa Vandewalle provided an update on Long-Term Care.

Treasurer Gilg presented the Distress Warrant Report.

A quote from Heins Lawn was received for fertilizer application. No action taken at this time.

A handout was presented by Kreachbaum for requesting bids to install an audiovisual system in the Merrick County Youth & Agriculture Education Center. No action taken at this time.

Captain Bauer informed the board the ESU Pursuits quote on the fleet has been decreased by a total of \$5600.00.

Hillary Betka, Planning & Zoning came before the board to discuss the Flood Plain Administrator position. Betka explained an individual Interlocal Agreement may have to be written up if Hamilton County so chooses to add Flood Plain Administrator to the Planning and Zoning Interlocal.

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

Moved Wiegert, second Placke to adjourn at 10:12 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

February 11, 2025

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 9:09 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Jarecke, Kucera, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present. Weller absent.

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the minutes from January 28, 2025 with the corrections of Dexter attending the Merrick County Economic Development meeting January 3rd and not SCEDD, Dexter adjourned the meeting not Placke. Roll Call: Ayes-Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Placke, Weller, Dexter, Jarecke. Abstain-Placke

Meeting Reports: Dexter-SCEDD January 30th, Merrick County Economic Development-February 7; Placke-attended and helped with Senior Center soup supper January 23, Senior Center meeting on February 4th. Placke stated Casey with Midland Area on Aging will be at the Senior Center February 18th at 10:00 a.m. to explain the daily operations with county board members encouraged to attend.

Jarecke, Kreachbaum-Employee Handbook meeting January 28; Kreachbaum-Emergency Management meeting with Jenna Church February 5; Wiegert-Midland Area on Aging in Hastings, February 6th.

Officials Reports: Anna Sedlacek will be going over the employee handbook with the handbook committee and officials after the board meeting. Sedlacek is still waiting on everyone's job descriptions. Treasurer Gilg stated they are down to 55 parcels for the tax sale and provided an update on school tax credits.

County Attorney Kunz had an individual do shadow work with him and is considering a summer internship.

Moved Wiegert, second Weller to approve the Special Designated Liquor license applications as presented for Scotty's LLC and Prairie Creek winery. Roll Call: All Ayes

Township budgets was discussed. No action taken.

Agreement with Long-Term Care and RDG was discussed. Placke stated she would like to return the document to RDG outlining the concerns Deputy County Attorney Ross Luzum stated in the agreement. District Court Clerk Good explained to the board how LB216 would affect the county. Beginning January 7, 2027, all elected clerks of the district court and employees would become state employees if the bill passes. A letter in support of keeping the position of clerk of the district court as a county employee will be signed by all board members and sent to legislature.

Maw, with building and grounds, provided the board with quotes for lawn fertilizer and chemical applications. Proposals were received from AB Turf Care-four applications \$1269.00; The 5th Season Lawn Service-six applications \$1290.72; Red Carpet Law Care, LLC-four applications \$1566.00 and Heins Lawn, Landscape & Irrigation-five applications \$2369.74. Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to accept the proposal from Heins Lawn, Landscape & Irrigation. Roll Call: Ayes-Dexter, Placke, Weller, Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Wiegert. Nays-Kucera. Motion carried with a vote of 6-1.

Brent Kunze, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board concerning the township meeting he would like to hold. Kunze provided a handout of some materials he is planning on disbursing to the township members. The handouts will contain information regarding township maps, levy information, township financial breakdowns, maintenance agreement and state statutes. Kunze hopes to hold the meeting in March sometime in the evening.

Opioid Fund being used for the Region III contract was discussed. Attorney Kunz will reach out to the Attorney General regarding the guidelines for usage.

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the January Fees as presented by District Court, County Clerk and the Sheriff's Department. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	EQUIPMENT	\$240.00
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,139.69
	JULIE L BELLIS	RECORDING	\$89.00
	BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS	MEALS	\$277.95
	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	INMATE SUPPLY	\$97.64
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$26.97
	BRYAN HEALTH	HEALTHCARE	\$199.50
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$2,321.59
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$39.96
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	REPAIR	\$17.77
	CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICES	\$316.20
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$3,873.94
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$3,638.47
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$15.75
	CENTRAL NEBRASKA COUNTY ASSESSOR	CD DUES	\$25.00
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$433.00
	DANA F COLE & COMPANY	AUDIT/BUDGET	\$20,700.00
	ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$96.88
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$104.93
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$227.23
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	\$422.32
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$315.62
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	RENTAL	\$168.98
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$1,037.83
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	OFFICE SUPPLIE	\$229.10
	TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE	\$30.00
	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	HRA BUYDOWN	\$232.00
	FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$6,197.80
	FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$750.91
	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
	GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$167.19
	SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$34.78
	THERESA GOOD	MILEAGE	\$88.84
	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES	\$95.88
	HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING COST	\$110.00
	HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COST	\$3,450.00
	HAMILTON COUNTY	INTERLOCAL	\$7,725.00
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$3,545.58
	HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$370.71
	HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH SERVICE	\$304.15
	HEINS LAWN & LANDSCAPE INC	SUPPLIES	\$180.00

HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY	LODGING	\$139.95
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$245.87
INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS	MAINTENANCE	\$315.00
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$209.12
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$462.24
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	REPAIR	\$77.26
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSES	\$21.50
DOUG MAW	SUPPLIES	\$615.20
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D&A TEST	\$82.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUND	\$205,000.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$19.75
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$710.65
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$125.00
MIPS INC.	JURY	\$323.77
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$3,657.63
MIPS INC.	PRINTING/SUPP	\$1,609.58
JENNIFER MYERS	MILEAGE/MISC	\$365.20
NACEB	DUES	\$150.00
NACO	HANDBOOK	\$100.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$100.00
REBECCA ROSSELL	DUES	\$100.00
LISA LINDSAY	DUES	\$75.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$93.00
NEBRASKA STATE PATROL	LICENSE	\$501.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$62.17
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	MAINTENANCE	\$1,459.95
PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR	\$162.90
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	PAPER SHRED	\$40.00
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY, PC	CORONER	\$300.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$45.36
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$649.31
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$570.23
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$723.26
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/SUPPLIES	\$517.72
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$420.67
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$427.80
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$152.78
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$6,027.90
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$1,512.30
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	\$1,058.50
KIMBERLY J QUANDT, AAL	ATTY FEES	\$1,327.00
TOM REIMERS	MILEAGE	\$249.20
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$695.41

	RHD PUBLISIHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$494.44
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$104.03
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$29.48
	NE SECRETARY OF STATE	ID CARD PRINT	\$30.00
	STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$713.60
	STATE/NE DEPT CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	SAFEKEEPER	\$542.10
	STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTY FEES	\$512.50
	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$501.42
	PINNACLE BANK	DUES/SUPPLIES	\$614.62
	CHRISTY WANDFLUH	MILEAGE/MEAL	\$152.00
	KARA WELLS	MEALS/MILAGE	\$864.19
	JOHN WESTMAN	MEALS	\$13.16
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTY FEES	\$4,293.75
	ZELLE LLC	HR	\$15,693.68
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	COMP SUPPLIES	\$724.46
TOTAL			\$316,186.94
ROADS	AKRS EQUIPMENT	SHOP	\$53.08
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$2,696.98
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$288.37
	BLUEBEAM, INC	SOFTWARE	\$330.00
	BOMGAARS	REPAIR	\$758.85
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	DIESEL	\$16.14
	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	SHOP	\$629.97
	CEDAR VALLEY LUMBER CLARKS, LLC	SHOP	\$149.17
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$168.96
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$195.02
	FILTER CARE	SHOP	\$39.60
	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	PLAN FEES	\$88.00
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,085.44
	GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$167.82
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$155.24
	INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICES, INC	REPAIR	\$805.00
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SUPPLIES	\$131.50
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS	\$5.31
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DIPOSAL	\$70.10
	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO.	BLADES	\$4,649.73
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	SUPPLIES	\$7,356.20
	MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$136.23
	NE DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	ENGINEER FEE	\$135.47
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	LABOR	\$2,524.69
	NEBRASKA GLASS COMPANY LLC	REPAIR	\$219.75
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00

	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE	\$84.22
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	OIL/SUPPLIES	\$134.71
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	GAS/DIESEL	\$3,788.88
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	FUEL	\$605.00
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	#9553 ROADS	\$42.99
	POLK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT	AGREEMENT	\$375.00
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER		
	DIST	METER READING	\$326.84
	SACK LUMBER CO./ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$25.20
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$890.15
	SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS	ENGINEER FEES	\$1,518.75
	STATE STEEL SUPPLY CO.	STEEL	\$2,570.58
	T & R AUTO PARTS	REPAIR	\$339.55
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$303.05
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/RENTAL	\$93.73
TOTAL			\$34,030.27
JUVENILE DIVERSION			
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$27.22
	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	PLAN FEES	\$8.00
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$24.50
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$6.90
	US CELLULAR	PHONE	\$396.87
	3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	EDUCATION	\$135.00
	LYNN PEAVY COMPANY	SUPPLIES	\$275.85
TOTAL			\$275.85
4H BLDG RUND			
	BOSELMAN ENERGY, INC	FUEL/ DELIVERY	\$131.36
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,591.33
TOTAL			\$2,722.69

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

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

Moved Wiegert, second Placke to adjourn at 10:49 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

February 25, 2025

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 9:07 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Jarecke, Kucera, Weller, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present. Jeff Gravert, Brad Rice, Hilary Betka 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 9:07 a.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to convene as Board of Supervisors convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:07 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 Wiegert to approve the minutes from February 11, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter-NACO County Chair Workshop in Kearney February 14, Safety meeting-February 18; Placke, Kreachbaum & Jarecke-Long Term Care February 18; Jarecke, Kreachbaum-Employee Handbook February 11; Kreachbaum Mid-Plains Center for Behavioral Healthcare Services February 19.

Officials Reports: Veteran Service Officer Reimers presented his quarterly report; Clerk Strobel stated the auditors are tentatively scheduled the week of April 7th for the 2023-2024 audit. Human Resources Sedlacek has been working with Highway Superintendent Kunze regarding the annual records for the DOT-CDL drivers. Sedlacek also shared work on the employee handbook will continue after the board meeting and she will be present for the EAP presentation at 11:00. Assessor Myers stated the TERC resolution on the State Theater is it will no longer be exempt. Treasurer Gilg will be holding the tax sale next Monday and has continued to work on the Opioid funding with Region III. Kunz announced the hiring of Danica Carroll for the position of Child Support Enforcer.

Public Comment: Jeff Gravert addressed the board regarding his dissatisfaction with the handling of his late sons' cell phone following a motor vehicle accident. Brad Rice representing the Chapman Township offered to work with anyone on the County Board to organize a meeting to help the townships better understand the operations and benefits.

Melissa VanDewalle with Long Term Care provided an update.

Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the Highway Department to surplus the 6204CP Xerox Copier.

Roll Call: All Ayes

The fourth quarter report was presented for Dean Hartwig, Weed Superintendent.

Flood Plain Administrator Interlocal with Hamilton County was tabled until the March 11 board meeting.

Sharon Hueftle with South Central Economic Development District provided the 2024 Annual Report.

Placke and Weller absent at 10:15 a.m.

Erin Eby, representative for National Insurance Services, was on hand to discuss the benefits of the Employee Assistance Program that is offered to the county at no additional cost and 100% confidential.

General Gross: \$89,139.92, Net: \$63,426.44; Roads Gross: \$32,910.12, Net \$24,604.47; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3,823.29, Net: \$2,674.51. Total Gross: \$125,933.33, Net: \$90,705.42.

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

Moved Wiegert, Kreachbaum second to adjourn at 10:49 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

March 11, 2025

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Jarecke, Kucera, Weller, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present.

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

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 Jarecke to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes
Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve the minutes from February 25, 2025 with the correction of "Board of Supervisors to convene" mentioned twice. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Township meeting March 6th-Weller, Wiegert, Kucera, Placke, Kreachbaum, Dexter, Jarecke. Handbook meeting February 25th-Jarecke, Kreachbaum; Problem Solving Court Graduation March 3rd-Dexter, Wiegert, Jarecke; Dexter-Zoom teams meeting with Five Nines March 4th and Merrick County Economic Development on March 6th; Jarecke-CNCAP meeting March 10th; Kreachbaum conference calls with Mid-Plains throughout the week; Wiegert-Midland Area on Aging March 6th.

Officials Reports: Treasurer Gilg handed out the fund balance report and stated there is a bill in the legislature regarding the possibility of using Opioid funds for adult drug court. Human Resource Sedlacek has the first draft of revisions for the handbook and will be presented to all department heads for review. Once approved it will be presented to the board for approval. Sedlacek has also been approached to work with the finance committee for financial planning for the Sheriff's and Road Department. Highway Superintendent Kunze informed the board the VonOhlen Bridge structure is complete with the projection of being open for traffic next month. NIRMA was on site at the shop to do a shop and sign audit. Attorney Kunz stated the Child Support office will be purchasing a new copy machine.

Public Comment: Jen Myers stated the 4H Pancake feed will be held Thursday, March 20th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building. Brad Wells addressed the board to ensure the Ag Society and Extension Building Committee would have the opportunity to look over the audio/visual agreements before implementing. Wells also stated he would like to meet with other fire departments in the county in regards to dispatching and radios.

No update on Long-Term Care at this time.

Moved Dexter, second Placke to have the chairwoman sign the RDG contract in the amount of \$28,000.00 for Phase I with the approved addendums. Roll Call: Ayes-Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Jarecke, Dexter, Placke, Kucera. Nays-Weller. Motion approved 6-1.

Hilary Betka with Hamilton County appeared before the board regarding an Interlocal Agreement for Flood Plain Administrator.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to move into Executive Session for contract negotiations. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to move out of Executive Session at 9:39 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
Flood Plain Administrator Interlocal with Hamilton County to be tabled until next board meeting.

Moved Wiegert, second Weller to approve the chairwoman to sign the Public Defender contract with Jennifer Kearney. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion to have the financing committee to meet regarding funding for possible future projects.
Treasurer Gilg held the tax sale on Monday March 3rd resulting in fourteen of the twenty-two parcels being sold in the amount of \$25, 261.00.

Audio and video system for the Extension Building was discussed. No action taken and tabled until the next board meeting.

Moved Weller, second Wiegert to approve the Special Designated Liquor license for VFW Post 4832 on March 29, 2025 at DASH Farms from 5:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. for Tri-Community Foundation, Inc fundraiser. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

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

GENERAL			
	AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY	SUBSCRIPTION	\$140.00
	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICE AGREE	\$240.00
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,139.69
	BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	REPAIR	\$77.20
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$37.48
	LEAH BROWN	SPELLING BEE	\$145.00
	BRYAN HEALTH	PRISONER HC	\$268.65
	CANDLEWOOD SUITES	LODGING	\$249.90
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$981.54
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$17.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$63.56
	CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION LLC	MAINTENANCE	\$10,000.00
	CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$316.20
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	OLD HOSP-UTILITIES	\$3,731.90
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$3,199.75
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$15.75
	CORNERSTONE OVERHEAD DOORS	REPAIRS	\$181.00
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	DRINKING WATER	\$378.00
	CVSOAN	REGISTRATION	\$60.00
	ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$100.10
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$84.16
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$209.05
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	\$154.09
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$106.71
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	\$315.86
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$972.15
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	PUBLICATION	\$83.07
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$225.21
	TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	HRA BUYDOWN	\$232.00
	FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	PHONE/INTERNET	\$6,157.80
	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
	GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$967.80
	SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$93.99
	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
	MRS. MARY GREGOSKI	SPELLING BEE	\$99.79
	HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$3,100.00
	HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK	DISPATCH AGREE	\$49,138.47

HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$3,545.58
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$304.84
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP	\$245.87
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$34.02
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$239.25
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$156.02
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	REPAIR	\$1,601.45
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$18.73
DOUG MAW	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$153.59
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$137.80
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HEALTH	PRISONER CARE	\$180.00
MERRICK CO DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	\$775.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	CO COURT COST	\$869.16
		\$205,000.0
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUND	0
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSES	\$19.47
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$324.38
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	IMAGING	\$125.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$21.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	TRANSPORT	\$1,264.60
MILLER TROPHY & AWARDS	SPELLING BEE	\$112.00
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$3,657.63
JENNIFER MYERS	MILEAGE/PHONE	\$156.00
NACEB	REGISTRATION	\$100.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$450.00
NEBR. SUPREME COURT PUBLICATIONS	PUBLICATION	\$217.15
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	WEED CONTROL	\$150.00
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$133.35
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$2,521.59
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$633.95
PALMER PUBLIC SCHOOL	SPELLING BEE	\$145.00
PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR	\$22.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHRED	\$62.00
PINNACLE BANK CC	SUPPLIES	\$255.28
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$242.43
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$31.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$404.53
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$756.06
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/SUPPLIES	\$132.53
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$509.50
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$306.54
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$208.27
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	EQUIP/SUPPLY	\$3,936.69

PLAINS RADIOLOGY SERVICES	PRISONER HC	\$37.00
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$494.44
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$696.10
STROMSBURG SOFT WATER	SUPPLIES	\$19.50
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$501.42
TOP QUALITY GLOVES	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$155.45
TRANSIT WORKS	EQUIPMENT	\$217.14
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$195.14
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE	\$1,058.50
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	EQUIPMENT	\$5,159.24
UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES	SUPPLIES	\$249.74
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	\$93.73
PINNACLE BANK	EXPENSES	\$1,700.62
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	EXPENSES	\$1,667.44
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$199.92
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$4,687.50
ZELLE LLC	HR CONSULTING	\$10,123.95
308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CENTER, LLC	ATTORNEY COSTS	\$14,801.83
		\$355,286.3

TOTALS

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ROADS

AKRS EQUIPMENT	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$2,915.01
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	SIGNS	\$92.70
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$306.15
BLACKWATER PUMPING	MAINTENANCE	\$315.00
BLUEBEAM, INC	SOFTWARE	\$330.00
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$310.64
BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	SUPPLIES	\$3,513.78
BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	GARBAGE	\$35.00
COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO	REPAIR	\$174.30
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$622.79
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	HRA BUYDOWN	\$88.00
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,082.61
GALUSHA ELECTRIC	DIESEL/REPAIRS	\$5,953.90
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$155.24
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLY	\$493.27
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS	\$49.96
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$70.10
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$136.23
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$50.00
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR	\$387.29
LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
NT&T/SHOP	PHONE/SHOP	\$84.22

	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIR	\$57.91
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$256.11
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$2,803.00
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$620.85
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$1,501.64
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	METER READING	\$97.89
	RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	REPAIR	\$310.40
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$58.40
	SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$1,479.99
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	\$998.86
	SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS	ENGINEER FEES	\$1,802.50
	STATE GLASS, INC.	REPAIR	\$260.63
	T & R AUTO PARTS	REPAIR	\$172.10
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$303.05
	WELDON PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$172.06
TOTALS			\$28,136.58
JUVENILE DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$377.39
	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	HRA BUYDOWN	\$8.00
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$49.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JD	\$5.52
	US CELLULAR	CELLPHONE	\$265.46
TOTALS			\$705.37
ADULT DRUG COURT TOTALS	CENTRAL CITY MALL	EXPENSES	\$155.59
			\$155.59
K-9 FUND TOTALS	BLUESTREAK K9, LLC	K9	\$14,500.00
			\$14,500.00
4-H BLDG FUND TOTALS	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,353.94
	ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC	ANNUAL FEE	\$300.00
			\$2,653.94

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

Moved Wiegert, second to adjourn at 10:16 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

March 25, 2025

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Kucera, Weller, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present. Brad Wells and Russ Kucera 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 9:19 a.m. Moved Dexter, second Placke to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:19 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the minutes from February 25, 2025 with the correction of Jarecke present once as a result of a clerical error. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Weller, Dexter, Placke, Kreachbaum, Wiegert-NACO Central District meeting in Kearney March 20; Dexter, Placke, Kucera 4-H pancake feed March 20; Weller-Bader March 18th; Dexter SCEDD housing call March 13; Placke and Dexter Long Term Care board March 21st; Placke CNCAP zoom meeting March 18; Kreachbaum 4-H building March 17th and Mid Plains Center of Behavioral Health Services March 18th; Wiegert Central District Health March 17th and 4-H Overseer's; Kucera Mid Nebraska Individual Services conference call March 19th.

Officials Reports: No official reports at this time.

Public Comment: Brad Wells commented he felt the bid process for the audio/video system for the 4H building was inequitable with the proposals received. Wells also stated he wished the building committee would have headed the project rather than the extension office.

Melissa Vandewalle provided an update on Long-Term Care. Vandewalle also stated RDG Engineering will be on site April 8th 9-3:00 p.m. for future planning throughout the building. Also, there were board members who stepped down, at the next board meeting it will be asked for the approval of Rick Tank, Kendra Jefferson, Betty Wemhoff and Deb Spencer to fill those positions.

Hilary Betka, Planning & Zoning Administrator was on hand and County Attorney Kunz presented the new Flood Plain Interlocal Agreement with Hamilton County. The change consisted of the decrease of \$5,400.00 from the previous agreement in which it was \$17,400.00/year. Moved Jarecke, second Weller to accept the new Flood Plain Interlocal Agreement with Hamilton County for \$12,000.00/year. Roll Call: Ayes-Dexter, Wiegert, Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Weller and Kucera. Nays-Placke. Motion Carried with a 6-1 vote.

Discussion was held regarding the quotes received from Yanda and R8 for the audio/video system at the 4H Building. The building committee met March 17th, as a result of that meeting the building committee recommended R8's proposal to the county board. After further discussion amongst board members, it was decided different spec requirements were given to the two companies who provided the proposals. Moved Placke, second Dexter to reject all bids to iron out all of the problems. Roll Call: Ayes-Weller, Wiegert, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter, Kucera; Nays-Kreachbaum Motion Carried 6-1.

Supervisor Placke sent out a letter to the officials asking for any financing of future projects for their departments. Treasurer Gilg stated monthly subscription charges and contracts should be looked into to ensure they are still being necessarily billed.

Supervisor Dexter stated the 2025-2026 budget should begin immediately. Clerk Strobel stated expenditure reports are handed out to every department at the end of the month that show MTD and YTD expenditures and percentage of funds still available. Strobel also shared Nance County Human Resource Administrator, SuAnn Engel, will be available to help navigate the Prairie Island, Mead and Central Township budgets along with the county budget when necessary.

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

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to adjourn at 10:33 a.m. with jail tour to follow. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

April 8, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Kucera, Weller, and County Clerk Strobel present.

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

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 as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the minutes from March 25, 2025 with the addition of Kreachbaum attending Long Term Care Board meeting March 21st. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Township meeting April 3rd-Dexter, Placke, Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Kucera, Jarecke; Dexter and Kucera-Five Nines at the courthouse April 7; Dexter- RDG at Long-Term Care April 8 and Merrick Economic Development April 4; Wiegert-4H Building March 31 and Midland Area on Aging April 3rd; Kreachbaum-March 31st 4H Building Special Committee meeting, March 26th participated in the Connecting the Dots at the high school.

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers stated March 19th was the date all valuations needed to be set. Reports and opinions for Merrick County are available online. 73% Agriculture; 94% Residential and 98% Commercial for 2025. Assessor Myers stated the valuation notices will be mailed out June 1.

Anna Sedlacek-Human Resources, is needing one more in person meeting with the officials and handbook committee to go over Bereavement Leave. Sedlacek will be meeting with Strobel to look over any contracts or monthly invoices to determine spending utilization. Sedlacek will also be meeting with the Extension Office on Wednesday. Treasurer Gilg stated the board to date, 27% of taxes have been collected for 2024. Highway Superintendent Kunze communicated Von Ohlen Bridge is now open to traffic. 22nd and V will possibly be open next week and Worms Highway should be done with resurfacing next week as well. Kunze and Kucera will be meeting in Hamilton County on Wednesday regarding bundling grants with other counties for bridges and paving. Kunze handed out packets for potential equipment and building plans/purchases for the next five years, as well as a Preliminary Pavement Rehab Plan.

Jim Edinger and Nick Blase with Hamilton Telecommunications approached the board to sign a Letter of Support for a broadband grant application. Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to have the chairwoman sign the Letter of Support. Roll Call: All Ayes

Melissa VanDeWalle provided a Long-Term Care update. RDG will be doing their walk through the facility until 3:00 p.m. today.

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to approve the appointment of Rick Tank, Kendra Jefferson, Betty Wemhoff and Deb Spencer to the Long-Term Care Board. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign the Annual Noxious Weed program 2024 evaluation as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding repair to a bridge on 22nd and A Road over Prairie Creek. Highway Superintendent Kunze received an estimate for a bridge abutment repair was \$99,698.00, an entire new bridge would be estimated at approximately \$4000.00/linear ft. The board decided to have an engineer provide replacement options.

Clerk Strobel informed the board the budget request sheets had been handed out to all department heads, with a date of May 2nd to have the preliminary requests turned into the clerk's office. The board decided the department heads could use a 2.5% increase on wages to help estimate potential costs. This does not mean it could not change before the budget is approved.

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

GENERAL	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICE AGREE	\$240.00
	AT&T	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,139.69
	BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS	MEALS	\$508.00
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$96.97
	BRYAN HEALTH	PRISONER HEALT	\$1,509.07
	DANICA CARROLL	MILEAGE	\$62.44
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$1,857.78
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$31.97
	CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION LLC	MAINTENANCE	\$4,400.00
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	REPAIR	\$21.97
	CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$328.20
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$3,344.19
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$3,144.04
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$15.75
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	COURT COST	\$325.00
	CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTOR	REPAIR	\$905.59
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$353.00
	ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$99.26
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$131.05
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$274.77
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$264.54
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$491.35
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	COPIER LEASE	\$551.48
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$768.43
	TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE	\$30.00
	FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	PHONE/INTERNET	\$13,239.96
	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
	MIKE FUEHRER/CO LEGION COMMANDER	CO. GOV. DAY	\$130.41
	GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$148.42
	SHARON GILG	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
	THERESA GOOD	MILEAGE	\$221.34
	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES	\$95.88
	HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING	\$358.00
	HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$2,700.00
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$3,548.21
	HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$601.05
	HEINS LAWN & LANDSCAPE INC	CHEM APP	\$2,191.86
	HENNING BROTHERS LEASING	EQUIP LEASE	\$140.00
	HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$245.87
	IBCCES	ABCCES RENEW	\$3,150.00
	INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM	SUPPLIES	\$39.99

JACKSON SERVICES	RUG SERVICES	\$209.17
JACKSON SERVICES	RUG SERVICES	\$153.84
	CAR	
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	MAIN/REPAIR	\$1,737.31
RUSSELL KREACHBAUM	MILEAGE	\$120.40
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	PRISONER WARD	\$41.11
LTA TOWING LLC	TOWING SERVICE	\$150.00
MCILNAY & CO	MAINTENACE	\$300.00
MCILNAY AND COMPANY	MATERIALS	\$443.96
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$62.02
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUND	\$205,000.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	MILEAGE	\$74.47
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$277.52
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	SUPPLIES	\$125.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$210.60
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	JUV. SERVICES	\$660.00
MODELLBAHN OTT HOBBIES	SUPPLIES	\$12.22
JENNIFER MYERS	MISC	\$195.20
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$100.00
LISA LINDSAY	REGISTRATION	\$175.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$967.21
NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	COURT EXPENSE	\$54.64
NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL	INSPECTION	\$120.00
NEBRASKA AIR FILTER, INC	SUPPLIES	\$585.62
NEBRASKA EXTENSION	PHONE CONNECT	\$1,200.00
KAREN NELSON	POSTAGE/MISC	\$12.35
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$134.68
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR SUPPLIES	\$10.99
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$62.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$104.84
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$90.25
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$827.50
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$447.26
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$540.70
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/FOOD	\$579.93
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$199.38
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$83.27
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSE	\$3,821.96
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	REPAIR	\$872.60
PSYCHOLOGICAL RESOURCES	EVALUATION	\$450.00
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	POSTAGE RENTAL	\$516.99
TOM REIMERS	MILAGE	\$100.80
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$7.37

	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$410.60
	SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$42.14
	EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$33.60
	STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$1,069.60
	STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$3,450.00
	SURVEY RECORD REPOSITORY	COPIES	\$5.00
	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$501.42
	TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$102.04
	UNL PARKING & TRANSIT	MILEAGE	\$40.00
	VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$100.00
	VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$3,042.80
	PINNACLE BANK	MISC EXPENSE	\$1,322.71
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$1,145.25
	CHRISTY WANDFLUH	MILEAGE	\$100.10
	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$565.83
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$9,262.50
	ZELLE LLC	HR CONSULTING	\$5,000.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	PRINTER/ SCAN	\$5,897.91
	308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CENTER, LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$10,000.00
TOTAL			\$311,729.36

ROADS	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$32,409.25
	AKRS EQUIPMENT	SHOP	\$55.75
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$2,104.74
	BAUM HYDRAULICS	SIGNS	\$30.89
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$233.88
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$874.82
	BOSELMAN ENERGY INC	OIL	\$6,437.05
	CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	SIGNS	\$1,318.70
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$77.22
	ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INST	CONTRACT	\$1,100.00
	FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS LTD	SUPPLY	\$245.00
	FILTER CARE	CLEANING	\$59.65
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$384.34
	GSI ENGINEERING, LLC	PROJECT A24127	\$428.00
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	INTERNET/PHONE	\$155.28
	HERK'S WELDING SHOP	METAL	\$2,514.33
	INTERMOUNTAIN MACHINE & FAB, INC	REPAIR	\$223.68
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SUPPLY	\$49.40
	J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	EQUIPMENT	\$690.00
	MENARDS	ASPHALT SEAL	\$528.57
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROAD	\$20.44
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$70.10

	MIDLANDS CONTRACTING, INC	STRUCTURES	\$196,985.03
	MIDWEST ENGINEERING, INC	CONSTRUCTION	\$10,941.00
	MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE	REPAIR	\$160.07
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRES	\$870.00
	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO.INC	REPAIR	\$156.74
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	CONTRACT	\$2,159.96
	NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$509.00
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NEWMAN SIGNS, INC.	SIGNAGE	\$116.50
	NT&T	PHONE	\$87.79
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$37,366.88
	PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$92.00
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$1,885.00
	PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR	\$352.00
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	METER READING	\$67.20
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$58.40
	SACK LUMBER CO	REPAIR	\$66.71
	SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$1,230.26
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	\$712.12
	T & R AUTO PARTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$28.63
	TRAUSCH DYNAMICS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$614.20
	ULINE SHIPPING SUPPLIES	SUPPLIES	\$638.46
	VAN KIRK BROTHERS CONTRACTING	CULVERTS	\$216,094.46
	VERIZON	RECURRING SERV	\$303.05
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$93.73
	WELDON PARTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$344.12
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPORT	\$2,159.00
TOTAL			\$524,178.40
JUV DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$130.42
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$8.28
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$1.32
TOTAL			\$140.02
COMMISSARY	CIDNET	COMMISSARY	\$30.00
TOTAL			\$30.00
4H BLDG FUND	BOSELMAN ENERGY, INC	FUEL	\$88.34
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,646.15
	HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$309.65
	MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY, LLC	SHOP MATERIAL	\$589.39
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$24.80
	BRAD WELLS	SNOW REMOVAL	\$750.00

TOTAL

\$3,408.33

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the April claims as presented with the removal of Planning & Zoning claim from Palmer Journal due to the Interlocal Agreement. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to adjourn at 11:01 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

April 22, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 9:09 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Kucera, Weller, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present.

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

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 9:09 a.m. Moved Placke, second Dexter to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:09 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Agenda: Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the agenda with the removal of Resolution 2025-2.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Minutes: Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve the minutes from April 8, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes
Meeting Reports: RDG walkthrough at Long-Term Care April 8-Dexter, Jarecke, and Kreachbaum; Good Life Senior Center-Placke April 5; Long-Term Care Board meeting-Placke, Jarecke, Kreachbaum-April 16th; 4-H Building Committee meeting-Kreachbaum, Wiegert-April 21st.

Officials Reports: Emily Soll, 4-H Extension Educator, presented the board with a report on the programs and/or classes the 4-H Extension has offered to the youth of Merrick County. Treasurer Gilg informed the board 38% of the 2024 taxes have been collected. Sedlacek will be working with the handbook committee for a final review. Highway Superintendent Kunze stated 22nd & V Road is now open.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the surplus of one printer from the Child Support and one attorney's office at the discretion of the County Attorney. Roll Call: All Ayes

There was no discussion regarding Long-Term Care.

Jason Buss, Vice President of Platte PEER Group, appeared before the board with a request for a letter of support for Merrick County to serve as a fiscal agent for the Central City Riverfront Development Project. A public agency serving as a fiscal agent will help in the ability to seek funding from federal, state and private grant programs. Buss handed out a map for the potential development of a high-quality RV park and public recreation area with direct access to the Platte River along with Dark Island Trail in proximity as well. Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign a letter of support for the Platte River PEER Group regarding the Central City Riverfront Development Project. Roll Call: All Ayes
Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to have the chairwoman sign the Road Maintenance Agreement between Merrick County and Lone Tree Township. Roll Call: All Ayes

A representative from DA Davidson did not appear, no discussion was held.

Proposals from Yanda's Music & Pro Audio and R8 Productions were made available for the boards review for the audio & visual system for Merrick County Extension. Yanda's Music: Bid #1 Merrick County Youth & Ag Education Center-\$99,860.13.00, Bid #2-Livestock Areas: \$18,705.83. R8 Productions LLC: Bid #1 Youth & Ag Education Center \$114,884.00, Bid #2-Livestock Barns \$9,506.00. Funding would come from the 4-H Building Fund which receives donations, grants and rental income. Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to approve the proposal from Yanda's Music & Pro Audio. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The open position at the Extension Office was discussed and tentatively starting at \$18/hr., 25 hours a week. This position would be a morning position.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to open the public hearing at 10:01 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Planning & Zoning Administrator Betka spoke to the board concerning a rezone application that was received for pt SE ¼ 15-13-6 for the development of a future subdivision for more development along the river.

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to close the public hearing at 10:08 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign the rezone application for pt SE ¼ 15-13-6. Roll Call: Ayes-Weller, Placke, Wiegert, Jarecke, Dexter and Kucera; Nays-Kreachbaum. Motion Carried 6-1.

Moved Wiegert, second Weller to open the public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit at 10:09 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Planning & Zoning Betka explained this would be for a mobile home which would be used for workers quarters. If there is no use of the mobile home for one year, it must be moved off of the property. Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to close the public hearing at 10:13 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Wiegert to approve the conditional use permit for the mobile home. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Highway Superintendent Kunze discussed with the board a complaint he received from a resident near 13th & K Road, in regards to dust and traffic speed.

Kunze presented maps for grant applications for possible Merrick County Paving and Bridge Replacement bundles.

Village of Palmer is looking into resurfacing 3rd Road which connects Merrick and Nance County. No decision was made at this time.

County utility permits were discussed, County Attorney Kunz will check to see if the board needs to approve all permits presented.

Kunze stated he will be looking for a part-time, seasonal employee this summer to work as a Digital Inventory Data Collector for the roads department.

Discussion on various roads that are minimum maintenance that are not classified as such. Kunze is working to get them to their functional use.

Kunze presented a plan he is working on for satellite shop buildings for Chapman, Clarks and Archer.

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

ROADS	Adam Marshall	Machinery	\$13,159.00
	Vontz Paving	Resurfacing	\$509,350.21
TOTAL			\$522,509.21
SINKING FUND	Adam Marshall	Machinery	\$13,366.00
TOTAL			\$13,366.00

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

Moved Placke, second Dexter to adjourn at 11:36 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

May 13, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, 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 Wiegert, second Kreachbaum 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 Kreachbaum to approve the minutes from April 22, 2025 with the typo corrections of "grant" instead of "grand" and "Placke" instead of "Place" Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: May 8 Budget Workshop in York-Weller, Jarecke, Placke, Kucera, Dexter, Wiegert, Kreachbaum and Placke; April 24 NIRMA in Kearney-Placke, Kucera, Dexter, Kreachbaum, Weller, Jarecke, Wiegert; April 29 meeting with Andy Forney, DA Davidson-Placke, Jarecke, Kreachbaum; May 7 Jail tour at Antelope County-Dexter, Weller, Jarecke; May 1 meeting with Prochaska at the jail-Dexter; May 8 Merrick County Economic Board-Dexter.

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers informed the board the TERC Hearing will be held May 21 in Lincoln for Randy Zmek. County Attorney Kunz and Deputy County Luzum attended continuing education last week in Kearney. Steve Melvin, Extension Educator reported six applicants have applied for the part time position.

Tyson Benner approached the board with one of four options he believes should be decided for Long Term Care. Continue ownership-no improvement, continue ownership with remodel, continue ownership with a new build or close and sell. He expressed the board needs to make a decision in what direction they are willing to proceed within the next few weeks. RDG will be providing estimates for the remodel at the next board meeting.

Emergency Manager Jenna Church provided an update. The federal grant she applies for every year is on track which helps with her salary and benefits. Merrick County Storm Spotter class was held in Silver Creek with the weather service. Church will be on leave until the end of July, Nance County Deputy Eric Griffin will be the acting Emergency Manager until that time.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the chairwoman to sign the National Insurance Renewal Long Term Disability and Madison National Life Insurance policy. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the County Clerk to surplus a computer tower and printer. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve Resolution 2025-2 approving the application to rezone a tract of ground from PRC to RR-1 located on Section 12, Township 13, Range 6W, SE ¼ and Section 7, Township 13, Range 5W, lots 6,7,8 Merrick County, Nebraska. Roll Call: Ayes-Weller, Placke, Wiegert, Dexter, Jarecke, Kucera; Nays-Kreachbaum. Motion carried 6-1.

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to approve Resolution 2025-3 to transfer \$300,000.00 from the General Fund to the Road Sinking Fund (\$200,000.00), Sheriff Sinking Fund (\$50,000.00) and the County Sinking Fund (\$50,000.00). Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve Resolution 2025-4 to pay the Courthouse Bond interest payment due on June 2, 2025 in the payment of \$385.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve Resolution 2025-5 to pay the 4-H Building Bond interest payment due on June 2, 2025 in the amount of \$4,688.75. Roll Call: All Ayes

No discussion on township roads, will be placed on the next board meeting agenda.

Human Resource administrator Sedlacek was unavailable for the meeting, no discussion regarding the handbook until the next meeting.

Clerk Strobel stated the majority of the offices have turned in their preliminary budget requests.
 Moved Jarecke, second Placke to approve the April fees as collected by County Clerk, District Court and Sheriff's Department. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL			
	AGRICULTURAL SERVICES INC	WEED CONTROL	\$122.00
	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SECURITY	\$240.00
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$2,279.35
	BRITE	EQUIPMENT	\$5,094.00
	BRYAN HEALTH	PRISONER HC	\$1,509.07
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER CARE	\$992.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$45.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$23.13
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$6.29
	CENTURY LINK	E911 PHONE	\$328.32
	CHRISTENSEN INSURANCE	SURETY BOND	\$40.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES-HOSP	\$5,069.27
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$15.75
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$798.00
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$353.00
	DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	BOARDING COSTS	\$2,800.85
	ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$157.92
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$36.99
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$247.93
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$318.15
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLY/EQUIP	\$221.42
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	COPIER RENT	\$127.36
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$16.06
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$191.94
	SUANN ENGEL	BUDGET ASSIST	\$975.00
	TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/TRAVEL	\$202.62
	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	HRA BUYDOWN	\$480.00
	FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$40.00
	FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$1,099.07
	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
	GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$1,517.44
	GALUSHA ELECTRIC	SUPPLIES	\$32.49
	GEO COMM CORP	MAP DATA	\$5,671.26
	SHARON GILG	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$129.40
	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
	HALL COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	COURT EXPENSES	\$44.76
	HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING COSTS	\$655.00
	HAMILTON CO ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	INTERLOCAL	\$7,725.00
	HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$1,700.00
	HAMILTON INFORMATION SYSTEMS	EQUIPMENT	\$365.00

HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/CABLE	\$3,556.21
DEAN HARTWIG	WEED CONTROL	\$49.56
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$550.80
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$245.87
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$209.21
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$153.87
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$30.12
KEARNEY & DESIMONE LAW, LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$2,622.10
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$3,019.71
DOUG MAW	PHONE/SUPPLIES	\$256.98
MCILNAY & CO	BLDG REPAIR	\$909.43
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D & A TESTING	\$72.00
MERRICK CO. CLERK	SUPPLIES	\$16.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$205,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$292.32
MICHAEL MEYER	EQUIPMENT	\$320.97
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$125.00
MIDSTATES ORGANIZED CRIME INFO	MEMBERSHIP FEE	\$100.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	PRISONER TRANS	\$312.65
MIPS INC.	COMPUTER SUPP	\$3,657.63
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	PEST CONTROL	\$240.00
JENNIFER MYERS	TRAVEL/POSTAL	\$254.05
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$1,350.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$366.00
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	REGISTRATION	\$150.00
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$269.40
NORFOLK LODGE & SUITES	LODGING	\$485.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$224.41
PALSER SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$334.07
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$102.00
PATHOLOGY MEDICAL SERVICES- ANATOMIC	PRISONER CARE	\$198.00
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY, PC	CORONER	\$2,750.00
PINNACLE BANK CC	SUPPLIES	\$21.25
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$204.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$219.83
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$80.54
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$849.33
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$474.19
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$534.27
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$200.45
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/LODGING	\$441.80
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$700.05

NAME UNKNOWN	FUEL	\$870.10
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$3,702.47
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$1,636.00
TOM REIMERS	MILEAGE/MEALS	\$166.25
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$310.75
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$1,668.68
ROWLEY LAW LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$262.50
SACK LUMBER	BLDG REPAIR	\$10.69
SEILER INSTRUMENT MANUFACTURING, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$591.95
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,737.60
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,887.50
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$501.42
VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$3,745.10
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/EQUIP	\$93.72
PINNACLE BANK	MISC EXPENSE	\$3,517.69
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSE	\$562.18
TOM WELLER	MILEAGE	\$345.38
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$588.14
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$6,737.50
ROGER WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$160.72
ZELLE LLC	H/R ADMIN	\$5,000.00
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$644.95
308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CENTER, LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$10,893.75
911 CUSTOM	EQUIPMENT	\$875.00
TOTALS		\$320,290.00

ROADS

ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$1,265.00
AKRS EQUIPMENT	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$1,013.04
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$4,163.10
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	SIGNS/POSTS	\$3,734.26
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$132.00
BOMGAARS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$577.48
BOSELNMAN ENERGY INC	SIGNS/FUEL	\$3,078.35
BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	TRASH REMOVAL	\$105.00
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$47.77
CONTRACTOR SERVICES, INC	RUMBLE STRIPS	\$27,500.00
CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	SIGNS & POSTS	\$378.90
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$93.86
KRIS ERICKSON	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$84.24
FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$82.55
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	HRA BUYDOWN	\$176.00
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$1,674.37

	GRAND ISLAND CLINIC	D&A TESTING	\$55.00
	GSI ENGINEERING, LLC	ENGINEER TEST	\$805.35
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$155.28
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$281.37
	J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	SIGNS & POSTS	\$3,100.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$166.90
	MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	LAB COLLECTION	\$72.00
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$70.10
	MIDLANDS CONTRACTING, INC	STRUCTURES	\$29,610.73
	MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE/ROADS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$25.00
	MIPS INC.	COMPUTER SUPP	\$136.23
	MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	PEST CONTROL	\$90.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/EQUIP	\$868.30
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NEWMAN SIGNS, INC.	SIGNS	\$13.41
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE SERVICE	\$88.34
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIR	\$1.09
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$56,435.61
	PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$92.00
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	GREASE/FUEL	\$2,408.00
	PALSER SERVICE	TIRES/SUPPLIES	\$285.72
		COMPUTER	
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPORT	\$3,813.74
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER		
	DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$34.43
	RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	EQUIP REPAIR	\$650.00
	SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$21,390.61
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$588.69
	STRAIGHT LINE STRIPING INC	LINE STRIPING	\$4,353.70
	T & R AUTO PARTS	FUEL/REPAIR	\$239.46
	TRAUSCH DYNAMICS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$497.19
	VAN KIRK BROTHERS CONTRACTING	STRUCTURES	\$26,959.39
	VERIZON	EQUIPMENT	\$303.05
	VONTZ PAVING INC	SURFACING	\$31,807.91
	WELDON PARTS	EQUIP REPAIR	\$236.60
TOTALS			\$229,816.12
JUV.			
DIVERSION	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	HRA BUYDOWN	\$16.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JUVDIV-POSTAGE	\$6.21
TOTALS			\$22.21
DRUG COURT	DISTRICT 5 PROBATION	ADULT DRUG EXP	\$187.84

TOTAL **\$187.84**

K-9 FUND	BLUESTREAK K9,LLC	K9 CARE	\$460.00
	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K9 CARE	\$101.47
	PINNACLE BANK	K-9 CARE	\$30.98

TOTALS **\$592.45**

4-H BLDG RUND	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$9.98
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,382.52
	ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC	ANNUAL FEE	\$151.57
	HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$310.07
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$19.30
	YANDA'S MUSIC	AUDIO SYSTEM	\$29,640.00

TOTALS **\$31,513.44**

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

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

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

May 27, 2025,

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

Minutes: Moved Weller, second Wiegert to approve the minutes from May 13, 2025 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter-met with Five Nines May 14th; Placke-Senior Center meeting May 20; TERC Hearing in Lincoln May 21; Jarecke-CNCAP meeting May 21, TERC Hearing May 21; Kreachbaum-Emergency Manager meeting May 13, NE DOT meeting in Lincoln May 16, Extension interviews May 19, Mid-Plains Center and Long-Term Care May 21; Wiegert-interview for Extension position and attended St. Paul City Council meeting May 19; Kucera-Extension Board meeting May 13, Region III May 23rd.

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers informed the board valuation notices will be mailed out by June 1, the office is utilizing the MIPS mail service which provides a lower postal rate. 7836 active parcels 5546 residents will be receiving the notices. Myers also provided information on the TERC hearing which was held in Lincoln May 21 on three parcels belonging to Verna Zmek, in which Randy Zmek is protesting. Clerk Strobel mentioned the clerk's office will be closed, Thursday, June 5 for the office to attend meetings in Kearney. It was suggested by NACO to have current employees attend as updates to payroll and claims processing; Register of Deeds and election ware will be implemented in the near future. Carrie Rodriguez, Chief Probation Office for District 5 provided a booklet on services provided and expenses paid incurred by Merrick County clients. Expenses paid by the state for Merrick County in 2024 was \$1,018,834.85. District 5 budget request for Merrick County is \$14,355.21.

Casey Muzic, Executive Director for Midland Area Agency on Aging, appeared before the board for the annual funding request in the amount of \$11,002. The funding request helps provide congregate meals and home delivered meals to Merrick County clients.

Melissa Vandewalle provided an update on Long-Term Care.

Hilary Betka, Planning and Zoning explained the future solar energy system resolution.

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2025-6 Moratorium on zoning regulations for future commercial solar energy systems. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2025-7 directing the disbursement of money from the Inheritance Fund in the amount of \$493.96 to Carla J. Johnson, PR for the Estate of Curtis R. Carlson for refunded taxes. Roll Call: All Ayes

Bernie Glos with Twin Loups appeared before the board regarding the title transfer for the Reclamation District.

Moved Weller, second Placke to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2025-8 in support of Twin Loups Reclamation District title transfer of federal facilities to local ownership. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Jarecke to approve the Special Designated Liquor license applications for Scotty's LLC-October 4-Riverside Park Pavilion, October 11-Riverside Park Pavilion and October 11-Merrick County Fairgrounds; Merrick County Ag Society-Merrick County Fairgrounds, July 26 thru July 30. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the transfer of ownership to Merrick County from the Supreme Court for the courtroom sound equipment. Roll Call: All Ayes

Grand Island Clean Community contribution request was dispersed. No action taken at this time. Mitch Elliot with RDG Planning and Design provided two plan options for Long-Term Care. Option 1: Total area-22,415 sq ft, 487 square ft per bedroom, 46 resident bed licensures with renovations improvements including HVAC/plumbing & electrical conversion-estimated cost: \$6,630,000. Option 2: Total area-28,615 sq/ft and 622 sq ft per bedroom, 46 resident bed licensures with renovation and improvements including HVAC/plumbing & electrical conversion-estimated cost: \$6,668,000.00. These do not include the demolition of the old hospital.

Anna Sedlacek, Human Resources, stated two individuals had been interviewed and two more applications were received over the weekend. Advertisement for the position will also be posted locally as well as University of Lincoln. Sedlacek, stated she would like to receive more clarification on the Absentee/Tardy policies before moving forward with the final draft of the handbook.

Discussion regarding the budget focused on possibly budgeting for a county vehicle which would be used primarily by the assessor for valuations instead of using a personal vehicle. This vehicle could also be used for other offices to attend meetings out of town if available.

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

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to adjourn at 11:43 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

June 10, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Kucera, Weller, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present. Also present were Tyson Benner, Grant Brooks and Gail Ferris.

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

Minutes: Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the minutes from May 27, 2025 with the corrections of Kreachbaum making the motion to convene as Board of Supervisors and Wiegert second. Also, the proposed county vehicle used primarily by the assessor for reviews instead of valuations as stated. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: NACO meetings in Kearney June 4th and 5th-Kucera, Wiegert, Weller, Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter. Dexter-May 28 SCEDD investment call, May 29th- SCEDD Board meeting, June 6-Merrick County Economic Development, June 9-met with Five Nines at the courthouse. Placke attended the City Council meeting June 9; Kreachbaum-Mid-Plains Behavioral conference call May 29.

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers reported the valuation notices were sent out May 30th: Treasurer Gilg stated the tax collections have slowed down and will be attending the treasurer’s conference the next two days; Sedlacek has one more policy to clarify before presenting the handbook to the board for approval; Clerk Strobel informed the board the county was awarded a \$107,450.00 Cybersecurity Grant. Highway Superintendent Kunze reported NIRMA performed their second audit on Monday June 2.

Andy Forney with D.A Davidson supplied the board a packet of information regarding bond possibilities for any future capital projects for Merrick County.

Discussion on the future of Long-Term Care continued while focusing on the plans provided by RDG Planning & Design from the last board meeting along with other projects that also need to be addressed. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to proceed forward with Option 2 as presented from RDG Planning & Design. Roll Call: Ayes-Placke, Wiegert, Placke, Kreachbaum, Dexter and Kucera. Nays-Jarecke and Weller. Motion carried: 5-2.

Treasurer Gilg presented five parcels that will be on the County Tax Sale unless payment is made before June 20.

Priority List for the county was briefly discussed. Possible capital projects could include Long-Term Care, roads/bridges, new county shop and jail construction.

Highway Superintendent Kunze provided an outline of possible lighting for the Worms and Chapman intersection. Cost would be \$4300.00 construction costs and \$30/month to light.

Extension Office was three interviews today for the open part-time position.

Budget: County administration position was discussed along with wages.

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to allow up to a 2.5% wage increase for the employees. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the fees collected from District Court, County Clerk and the Sheriff’s Department for May 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL	AGRICULTURAL SERVICES INC	FERTILIZER	\$122.00
	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SECURITY	\$480.00
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,152.37
	BANKS WRAPS & SIGNS	EQUIPMENT	\$2,600.00

BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$3,435.31
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$76.41
BRITE	EQUIPMENT	\$680.00
BRYAN HEALTH	PRISONER CARE	\$357.00
CARDIO PARTNERS INC	SUPPLIES	\$848.76
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$2,090.32
CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$88.00
CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$32.55
CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT	SUPPORT	\$16,000.00
CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$328.32
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,754.14
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$1,787.51
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$15.75
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COST	\$108.00
COLUMBUS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	HEALTH CARE	\$1,252.40
TIFFANY CROUCH	MILEAGE	\$100.52
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$349.00
DETECTACHEM INC	EQUIPMENT	\$282.89
DISCO32 TACTICAL ANTENNAS	EQUIPMENT	\$610.45
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$63.46
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$54.23
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$187.65
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	LEASE	\$106.71
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$96.74
EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	SUPPLIES	\$275.44
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$1,246.27
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	PRINTING	\$309.21
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	\$169.45
ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC	ANNUAL FEE	\$159.40
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GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
GT DISTRIBUTORS	EQUIPMENT	\$3,590.46
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING	\$606.00
HALL COUNTY COURT-DISTRICT NINE	COPIES	\$1.75
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$1,400.00
HAMILTON COUNTY	DISPATCH AGREE	\$49,138.47
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$3,301.72
DEAN HARTWIG	POSTAGE/GUIDE	\$77.07

HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$781.01
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS OGALLALA	LODGING	\$149.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$189.91
ISLAND GLASS CO	REPAIR	\$877.50
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	UNIFORMS	\$619.64
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$209.15
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$153.83
JUSTICE DATA SOLUTIONS INCORPORATED	SOFTWARE	\$6,500.00
MARIA KOHL	MILEAGE	\$106.61
KS STATE BANK	VEHICLE	\$79,481.86
AARON J KUNZ	MILEAGE	\$114.52
LICHTI'S INC	REPAIR	\$2,834.80
ROSS A LUZUM	MILEAGE	\$101.08
DOUG MAW	MISC/MILEAGE	\$177.47
MAXIMUS CONSULTING SERVICES, INC	CONSULT FEE	\$1,561.71
MCILNAY & CO	VALVE KIT	\$30.39
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$145.74
MERRICK CO. CLERK	SURVEYOR	\$40.00
MERRICK CO. COURT	CO COURT COST	\$939.20
		\$205,000.0
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	0
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT COST	\$104.16
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$296.29
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$339.15
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	MICROFILMING	\$215.00
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$3,657.63
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	EQUIPMENT	\$13,950.19
JENNIFER MYERS	MISC	\$939.60
NORTH AMERICAN RESCUE, LLC	EQUIPMENT	\$1,788.64
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$30.00
NCJTC-NATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE	L.E. TRAINING	\$325.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTION	\$360.00
NEBRASKA.GOV	COURT EXPENSE	\$8.50
NIRMA	REGISTRATION	\$40.00
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$133.35
NORTHEAST NE JUVENILE SERVICE	JUV. SERVICES	\$3,965.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$18.98
OWN THE NIGHT	EQUIPMENT	\$6,235.18
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$900.94
PALSER SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$926.07
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$139.78
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$91.25
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$538.38

PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$501.66
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$265.35
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$810.94
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$640.89
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$242.91
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$567.84
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSE	\$3,798.47
PIP MARKETING SIGNS PRINT	SUPPLIES	\$2,000.00
JAN PLACKE	MILEAGE	\$259.98
PLATTE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY	TRAINING	\$75.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$5,073.56
POSTMASTER	POSTAL RENTAL	\$352.00
PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS ASSOC OF NE	LODGING	\$130.00
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PRINTING	\$11.05
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$202.30
RMA ARMAMENT, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$787.90
MARIA RODRIGUEZ	SUPPLIES	\$837.54
THE CITY OF HASTINGS	2025 DUES	\$1,000.00
SHERRY SIWINSKI	MILEAGE	\$28.84
EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$165.62
STANTON COUNTY COURT	COPIES	\$2.25
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$735.60
STATE/NE DEPT CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	BOARDING	\$1,762.58
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,565.00
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	EQUIPMENT	\$1,051.35
SURVEY RECORD REPOSITORY	COPIES	\$5.00
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$501.42
TOP QUALITY GLOVES	SUPPLIES	\$418.80
TOTAL AUTO BODY	DEDUCTIBLE	\$3,000.00
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$281.89
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (NEOPOST)	POSTAGE	\$45,000.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	\$93.72
PINNACLE BANK	EQUIPMENT	\$4,683.82
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	UNIFORMS	\$3,689.11
CHRISTY WANDFLUH	MILEAGE	\$60.90
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$19.67
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$2,125.00
ROGER WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$74.34
ZELLE LLC	H/R ADMIN	\$5,000.00
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	COMPUTER	\$5,454.87
911 CUSTOM	EQUIPMENT	\$5,009.00

ROADS

AKRS EQUIPMENT	LABOR	\$877.90
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AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$37,647.54
BILL'S VOLUME SALES	REPAIR	\$25.22
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$96.25
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$195.69
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	INV652843	\$708.13
FILTER CARE	SUPPLIES	\$42.40
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	HRA BUYDOWN	\$88.00
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$906.37
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$20.93
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	11049133	\$120.33
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	\$34.95
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SUPPLIES	\$147.72
J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	SIGNS	\$3,922.50
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS	\$22.08
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$70.10
MIPS INC.	25060920	\$136.23
POWERPLAN	REPAIR	\$316.86
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR	\$58,536.80
		\$391,533.6
NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO	MACHINERY	0
LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
NIRMA	REGISTRATION	\$68,109.00
NT&T/SHOP	PHONE SERVICE	\$88.34
OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	ENGINEER FEE	\$38,330.90
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$32,489.37
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLISHING	\$42.00
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL/OIL	\$1,915.00
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$75.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SIGNS/POSTS	\$116.28
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	METER READ	\$33.87
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$17.30
SACK LUMBER CO./ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$89.99
SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$874.27
SIGN SOLUTIONS USA LLC	SIGNS	\$2,137.59
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$527.45
STATE STEEL SUPPLY CO.	PIPE	\$2,719.31
VERIZON	EQUIPMENT	\$303.05
WELDON PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$151.22
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$1,183.99
LODGING TAX		
ABC CLUB	VISITOR PROMO	\$500.00
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
	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	VISITOR PROMO	\$3.68
	RIVER RATS JEEP JAMBOREE	VISITOR PROMO	\$200.00
JUVENILE DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$70.43
	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	HRA BUYDOWN	\$8.00
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$28.84
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	JD	\$5.52
	3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	EDUCATION	\$150.00
K9 FUND	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9 CARE	\$256.72
	RAY ALLEN MANUFACTURING CO INC	K-9 SUPPLIES	\$2,389.95
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	K-9	\$137.35
LATCF	RDG PLANNING & DESIGN	CONCEPT PLAN	\$17,403.38
EMERGENCY MGMT	NANCE COUNTY TREASURER	EMERGENCY MGMT	\$5,072.83
4H BLDG FUND	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$8.98
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$889.88
	ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIPMENT	SERVICE REPAIR	\$450.00
	ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING COMPANY	SERVICE	\$1,575.00
	STANEK FIRE PROTECTION	INSPECTION	\$227.00
	YANDA'S PRO AUDIO	AUDIO SYSTEM	\$59,280.00
SHERIFF SINKING FUND	BANKS WRAPS & SIGNS	EQUIPMENT	\$1,360.00
	BRITE	VEHICLES	\$7,995.00
	GT DISTRIBUTORS	VEHICLE	\$4,011.00

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the claims as presented with the addition of \$17,403.38 to RDG using the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to move into Executive Session for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual at 11:01 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to move out of Executive Session at 11:16 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to adjourn at 11:23 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

June 24, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Weller, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present. Kucera 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.

Co-Chairman Dexter 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 Weller to approve the agenda. Roll Call: All Ayes

Minutes: Moved Weller, second Wiegert to approve the minutes from June 10, 2025 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Weller-Bader Park June 17; Placke, Jarecke, Kreachbaum-Long Term Care Board June 18; Kreachbaum and Jarecke-Extension Office interview June 10; Wiegert- Midland Area on Aging in Hastings June 11 and conference call June 19-Midland Area on Aging; Dexter-called RDG regarding proceeding with Long Term Care June 10 Safety Meeting June 16, SCEED zoom call June 17, Adam Jurgens with Hamiton Telecommunications regarding Cybersecurity Grant June 23.

Officials Report: Human Resource Administrator Sedlacek informed the board the handbook will be ready for approval during the July 8 board meeting.

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to approve Resolution 2025-9 directing the issuance of county tax sale certificates as presented by the County Treasurer. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to appoint Eugene Urkoski replacing Robert Wyman to the Veteran Service Committee. Roll Call: All Ayes

Melissa Vandewalle provided an update on Long-Term Care.

Alloway Holdings, LLC bond renewal to be tabled until the next board meeting.

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to designate the State Print Shop for the printing of the LB644 postcards if needed. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Kreachbaum to accept the K9 Agreement between Shadow, the retired K9 dog, and Deputy Parker. Roll Call: All Ayes

At the request of a board member, Sheriff Westman presented a report regarding other counties and cities/villages dispatch procedures by population. No action required at this time.

Highway Superintendent Kunze supplied the board members with a hand out with drawings for potential satellite shops. Long term goals for Kunze are to have buildings in Archer, Chapman and Clarks. The board would like Kunze to put out for bids to know what finances would be needed in order to proceed with a project of this size.

Kunze discussed a structure bridge replacement at 22nd and AA Road. Recommended cost for option 1-concrete box culvert with two to three piers \$651,000.00; option 2-clear open span bridge, no piers \$900,000.00 and option 3-steel structure precast concrete \$375,000.00. No action taken at this time.

Kunze also brought up a structure for a low water crossing on 30th Road that needs addressed. No action taken at this time.

Kunze also spoke regarding concerns of the minimum maintenance road on 7th. No action required.

Moved Weller, second Wiegert to terminate the Five Nines contract and direct County Attorney Kunz to draft a letter to Five Nines terminating the contract. Roll Call: All Ayes

No discussion regarding handbook.

Clerk Strobel informed the board individual offices will start meeting with the board at the July 8 board meeting regarding their budget requests.

GENERAL HAMILTON COUNTY

INTERLOCAL-PZ

\$13,725.00

	NIRMA	INSURANCE	\$78,243.00
	308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CENTER, LLC	PUB DEFENDER	\$10,000.00
TOTAL			\$101,968.00

	LAWRENCE TRENCHING AND		
ROADS	EXCAVATING	EQUIPMENT	\$65,000.00
TOTAL			\$65,000.00

Moved Weller, second Jarecke to approve the claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes
 Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve the payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes
 Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to adjourn at 11:29 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
 /s/Ed Dexter, Co-Chairman
 /s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

July 8, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Weller, Kucera present. County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present.

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

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 9:09 a.m.

Moved Placke second Jarecke to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:09 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the minutes from June 22, 2025 as published. Roll Call: Ayes-Weller, Placke, Wiegert, Kreachbaum, Dexter, Jarecke; Abstain: Kucera. Motion carried.

Meeting Reports: Drug Court graduation July 7-Weller, Dexter and Wiegert; Senior Board meeting June 25 and CNCAP zoom meeting June 30th-Placke; June 30 CNCAP-Jarecke; Kucera met with Highway Superintendent Kunze regarding road conditions after heavy rainfall.

Officials Reports: Treasurer Gilg reported the county is down to four county tax sales. Highway Superintendent discussed the heavy rainfall effect on roads.

Tyson Benner approached the board during public comment. Benner stated he strongly feels the county needs to look into hiring either a full-time or part-time administrator to help organize and prioritize, as he feels there is a lack of efficiency.

Deputy Director Jon Cannon with NACO addressed the board with legislation updates, as well as services provided to counties.

10:00 Gravel bid openings, with one gravel bid received from Overland Sand and Gravel for sand, gravel surfacing Class "A" annual contract. Gravel \$17.25/ton; mud rock \$18.40/ton; fill sand \$5.95/ton.

Moved Weller, second Jarecke to accept the Overland Sand & Gravel bid for gravel requirements for July 1, 2025 to July 1, 2026. Roll Call: All Ayes

First Light Child Advocacy Interim Director, Julissa Rivera, approached the board for a request of support in the amount of \$5,500.00. No action needed.

Hallie Razo, representing Willow Rising, Inc. requested \$3500.00 for annual support from the board. No action needed.

No discussion regarding Long Term Care.

Travis Maresh informed the board he may be interested in purchasing the old hospital in the future. No action required at this time.

Andy Forney with D.A. Davidson appeared before the board to explain the procedures and obligations for a general obligation bond for the Long-Term Care facility.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2025-10 stating the County has previously appointed a Board of Trustees for the Litzenberg Memorial Care Home. Approval for the construction of additions and improvements to the Nursing Home and desires to authorize issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of the project. Principal amount not to exceed \$6,950,000.00 and to levy taxes for payment of principal and interest on the bonds.

Roll Call: Ayes-Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Kreachbaum, Kucera; Nays-Weller and Jarecke. Motion carried with a vote of 5-2.

Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Planning & Zoning Services and Floodplain Administration Services between Hamilton County and Merrick County in the amount of \$40,000.00 annually. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding the status of the ordering and placing of future E911 signage continued. No action required at this time.

Discussion regarding the Secondary Well Source in Silver Creek resulted in the board not knowing of any effects on the natural resources under the County's jurisdiction. No action required.

Treasurer Gilg provided a summary report of uncollected taxes.

Moved Placke, second Wiegert to approve the chairwoman to sign and accept the representation letter provided by Lengemann & Associates, P.C. in association with the audit ending June 30, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to approve the Grant Award packet in the amount of \$97,122.00 for Juvenile Diversion. Roll Call: All Ayes

Highway Superintendent Kunze provided a handout explaining the wage scale/increases for the suggested fiscal year for road employees. Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to accept Kunze's proposal as suggested. Roll Call: All Ayes.

County Clerk, County Treasurer and County Board went over their individual office budget requests. No action needed.

Placke absent at 11:56 a.m.

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

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

GENERAL	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SECURITY	\$240.00
	JADE ARNSMEIER	MILEAGE	\$9.24
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,137.94
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$72.97
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$2,415.32
	CEDARS	JUV. SERVICES	\$449.00
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$5.29
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	REPAIRS	\$12.37
	CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$328.32
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,640.05
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$2,543.53
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$15.75
	CJIS OPERATIONAL PROTECTION SERVICE	DUES	\$2,700.00
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$144.00
	COMFORT SUITES EAST LINCOLN	LODGING	\$134.00
	CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	LODGING	\$1,304.55
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	DRINKING WATER	\$349.00
	ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$100.10
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	LEASE	\$294.57
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	SUPPLIES	\$1,228.83
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$523.14
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$710.58
	TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	HRA REIMBURSE	\$46,885.86
	FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$6,217.80
	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
	SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$185.66
	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES	\$95.88

GWORKS	YEARLY MAINTEN	\$15,460.00
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$1,400.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$3,346.85
DEAN HARTWIG	POSTAGE	\$9.68
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$105.72
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$301.83
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$39.48
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$215.74
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$159.50
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	REPAIR	\$1,362.23
RUSSELL KREACHBAUM	MILEAGE	\$261.38
LIVESTOCKJUDGING.COM	RENEWAL	\$300.00
DOUG MAW	MISC	\$210.84
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D&A TESTING	\$36.00
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$86.87
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT COSTS	\$344.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$205,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$142.58
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	MICROFILMING	\$125.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	ACCT#34821	\$166.60
MIPS INC.	NOTICES	\$3,288.78
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$3,795.14
JENNIFER MYERS	MISC	\$114.00
NACEB	REGISTRATION	\$25.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$732.00
NORTHEAST NE JUVENILE SERVICE	INSTITUTIONS	\$4,575.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS/SUPPLY	\$119.45
PALSER SERVICE	FUEL	\$252.98
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$92.17
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$237.43
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$569.49
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$393.89
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$447.96
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$207.45
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$58.65
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$328.21
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$449.05
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$576.44
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSE	\$3,866.08
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	POSTAGE LEASE	\$516.99
KIMBERLY J QUANDT, AAL	ATTY FEES	\$20,992.00
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$10.42
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$571.02

STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$1,115.60
STATE/NE DEPT CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	PRISONER HEALT	\$107.24
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTY FEES	\$775.00
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	EQUIPMENT	\$371.04
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$501.42
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$432.92
VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$1,151.25
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$93.72
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$201.02
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$265.76
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTY FEES	\$17,887.50
ROGER WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$80.36
ZELLE LLC	ADMINISTRATOR	\$5,000.00
CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL		
DISTRIBUTOR	REPAIR	\$450.00

\$
369,564.65

TOTALS

ROADS

AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$1,781.60
BAUM HYDRAULICS	SIGNS	\$39.40
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$91.40
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$103.28
BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	FUEL	\$4,880.45
BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	TRASH REMOVAL	\$50.00
DEERE CREDIT INC	EQUIP RENTAL	\$10,273.92
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	HRA REIMBURSE	\$1,675.10
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$971.22
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$120.24
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$34.95
BUCKY HERMAN	LAND RENTAL	\$720.00
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$204.80
BRENT KUNZE	FUEL	\$62.47
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROAD	\$14.77
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	LAB	\$36.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSE	\$70.10
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$136.23
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/EQUIP	\$9,862.43
NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$1,083.00
LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
NT&T/SHOP	PHONE SERVICE	\$88.29
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIR	\$24.36
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$80,053.34
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL/FUEL	\$24,651.72

	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$608.85
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	POSTAGE	\$16.00
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	METER READ	\$34.13
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$17.95
	SACK LUMBER CO./ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$136.41
	SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$807.72
	SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR, LLC	REPAIR	\$274.90
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$533.16
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$303.05
			\$
TOTAL			139,836.24
JUVENILE DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$59.20
	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	HRA REIMBURSE	\$8,854.26
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$0.69
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$132.79
	3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	EDUCATION	\$75.00
TOTAL			\$9,121.94
K-9 FUND TOTAL	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9 CARE	\$18.50
			\$18.50
LATCF TOTAL	RDG PLANNING & DESIGN	LITZ PLANNING	\$11,090.31
			\$11,090.31
4-H FUND TOTAL	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,067.38
	HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH SERVICE	\$620.14
			\$1,687.52

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

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to adjourn at 12:22 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

July 22, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Weller, Kucera present. County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present.

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

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 Wiegert to approve the agenda. Roll Call: All Ayes

Minutes: Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the minutes from July 8, 2025 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: Merrick County Economic Board-Dexter, July 11; Budget Finance Committee-Dexter and Placke, July 16; Long Term Care Board-Placke, Kreachbaum, Jarecke, July 16; Midland Area on Aging conference call-Wiegert July 9, Central District Health-Wiegert July 21; 4-H Building Committee-Wiegert and Kreachbaum July 21; County Official Salary Study-Kreachbaum July 17; Kucera-July 11, phone call with Seward County regarding BEAD Funding; July 16-MNIS meeting.

Officials Reports: Treasurer Gilg discussed her semiannual report; Highway Superintendent Kunze reported the asphalt was laid out by Grand Street and Nebraska Christian.

Melissa Vandewalle provided an update on Long Term Care.

Doug Reeves appeared before the board to inquire about purchasing a small piece of property owned by Merrick County in 29-14-7. No action taken at this time.

Discussion continued in regards to the County Board priority list. Long Term Care, parking lot and curb replacement, county owned vehicle for all to use along with the jail back door was made as the one-year priorities. Two-year priority, possible jail addition and five-year priority will be broadband and doors for the clerk-treasurer office doors.

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to approve Resolution 2025-11 to transfer money from Inheritance to General Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to approve the handbook as presented with the effective date as August 1, 2025. Roll Call; All Ayes

Budget talks continued with Tom Reimers-Veteran Service Officer, Theresa Good-Clerk of District Court, Jen Myers-Assessor and Brent Kunze-Highway Department. No action taken at this time.

Weller absent at 11:12 a.m.

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

Shop tour postponed to a later date.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to adjourn at 12:03 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

August 12, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Weller, Kucera present. County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present.

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

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 9:18 a.m.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:18 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
Agenda: Moved Dexter, second Placke to approve the agenda. Roll Call: All Ayes

Minutes: Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve the minutes from July 22, 2025 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: July 22nd Final Protest Hearing-Weller, Dexter, Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Kucera, Wiegert; July 24, SCEDD Housing zoom, July 31, SCEDD board meeting, August 7 NIRMA HR Roundtable discussion-Dexter; July 28-Mid-Plains Behavioral Health-Kreachbaum; July 31-Midland Area on Aging conference call, August 7-Midland Area on Aging in Hastings-Wiegert; GOP gathering July 24-Weller, Kucera.

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers stated her office will be closed Monday, August 25th until Thursday, August 28th. Treasurer Gilg presented the Fund Balance Listing. Highway Superintendent Kunze stated the tire amnesty will be held at the Fairgrounds on Saturday.

Public Comment: Jason Buss provided an update on the Central City Riverfront project as well as the Land and Water conservation grant.

Melissa Vandewalle gave an update on Long Term Care.

Doug Reeves approached the board regarding purchasing property. County Surveyor will establish property lines and a notice for open bids will be published.

Moved Dexter, second Placke to have the chairwoman sign a letter approving a reduction of the surety bond obligation with Alloway Holdings, LLC from \$242,952.18 bond to \$66,000.00 for Echo Hawk Lake Development. Roll Call: All Ayes

No discussion on county building purchase.

Mitch Elliott with RDG Planning & Design, Inc provided the board with a proposed contract with a summary of scope of work and fees for Part 1 & Part 2 phases for remodel of Long-Term Care. Part 1: Design work for "de-coupling" of the mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems of the abandoned hospital. Gross Fees: \$140,385. Part 2: Remodeling of the existing nursing home and portions of abandoned hospital, not involving demolition. Gross fees: \$125,800 with \$28,000 credit for previous planning. Agreement total for both: \$356,185. Moved Placke, second Kreachbaum to sign the contract with RDG Planning & Design, LLC for \$356,185. Roll Call: Ayes-Dexter, Placke, Kreachbaum, Kucera; Nays-Jarecke, Wiegert and Weller. Motion carried 4-3.

Moved Weller, second Jarecke to accept 1 to 1 Technologies proposal for IT and security management at \$9380.00/month for 24 months. Roll Call: All Ayes

Doug Maw presented a quote he received from Jordan Masonry, LLC for tuckpointing. 100 % of "Building A"-new addition \$8300.00. "Building B"-old building (where needed) \$36,200 with a deposit of 50% upfront before start of project. Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the quote on Building A for \$8300.00 from Jordan Masonry, LLC using Courthouse Building Funds. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve the quote on Building B for \$36,200.00 from Jordan Masonry, LLC using Courthouse Building Funds. Roll Call: Ayes-Placke, Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Dexter, Weller, Kucera. Nays-Jarecke. Motion carried 6-1.

Maw presented estimates for sidewalk and parking lot concrete repairs. Buller Contracting-\$26,150.00, Smith's Concrete-\$22,069.25, R.G. Turnkey Construction \$36,000.00 and KBL Construction, Inc

\$22,077.00. Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to approve KBL Construction, Inc quote for \$22,077.00 for concrete repair on parking lot and curbing. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2025-12 directing disbursement of money from the Inheritance Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Resolution 2025-13 was removed due to action no longer needed.

Moved Weigert, second Jarecke to approve Resolution 2025-14-County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Wiegert to approve SDL applications received from Dubs Pub for wedding receptions held at the Merrick County Fairgrounds-September 13, November 1 and December 6. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Discussion regarding permanent road closure on 10th Road between V Road and W Road. A resolution will be proposed at the next board meeting.

GENERAL			
	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SECURITY	\$240.00
	JADE ARNSMEIER	MILEAGE	\$36.96
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,125.02
	BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS	MEALS	\$13.95
	BG&S TRANSMISSIONS OF GRAND ISLAND		
	BILL'S HOBBY SHOP	MAINTENANCE	\$135.00
	BOMGAARS	MAINTENANCE	\$70.95
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES	\$45.27
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$1,571.19
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$82.00
	CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION LLC	PRISONER FOOD	\$48.13
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	MAINTENANCE	\$2,400.00
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$11.97
	CENTURY LINK	SUPPLIES	\$49.95
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$316.04
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$2,059.98
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$3,456.87
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$1,763.67
	CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	UTILITIES	\$15.75
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	COURT EXPENSES	\$20.44
	COPYCAT PRINTING/SIGNS	COURT COSTS	\$310.00
	JOSIE CROUCH	PRINTING	\$216.47
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	MILEAGE	\$27.72
	CVOSAN/TOM REIMERS	WATER SERVICE	\$326.00
	ED DEXTER	REGISTRATION	\$60.00
	DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	MILEAGE	\$98.28
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	COURT EXPENSE	\$23.19
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$52.98
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$296.00
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$11.96
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$306.68
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES/EQUIP	\$508.20
		RENTAL	\$169.89

EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$65.42
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$437.65
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN EFN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$8,818.55
FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$540.00
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$6,197.80
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICE	MAINTENANCE	\$214.40
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
FULLERTON DENTAL CARE	PRISONER HEALT	\$154.00
SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$53.03
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$1,050.00
HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK	DISPATCH CONS	\$49,138.47
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$2,568.55
ANDREW D HANQUIST	ATTNY FEES	\$1,625.00
DEAN HARTWIG	WEEDS SUPPLY	\$32.22
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$322.37
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$313.50
HENNING BROTHERS LEASING	EQUIP LEASE	\$560.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$275.87
INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS	SECURITY	\$193.00
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$431.85
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$159.68
JUVENILE DIVERSION FUND	FISCAL YR TRAN	\$15,406.00
KENDRICK WINDSHIELD REPAIR	CAR REPAIR	\$385.00
LENGEMANN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.	AUDIT FEE	\$18,500.00
LEXIPOL, LLC	TRAINING	\$480.80
DOUG MAW	PHONE	\$169.48
MCILNAY & CO	REPAIR	\$857.03
MCILNAY AND COMPANY	BUILD REPAIR	\$119.14
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$205,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$4,369.64
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$125.00
MIDWEST CONNECT	SUPPLIES	\$390.00
MIPS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$17.56
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$3,860.14
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING, INC	PEST CONTROL	\$240.00
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE	\$535.40
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$550.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$732.00
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$133.35
NORTHEAST NE JUVENILE SERVICE	EXPENSES	\$3,888.75
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS	\$248.00

	PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$898.52
	PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR	\$2,007.77
	PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$124.00
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$95.39
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$83.46
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$520.95
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$564.26
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/POSTAGE	\$498.90
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$288.15
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$216.28
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$459.30
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$492.65
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	LODGING	\$637.18
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$417.51
	PLATTE VALLEY WEED MGMT	RENEWAL FEE	\$500.00
	KIMBERLY J QUANDT, AAL	ATTNY FEES	\$2,731.25
	REGION 3 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	SUPPORT	\$5,133.74
	RHD PUBLISHING LLC	PUBLICATION	\$87.80
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$377.69
	MARIA RODRIGUEZ	EQUIPMENT	\$533.98
	SHOWORKS, LLC	DUES/REGISTRA	\$816.30
	SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORPORATION	MAINTENANCE	\$2,090.88
	STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$735.60
	STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTY FEES	\$7,558.60
	THOMAS CREATIVE APPAREL, INC	SUPPLIES	\$511.85
	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$501.42
	VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$3,133.30
	CHRISTY WANDFLUH	MILEAGE	\$92.40
	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE/MEALS	\$127.29
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTY FEES	\$11,000.00
	ZELLE LLC	HR ADMIN	\$5,000.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	PARTS	\$74.99
	308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CENTER, LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$20,000.00
TOTAL			\$413,530.62
ROADS			
	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$20,687.01
	AKRS EQUIPMENT	SUPPLY	\$5.55
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$4,255.10
	BANKS WRAPS & SIGNS	SIGNS	\$150.81
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$97.30
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$146.11
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	OIL	\$6,795.13
	BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	GARBAGE	\$30.00

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	CONTRACT	\$46.85
KRISTOPHER ERICKSON	REIMBURSEMENT	\$44.80
FILTER CARE	CLEANING	\$279.60
FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$4,025.14
FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$189.00
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,269.23
CORBY GOERL	REIMBURSEMENT	\$49.80
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	SUPPLIES	\$42.63
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$120.24
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$34.95
HERK'S WELDING SHOP	REPAIR	\$347.78
HOOKER BROS SAND & GRAVEL INC	GRAVEL	\$1,697.40
INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	PARTS	\$289.63
INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS	MAINTENANCE	\$2,303.00
INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICES, INC	REPAIR	\$183.51
J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	SIGNS	\$9,822.50
J.I.L. ASPHALT PAVING CO.	PAVING	\$1,178.25
KACO SUPPLIES	SUPPLIES	\$437.10
KRAIN CREEK FABRICATION, INC	PARTS	\$102.33
MATT FRIEND TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC	REPAIR	\$89.34
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS	\$15.49
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$70.10
MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE	REPAIR	\$588.04
MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRES	\$2,376.24
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$136.23
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING, INC	EXTERMINATION	\$90.00
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	PARTS/REPAIR	\$1,385.45
LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
NT&T/SHOP	PHONE SERVICE	\$88.28
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$187.80
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$72,578.81
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$37.78
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL/REPAIR	\$2,197.05
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$591.75
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	REPAIR	\$67.05
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER	METER READ	\$33.80
RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLICATION	\$284.67
SACK LUMBER CO./ROADS	PARTS	\$139.95
SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$2,667.50
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$549.02
VERIZON	PHONE	\$303.05
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$79.92
WELDON PARTS	REPAIR/PARTS	\$1,078.01

TOTAL			\$140,341.08
JUV DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$27.22
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN EFN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$197.43
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$18.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$37.00
	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	\$265.47
TOTAL			\$545.12
ADULT DRUG CRT	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	EXPENSES	\$38.97
	MORGAN CAMPBELL-PSCC	EXPENSES	\$100.00
TOTAL			\$138.97
INHERITANCE	NEBRASKA TITLE COMPANY	INHER/REFUND	\$1,017.32
TOTAL			\$1,017.32
4H BUILDING FUND	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$64.72
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$109.99
	MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$525.39
TOTAL			\$700.10
SHERIFF SINKING	PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$3,795.31
TOTAL			\$3,795.31

Weller absent at 12:20 p.m.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve July Fees as presented from County Clerk, District Court and County Sheriff. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to approve the August 2025 claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Dexter, second Placke to adjourn at 12:25 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

August 26, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Weller, Kucera present. County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present.

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

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 Wiegert to approve the agenda. Roll Call: All Ayes

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the minutes from August 12, 2025 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: August 19th-Bader Park, Weller; August 13th-SCEDD zoom, August 21-budget workshop, Dexter; August 20th-Long Term Care and August 21-Placke; August 12-CNACP zoom, August 19-CNACP and August 20-Long Term Care, August 21-workshop -Jarecke; August 14-NACO salary study in Lincoln, August 21-workshop-Kreachbaum; August 21-workshop; August 21-workshop and August Region III-Kucera.

Officials Reports: Anna with Zelle reported she has been working with Captain Bauer with a personnel issue and the first round of performance reviews will begin after the board meeting. Treasurer Gilg stated she transferred \$200,000.00 from Inheritance to the General Fund instead of the \$300,000.00 allotted from Resolution 2025-11. Highway Superintendent Kunze provided a personnel health update. Bader Park Bridge repair move in is set for next week. Clerk Strobel stated two of the office employees are in Grand Island for training on new election software and the Assessor's office will remain closed until around noon on Friday.

Andy Forney with D.A. Davidson appeared before the board to explain a more detailed parameter in regards to bonds for roads and Long-Term Care.

Moved Weller, second Jarecke to approve the SDL Application for Broadway Social/DBA Timber Creek for a wedding reception at Riverside Park Dance Pavillion October 25th 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. October 26th. Roll Call: All Ayes

Highway Superintendent Kunze introduced Jeff Vap with TMJ Auctions. Vap explained the process in auctioning off any of the road department surplus. It was also asked if the Sheriff's Department could also use this avenue to surplus vehicles, in which it was stated that would be feasible.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the roads department surplus items at the discretion of the Highway Superintendent Kunze. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2025-15 to propose road closure of 10th Road between V Road and W Road. Roll Call: All Ayes

Kunze had a presentation in regards to the IWORQ Software. A software that could have the roads employees have the capability to have all work orders available on tablets. The software would be helpful with organization and projects done in a timely manner. The software program cost is \$6500.00 a year. Discussion with Treasurer Gilg in reference to the drainage tax. No action taken.

Surveyor Mike Meyer handed out a new bridge contract for the board to review. Contract will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

Township, fire districts and agricultural society have sent resolutions for a preliminary tax request for fiscal year 2025-2026. Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve a .03 levy allocation for all political subdivisions subject to county levy authority. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Jarecke to approve the payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes
Budget talk continued with reducing the Roads Department bituminous surfacing from \$1,100,000.00 to \$500,000.00 and structures, pipes, etc. from \$550,000.00 to \$500,000.00. Road Buyback Program requesting \$1,314,112.36. It was mentioned most increases in budgets were due to salary increases and insurance costs rising. \$90,000.00 was budgeted for Human Resource/Administrator positions in the General Fund.

Kucera informed the board she would not be able to attend the after-recess session. Moved Placke, second Dexter to recess at 12:06 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to reconvene at 1:41 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes-Jarecke, Weller, Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Placke & Dexter. Absent-Kucera.

Discussion on budgets resumed. \$550,000.00 cash reserve in General Fund and \$200,000.00 cash reserve in the Roads Department Fund has been designated. It was decided not to add the potential Long-Term Care Bond into the budget until the next fiscal year. The \$356,185.00 engineering fees for Long-Term Care will be budgeted out of Inheritance Fund. Roads bituminous surfacing changed from \$500,000.00 to \$850,000.00. General Miscellaneous Transfer Fund increased from \$320,906.00 to \$620,906.00. Total certified valuation \$2,383,011,233.00. Total property tax request authority \$6,287,949.69; Total actual property tax request \$6,243,806.02. Unused property tax request authority created for future years \$44,143.67.

Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to approve the Notice of Hearing and Budget Summary to be published. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to approve the Treasurer, Assessor, Clerk, Election Commissioner, Register of Deeds, Board of Supervisors, Planning & Zoning, Extension Office, Sheriff, Jail, Building & Grounds, District Court, Juvenile Diversion, Attorney, County Shop, Noxious Weed, Veteran Service Officer, Surveyor. Roll Call: All Ayes

Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarcke, second Wiegert to adjourn at 2:11 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

September 9, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Weller, Kucera present. County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present.

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

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 Weller to approve the agenda with the postponement of the budget hearing to be held at 1:30 p.m. to be moved to September 18th. Roll Call: All Ayes

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve the minutes from August 26, 2025 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: September 8 Problem Solving graduation-Weller, Dexter, Placke, Wiegert; September 5 Safety meeting, Merrick County Economic Development-Dexter; September 5 MNIS Conference Call-Kucera; August 26 Appointed officials performance evaluation-Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Wiegert.

Officials Reports: Anna Sedlacek, HR reported via text to Kucera the performance evaluations were performed August 26th; Highway Superintendent Kunze stated Rod Bergmark will now be a full-time employee; Planning & Zoning Betka informed the board a company out of Iowa is asking for an amendment to allow a Data Center. Betka will be looking to developing a new planning & zoning map in the future.

Public Comment: Lori Sautter addressed her concerns regarding the accountability of the Sheriff's Department to the board.

Tyson Benner appeared before the board and asked how the county is keeping the townships accountable for their accounts payable. Benner also questioned if it had been decided whether the Long-Term Care bond would be voted on by the people or the supervisors.

Discussion continued on the Long-Term Care bond. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to move forward with the approval of the board of supervisors to make the final decision on Long Term Care. After much consideration, Kreachbaum rescinded his motion before roll call was taken. The board discussed in length on whether the vote for a bond for Long Term Care should go to the vote of the people or for it to be the decision of the supervisors.

Moved Wiegert, second Jarecke to approve the SDL application received from the Eagles Fraternity Oder 3795 for a wedding reception to be held at the Merrick County Youth & Ag Center on October 4th. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding the 2024-2025 audit was held on who to contact regarding this service. Contryman & Associates as well as Lengemann & Associates. County Clerk Strobel will reach out to see if either would be interested in providing the service.

Moved Dexter, second Placke to accept and approve the chairwoman to sign the new Bridge Inspection Service Contract with Michael Meyer. Roll Call: All Ayes

Supervisor Kreachbaum stated he has been working with Sheriff Westman on the county owned property of Stranberg Park. The River Rats Association helps with the year-round upkeep and would like to see signage for abandoned vehicles on the property.

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

GENERAL	ANDERSON PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$2.80
	JADE ARNSMEIER	MILEAGE	\$21.56
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,126.53

BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$29.65
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$2,124.16
CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$40.00
CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K9 CARE	\$67.95
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$20.98
CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$316.04
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES/HOSPITAL	\$2,028.23
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,783.29
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$4,004.06
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$15.75
TIFFANY CROUCH	MILEAGE/FOOD	\$50.05
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$331.00
DODGE CO SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$7.46
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSES	\$13.11
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$25.98
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$12.57
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$475.46
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	\$178.69
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$166.60
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$306.60
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
FIRST CONCORD	HRA BUYDOWN	\$4,827.95
FIRST CONCORD	HRA FEES	\$252.00
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY	CYBERSECURITY	\$6,227.80
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$64.17
SHARON GILG	PHONE	\$49.98
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$95.88
GWORKS	GWORKS MAPPING	\$4,725.00
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COST	\$1,650.00
HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK	INTERLOCAL	\$10,000.00
HAMILTON COUNTY TREASURER	COURT COSTS	\$1,293.64
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$3,545.97
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$358.23
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$313.50
HENNING BROTHERS LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$140.00
HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY	LODGING	\$134.95
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$245.87
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$67.48
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$215.69
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$159.74
JOHNSON CONTROLS SECURITY	CYBERSECURITY	\$537.50
JUVENILE DIVERSION FUND	TRANSFER	\$5,000.00
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	MAINTENANCE	\$3,354.21

MARIA KOHL	MILEAGE/FOOD	\$57.86
MCILNAY & CO	PARTS	\$4.36
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUND	\$205,000.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT COST	\$102.66
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$266.03
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	MICROFILM	\$125.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	JUVENILE SERV	\$1,351.00
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$3,795.14
JENNIFER MYERS	MILEAGE	\$438.80
NACO	CDM REGISTER	\$455.00
NAPA AUTO & TRUCK PARTS GI	WEED CONTROL	\$60.45
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$186.00
NEBRASKA STATE PATROL	LICENSE	\$232.00
KAREN NELSON	POSTAGE	\$10.48
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$133.35
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIR	\$7.49
PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR	\$619.35
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$124.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$153.89
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$254.90
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$765.50
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$649.11
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$670.61
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$608.16
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$147.38
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$137.11
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$255.07
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$751.76
PINNACLE BANK	FUEL	\$491.15
RAPID FIRE PROTECTION	EQUIP INSPECT	\$250.00
MARIA RODRIGUEZ	SUPPLIES	\$201.43
SEILER GEOSPATIAL	SUBSCRIPTION	\$1,500.00
EMILY SOLL	MILEAGE	\$47.60
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM	TELETYPE	\$1,495.60
STRYKER SALES, LLC	EQUIPMENT	\$736.00
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$551.46
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MED	\$587.44
UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES	SUPPLIES	\$277.34
UNL-HASKELL AG LAB	REGISTRATION	\$230.00
VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING COST	\$300.00
VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$6,629.68
PINNACLE BANK	MISC EXPENSES	\$527.82
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	TRAINING	\$2,656.70

	CHRISTY WANDFLUH	MILEAGE	\$122.10
	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$81.76
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTORNEY FEES	\$462.50
	WOODBURY SHERIFF OFFICE	COURT EXPENSE	\$38.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$1,031.14
	308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CNTR	PUBL DEFENDER	\$10,000.00
TOTALS			\$249,596.45

ROADS	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$29,901.04
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$2,522.73
	BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	EQUIPMENT	\$3,398.40
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$94.83
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$86.78
	BOSELMAN ENERGY INC	FUEL/SHOP	\$4,404.44
	BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	TIRE AMNST	\$38,106.50
	CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	SIGNS/POSTS	\$2,038.10
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	INV678335	\$401.76
	FILTER CARE	CLEANING	\$82.55
	FIRST CONCORD	HRA BUYDOWN	\$404.85
	FIRST CONCORD	HRA FEES	\$99.00
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,348.12
	GROSSHANS, INC.	PARTS	\$1,528.58
	HALL COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPT	PAINT STRIPING	\$1,571.88
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$120.24
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$34.95
	INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICES, INC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$1,507.46
	MENARDS	ASPHALT	\$723.87
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROAD	\$73.24
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$70.10
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRES	\$2,267.61
	MIPS INC.	GWORKS	\$136.23
	NACO	KUNZE	\$50.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	SUPPLY/REPAIRS	\$1,972.11
	NEBRASKA GLASS COMPANY LLC	REPAIR	\$159.80
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/ROADS	CELL PHONE	\$88.28
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	FUEL/SUPPLIES	\$608.24
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$29,607.10
	PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLISHING	\$224.26
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL/TIRES	\$4,964.20
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$50.00
	PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$3,094.71

	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER	ELECTRICITY	\$34.21
	RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	PARTS	\$805.32
	RHD PUBLISHING, LLC	PUBLISHING	\$284.70
	SAPP BROS. INC	FUEL	\$2,495.03
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$577.38
	TODKO DRAFTING SERVICE	PROJECT	\$3,500.00
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$79.92
	VONTZ PAVING INC	BITUMINOUS	\$6,170.00
TOTALS			\$145,763.52
JUV DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$27.22
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$9.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$12.58
	US CELLULAR	PHONE	\$265.36
TOTAL			\$314.16
DRUG TEST	INTOXIMETERS, INC	D&A COSTS	\$373.00
TOTAL			\$373.00
DRUG CRT	CENTRAL CITY MALL	EXPENSES	\$61.41
TOTAL			\$61.41
COMMISSARY	CIDNET	COMMISSARY	\$25.00
TOTAL			\$25.00
BLDG PROJECT	KBL CONSTRUCTION INC	CONCRETE REPAIR	\$24,558.00
TOTAL			\$24,558.00
4-H BLDG FUND	PROCLEAN SOLUTIONS	SERVICE	\$629.62
	US FOODS DIVISION #2365	SUPPLIES	\$1,132.16
	YANDA'S PRO AUDIO	AUDIO SYSTEM	\$29,645.96
TOTAL			\$31,407.74

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

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

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to open the Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

County Attorney Kunz informed the board the fair market value for property located in part Section Twelve (12), Township Thirteen (13), Range Six (6) is \$2940.00. Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to close the public hearing at 10:07 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Dexter, second Kreachbaum to set a date to sell or lease the property as presented by County Attorney Kunz. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarcke, second Wiegert to adjourn at 10:14 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

Merrick County Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. with Supervisors Weller, Dexter, Placke, Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Kucera and County Clerk Trisha L. Fate-Strobel. The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Kucera. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall outside of the of the Supervisor Room. Notice of this meeting was published in the Republican Nonpareil, Palmer Journal and posted on the county website. A current agenda is on file and available for inspection in the office of the County Clerk and posted on the County website. Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to convene at 2:00 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved by Jarecke, second by Dexter to open hearing at 2:00 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. The budget hearing and budget summary was presented by County Clerk Trisha Fate-Strobel. No one was in attendance for public participation. Moved Dexter, second Weller to close the hearing at 2:08 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to increase the total restricted funds authority by an additional 1%. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Kreachbaum to open the final budget hearing at 2:15 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to close the final budget hearing at 2:17 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the 2025-2026 budget as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Dexter to adjourn at 2:18 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

September 23, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Weller, Kucera present. 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 Wiegert, second Kreachbaum 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: Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve the minutes from September 9, 2025 as published.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: NACO Central District Meeting in Aurora, September 18-Weller, Placke, Kreachbaum, Dexter, Jarecke, Kucera, Wiegert; Joint Public Hearing September 22nd at the Performing Arts Center-Dexter, Kreachbaum, Placke, Kucera, Jarecke and Wiegert; Senior Center September 16-Placke; Long Term Care September 17th-Placke, Jarecke, Kreachbaum; CNCAP-Loup City September 16-Jarecke; 4H Building Committee September 15th-Kreachbaum, Wiegert; MNIS September 17th-Kucera.

Officials Reports: Highway Superintendent Kunze informed the board of an accident involving a motor grader and Clerk Strobel stated she and Crystal Burkhardt will be attending Power Profile training in Kearney Thursday and Friday.

Melissa VanDewalle provided an update regarding Long Term Care.

Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2025-17 to regulate parking at Stranberg Park. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the contract for property appraisal with Central Plains Valuation, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$5000.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve the SDL application for Prairie Creek Vineyards October 11, 2025 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Wild Roots Greenhouse. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve sick time donation for a road employee from three other road employees. Roll Call: All Ayes

Highway Superintendent Kunze presented a proposed agreement between the Village of Palmer, Merrick and Nance counties. The interlocal would be cost shared for road surface maintenance between the three entities. Engineers estimate is \$1,028,000.00; approximately 15,145 feet in length for Merrick County \$716,000.00, 4080 feet Nance County \$179,000.00 and 2285 feet for Village of Palmer \$121,000.00.

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Merrick County, Nance County and the Village of Palmer. Roll Call: All Ayes

Past due accounts were presented by Treasurer Gilg for the Roads/Highway Department. Gilg suggested a possible write off for the invoices dating back to 2010 with an approximate amount of \$1500.00. The item will be placed back on for the next board meeting.

Kunze provided some estimates for resurfacing Z Road (Smiley Barn Road) received from an engineer. First option: crack sealing, filling joints and armor coat-\$215,000.00 avg life span 5 to 10 years, second option: remove joints, new asphalt with armor coating- \$350,000.00 avg life span 10 to 15 years, third option: overlay \$785,000.00, 20+ years. Kunze would use the Road Buy Back Fund for this project. Jarecke suggested option two seemed to be the best option.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to open the Road Closure Hearing at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Highway Superintendent Kunze stated the closure would be in the public interest to abandon 10th Road between V Road and W Road.

With no public input or any discussion, moved Placke, second Dexter to close the Road Closure Hearing at 10:03 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2025-16: Closing 10th Road from the intersection at V Road Northward to the Intersection at W Road effective September 23, 2025.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve up to \$25 per employee for the appreciation dinner (excluding alcohol) to be used by June 30, 2026. Roll Call: All Ayes

County Clerk Strobel provided the Engagement Letter that was received from Lengemann & Associates, P.C. Fee for the services will not exceed \$19,400.00 for the audit ending June 30, 2025.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to sign the Engagement Letter from Lengemann & Associates, P.C. for the Merrick County audit for the year ending June 30, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes

County Administrator talks continued with more discussion to follow at the next board meeting.

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

Moved Placke, second Dexter to adjourn at 10:23 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

October 14, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Weller, Kucera present. County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present.

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

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

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve the minutes from September 23, 2025 as published with the correction of Highway Superintendent Kunze discussing the past due balances and not Treasurer Gilg. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meeting Reports: October 3rd-Merrick County Economic Board and SCEDD zoom; October 8th-SCEDD in Holdrege-Dexter: October 9th-NACO Salary study in Beatrice-Dexter, Jarecke and Kreachbaum; October 2nd-Midland Area on Aging Hastings-Wiegert. Placke stated she had spoke with Judd Allen with BC/BS and he informed her with the decision to change to a higher deductible the county has saved approximately \$95,000 since January.

Officials Reports: Attorney Kunz attended continuing education classes. Treasurer Gilg handed out intake reports from her office for the board to look over. Clerk Strobel stated she would be in meetings Kearney Thursday and Friday regarding election. Veteran Service Officer Reimers informed the board the state database new user agreement needed to be updated. Highway Superintendent Kunze stated equipment has arrived at the Bader Park Bridge. The surplus property auction was held last Wednesday for the old equipment. Kunze also provided an update on the 3rd Road Interlocal Agreement.

Dexter informed the board he had spoken with Bill Janis with Helios Healthcare Advisors, LLC. Janis is interested in helping with options for the former hospital and current Long Term Care facility. Helios Healthcare helped with the sale of Cottonwood. Long Term Care board will meet tomorrow to discuss as well.

Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2025-18 directing the transfer of funds-Juvenile Services Grants to General Fund in the amount of \$5,508.09. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Placke to approve and certify Resolution 2025-19 to setting the 2025-2026 tax levies for the Merrick County subdivisions. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2025-20 directing the transfer of funds from General to Roads. Roll Call: All Ayes

Chairwoman Kucera read an email received from Elaine Menzel, Legal Counsel from NACO that was sent to all counties. The letter was a survey to see which counties would be able to provide state prisoners quality work release, while residing in the county's facility. It was discussed that with lack of space and housing inmates in other facilities, it was not feasible at this time.

Highway Superintendent Kunze received two quotes for a motor grader. John Deere quote was \$311,000.00 772 AWD and Caterpillar \$294,625.00 140 AWD with a trade in.. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the purchase of the motor grader from Caterpillar with the trade in. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Placke absent at 9:59 am.

Kunze also brought up the Grand Street intersection out by Nebraska Christian. Kunze spoke to Sheriff Westman and they both agreed updating of signs and lowering speed limit may be needed. In order to achieve this, there would have to be an engineer's recommendation and to have a school zone for Nebraska Christian, the board would need to pass a resolution.

The highway/surveyor past due accounts explained by Attorney Kunz is the county legally only has one option and that is to write off the old accounts since some of them go back to 2014.

Chairwoman Kucera was informed by an Extension Office employee that the position needed to be full-time in order to continue fulfilling the duties. Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to moved into Executive Session at 10:22 a.m. for contract negotiations regarding the Extension Office position. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to move out of Executive Session at 10:47 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to make the part-time position to a full-time position changing from 25 hrs./wk. to 36 hrs./wk. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Discussion continued in regards of a county vehicle for various offices usage. It was decided to have Assessor Myers look into the Nebraska Federal Surplus website for the purchase of a used vehicle with the budgeted amount of \$15,000.00 or less.

Time clock usage discussion. Moved Dexter, second Kreachbaum to move into Executive Session for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual at 10:57 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to move out of Executive Session at 11:08 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

GENERAL	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SECURITY	\$240.00
	JADE ARNSMEIER	MILEAGE	\$26.88
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,140.96
	AURORA FIRE DEPARTMENT	PRISONER CARE	\$1,518.40
	AURORA NEWS REGISTER	SUPPLIES	\$56.75
	AURORA NEWS REGISTER	SUPPLIES	\$278.23
	AXON ENTERPRISE, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$1,140.00
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$50.95
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$47.97
	CRYSTAL BURKHARDT	MEAL/MILEAGE	\$227.95
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$1,711.32
	CEDARS	JUV INSTITUTE	\$4,875.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$45.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$45.82
	CENTRAL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$7,000.00
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$41.93
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$29.99
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	EQUIPMENT	\$20.98
	CENTURY LINK	PHONE	\$316.04
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,886.12
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$3,383.24
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$15.75
	CLARKS PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$1,000.00
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	\$549.00
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$412.00
	DISTRICT 5 PROBATION	SUPPORT	\$14,355.21
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	SUPPLIES	\$108.98
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$61.38

EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP LEASE	\$102.92
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP LEASE	\$220.28
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	\$85.40
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	\$49.98
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	\$150.24
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$34.32
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$25.47
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	RENT/SUPPLIES	\$799.24
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	RENT/SUPPLIES	\$183.81
FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES	LODGING	\$404.85
FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS LTD	PLAT BOOKS	\$280.00
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$306.86
FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN EFN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$2,261.11
FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$252.00
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC	CYBERSECURITY	\$3,368.66
FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$839.71
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
GI AREA CLEAN COMMUNITY SYSTEM	SUPPORT	\$2,000.00
SHARON GILG	MISC	\$129.08
THERESA GOOD	PHONE/MILG	\$23.24
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	SERVICES	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	COURT EXPENSE	\$40.38
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COST	\$2,300.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/CABLE	\$3,552.08
HAMPTON INN	FALL TRAINING	\$321.00
DEAN HARTWIG	POSTAGE	\$17.94
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$450.73
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	DISPOSAL	\$330.60
HENNING BROTHERS LEASING	EQUIP LEASE	\$280.00
HILDER IMPLEMENT INC	PARTS	\$250.88
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$678.87
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$79.91
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$165.96
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$119.91
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$215.82
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$159.62
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	REPAIR	\$669.85
MARIA KOHL	MILEAGE	\$101.22
AARON J KUNZ	MILEAGE	\$123.76
DOUG MAW	PHONE	\$185.55
MAXIMUS CONSULTING SERVICES, INC	CONSULT FEE	\$2,100.00
MCILNAY AND COMPANY	REPAIR	\$180.00
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$232.12

MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUND	\$96,863.33
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT COST	\$45.10
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$209.16
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	MICROFILM	\$90.00
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	MICROFILM	\$35.00
MID NEBR. INDIVIDUAL SERVICES	SUPPORT	\$7,668.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	DISPOSAL	\$192.60
MIPS INC.	COMP SUPPORT	\$3,795.14
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$582.30
NACO	DUES	\$2,228.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$370.00
NEBR. CO. ATTORNEYS ASSOC.	REGISTRATION	\$1,100.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$12.00
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	MEMBER DUES	\$235.00
NEBRASKA AIR FILTER, INC	SUPPLIES	\$523.58
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$270.73
NORTHEAST NE JUVENILE SERVICE	JUV INSTITUTE	\$8,082.50
NSA/POSAN	TRAINING	\$440.00
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLISHING	\$439.96
PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$1,000.00
PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR	\$86.31
PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR	\$71.70
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$142.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$173.42
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/POSTAGE	\$33.70
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/POSTAGE	\$43.88
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$312.36
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$680.80
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$539.65
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$465.90
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$119.50
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$92.78
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$632.01
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSE	\$4,221.39
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSE	\$41.22
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSE	\$212.38
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$609.77
PLATTE PEER GROUP	SUPPORT	\$6,000.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$265.00
DEPT OF REVENUE/PROPERTY ASSESS	ASSESSOR TEST	\$75.00
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	POSTAGE LEASE	\$516.99
TOM REIMERS	MILEAGE	\$526.08
REPUBLICAN NONPARIEL	PUBLICATION	\$1,593.68

SECRETARY OF STATE/ELECTION DIV	TRAINING DUES	\$230.00
SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$1,000.00
SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORPORATION	MAINTENANCE	\$450.12
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM	TELETYPE	\$198.00
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM	TELETYPE	\$537.60
STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTY FEES	\$2,050.00
STEVENS MEDICAL CLINIC	PRISONER CARE	\$100.00
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$526.49
TOP QUALITY GLOVES	JAIL SUPPLIES	\$90.75
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$198.03
UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES	PRINTING	\$193.62
VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$150.00
VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$8,886.15
PINNACLE BANK	SUBS/SUPPLIES	\$14.99
PINNACLE BANK	SUBS/SUPPLIES	\$539.13
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$308.63
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTY FEES	\$3,912.50
ZELLE LLC	HR ADMIN	\$5,000.00
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$199.99
308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CENTER, LLC	PUBLIC DEFEND	\$10,000.00

TOTALS

\$241,043.19

ROADS

AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$1,898.00
BEATRICE SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$4,091.56
BIG IRON	EQUIPMENT	\$4,950.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$105.36
BOMGAARS	REPAIR	\$43.94
BOMGAARS	REPAIR	\$18.99
CARDIO PARTNERS INC	SUPPLIES	\$323.50
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$33.57
EQUIPMENT BLADES INC	PARTS	\$5,920.00
FASTENAL CO	REPAIR	\$18.46
FILTER CARE	SUPPLIES	\$273.75
FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN EFN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$4,967.00
FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$99.00
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,539.14
GENEVA TIRE & AUTO INC	REPAIR	\$435.48
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	REPAIR	\$189.76
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$120.51
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$34.95
HERK'S WELDING SHOP	REPAIR	\$240.28
INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	PARTS	\$6.60
INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	PARTS	\$39.55

	ISLAND LANDHANDLERS LLC	GRAVEL	\$1,532.02
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	PARTS	\$898.90
	KRAIN CREEK FABRICATION, INC	PARTS	\$366.62
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS	\$21.33
	METROCOUNT USA INC	EQUIPMENT	\$518.00
	MICHAEL MEYER	SUPPLY	\$99.99
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	DISPOSAL	\$70.10
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	PARTS	\$4,470.00
	MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$136.23
	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	PARTS	\$9.72
	NACO	REGISTRATION	\$160.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$4,581.40
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$621.78
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$183.60
	NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$1,128.00
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE SERVICE	\$91.72
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIR	\$16.78
	OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	ENGINEER FEE	\$24,496.25
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$28,735.03
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$4,574.40
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	LABOR	\$753.95
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$58.86
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$1,526.94
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$34.86
	REPUBLICAN NONPARIEL	PUBLICATION	\$57.80
	ROE-BUICK-CHRYSLER	PART	\$78.60
	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM, INC	DIESEL	\$22,819.39
	SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR, LLC	LABOR	\$827.81
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$565.26
	VERIZON	PHONE	\$905.72
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$39.93
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$40.01
	WELDON PARTS	PARTS	\$216.68
TOTAL			\$126,062.08
JUVENILE DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$750.00
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$9.00
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$73.50
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$3.70
	US CELLULAR	PHONE	\$132.57
TOTAL			\$968.77

K9 FUND	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	SUPPLIES	\$144.55
TOTAL			\$144.55
COMMISSARY	CIDNET	COMMISSARY	\$30.00
TOTAL			\$30.00
4H BLDING			
FUND	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,376.79
TOTAL			\$2,376.79

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the October claims. Roll Call: All Ayes
 Moved Wiegert, second Kreachbaum to approve payroll. Roll Call: All Ayes
 Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
 /s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman
 /s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

October 28, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Weller, Kucera present. County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present. Tyson Benner, Larry and Joyce Petersen, Kathy and Doug Reeves, Melissa VanDeWalle, Olivia Furby 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.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
Chairwoman Kucera declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 a.m.

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

Minutes: Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the minutes from October 14, 2025 as published with the correction of Judd Allen from NACO Nebraska Benefits instead of BC/BS Roll Call: Ayes-
Kreachbaum, Weller, Wiegert, Dexter, Jarecke and Kucera. Abstain-Placke

Meeting Reports: Long Term Care Board meeting October 15-Placke, Jarecke, Kreachbaum; NIRMA October 23 and 24 in Kearney-Dexter, Placke, Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Wiegert and Kucera. Kucera reported Merrick County was presented the "Outstanding Loss Prevention Efforts" award which included a plaque and a check for \$1000.00. Brent Kunze and Doug Maw were recognized for their extra efforts in safety.

Officials Reports: Highway Superintendent Kunze informed the board Jarecke found a grant through Tall Grass, Community Engagement Grant in which the county was awarded \$5,000.00 to help fund the 911 signs. Kunze said during the resurfacing of 3rd Road he and Mike Meyers, Bridge Inspector, discovered cracks in the bridge. An engineer determined the bridge is not fixable, resurfacing will continue but the bridge will need to be addressed. Treasurer Gilg handed out the ARPA and Local Assist and Tribal Consistency Funds reports to the board members. Human Resources, Sedlacek informed the board there were personnel issues that had been addressed in the last few weeks and individuals had returned back to work from leave.

Melissa VanDeWalle provided Long Term Care updates and introduced the new Director of Nursing, Olivia Furby. Tyson Benner told the board RDG is on schedule for everything to go out for bid in December.

Jamie Wright, Chamber Board President, approached the board regarding the Community Christmas. Moved Dexter, second Weller to approve the Community Christmas to be held Sunday, December 7th on the courthouse lawn. Roll Call: All Ayes

Treasurer Gilg provided a handout on how the dividend checks received are split equally between the General and Roads Funds.

SDL Applications received: The Wandering Wall-Merrick County Fairgrounds, November 22, 2025 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. November 23, 2025 and Prairie Creek Vineyards-Merrick County Fairgrounds, January 2, 2026 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve SDL applications as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Kucera would like to see training available to the courthouse employees. Anna Sedlacek, Human Resource, will reach out to NIRMA and Charlie Colin to see when and if available for training.

District Court Clerk Good brought the Subgrant Agreement to the attention of the board between Nebraska DHHS and County of Merrick. The state is considering removing the grant in the future. The proceeds are deposited quarterly into the general fund.

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to approve Resolution 2025-21: Interlocal Agreement between Merrick, Nance County and Village of Palmer. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve Resolution 2025-22: Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent 2025. Roll Call; All Ayes

Sale of county owned real property located in pt Section 12, Township 13, Range 6 took place. Only bid received was from Joyce and Larry Petersen in the amount of \$3000.00. Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to accept the bid from Joyce and Larry Petersen. Roll Call: All Ayes

Sale of county owned real property located in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ Section 29, Township 14, Range 7 took place. Only bid received was from Kathy and Doug Reeves in the amount of \$109.93 per acre, the land consists of 1.93 acres. Moved Weller, second Wiegert to accept the bid from Kathy and Doug Reeves. Roll Call: All Ayes The proceeds of the sale will be deposited into the Courthouse Building Fund.

Sheriff Westman approached the board for clarification on where the funds are deposited for sale of vehicles and insurance claim reimbursement of a unit. Per an email received from Jeff Schreier, Audit Manager, Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts, the money will be receipted in the Treasurer's office to the General Fund, the Board could approve a budget amendment for the Sheriff's department for this amount as it was not anticipated when the budget was originally completed.

Attorney Kunz provided a job description and requirements for a County Administrator position.

GENERAL	STATE OF NE/DEPT LABOR	COMPENSATION	\$1,701.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	IT SERVICES	\$8,435.95
TOTAL			\$10,136.95

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

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

Moved Wiegert, second Weller to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

November 10, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Monday, November 10, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Weller, Kucera present. County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz present.

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

Moved Wiegert, second Kreachbaum to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
Chairwoman Kucera declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 a.m.

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

Minutes: Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the minutes from October 28, 2025 as published.

Roll Call: Ayes

Meeting Reports: Kreachbaum has been in contact with Mid Plains regarding grants.

Officials Reports: Attorney Kunz submitted the County Administrator job description to Anna Sedlacek for review. Sedlacek reported via text to the clerk and chairwoman that she has received the administrator job description and is waiting for a reply back from Charles Colon regarding training.

Dexter received an email from Bill Janis, Managing Director with Helios Healthcare Advisors. Copies were handed out to the board members to the email, the companies Market Trends report. Discussion did not take place.

Treasurer Gilg presented her Distress Warrant Report as of October 31, 2025 with a total of \$18,620.20.

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the Opioid Funds be used for the funding of the Region III support. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2025-23: Directing the Courthouse Bond Payment of \$110,385.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Placke to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2025-24: Directing the 4-H Building Bond Payment of \$144,668.75. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2025-25: Directing the transfer of funds from Inheritance to General in the amount of \$600,000.00. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to approve the purchase of a 2020 Ford Edge for county use. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to approve the October fees received from the District Court, Sheriff and the County Clerk offices as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL	ANTELOPE CO SHERIFF DEPT	BOARDING	\$45.00
	APPLIED CONNECTIVE	SECURITY	\$480.00
	JADE ARNSMEIER	MILEAGE	\$118.58
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,154.54
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$10.99
	NCEA	DUES/REGISTER	\$270.00
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$893.74
	CENTEC CAST METAL PRODUCTS	MARKERS/FLAGS	\$1,300.94
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$40.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$22.99
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$29.99
	CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$311.12
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	OLD HOSP UTIL	\$1,747.15

CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,965.28
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$35.70
TIFFANY CROUCH	MILEAGE	\$100.38
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	LODGING	\$1,299.50
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$340.00
CVSOAN	DUES	\$100.00
ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$239.54
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$28.80
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$488.65
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$425.21
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	\$149.62
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$322.87
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$84.83
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$487.88
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$379.86
FIRST CONCORD	HRA BUYDOWN	\$6,151.36
FIRST CONCORD	HRA FEES	\$252.00
FIVE NINES TECHNOLOGY	SUPPORT	\$210.60
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
SHARON GILG	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$129.40
THERESA GOOD	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$93.52
GREAT PLAINS COMM	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$2,600.00
HAMILTON TELECOM	PHONE/INTERNET	\$3,856.08
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$187.24
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$245.87
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$215.77
DENNIS JARECKE	MILEAGE	\$426.88
MARIA KOHL	MILEAGE	\$101.22
RUSSELL KREACHBAUM	MILEAGE	\$287.98
AARON J KUNZ	MILEAGE	\$416.64
LONE TREE TOWING	TOWING	\$1,000.00
DOUG MAW	PHONE/SUPPLIES	\$398.74
MCILNAY & CO	REPAIR	\$218.27
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$157.71
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUND	\$180,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$204.30
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$1,115.59
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	MICROFILM	\$125.00
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$417.10
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$1,665.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$186.00
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT	TRAINING	\$160.00

NE STATE FIRE MARSHAL AGENCY	ANNUAL INSPECT	\$120.00
KAREN NELSON	POSTAGE	\$10.48
NSA/POSAN	DUES	\$230.00
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$712.63
PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR	\$147.71
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHRED	\$62.00
PINNACLE BANK CC	SUPPLIES	\$485.33
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$239.13
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$54.30
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$631.34
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$476.48
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$423.40
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$485.45
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$176.59
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$88.88
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$513.50
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$276.07
PINNACLE BANK	FUEL	\$575.06
JAN PLACKE	MILEAGE	\$124.53
PLATTE COUNTY DETENTION	BOARDING	\$1,350.00
PLATTE VALLEY WEED MGMT	SUPPORT	\$3,500.00
PROF SURVEYORS ASSOC OF NE	MEMBERSHIP	\$175.00
REPUBLICAN NONPARIEL	PUBLICATION	\$498.64
STATE OF NE-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$1,115.60
SUMMERS AUTO	PARTS/LABOR	\$5,096.32
T-SHIRT ENGINEERS	UNIFORMS	\$176.61
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$526.59
TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$75.92
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE	\$1,024.00
UNL-EXTENSION	EQUIPMENT	\$245.00
UNL PARKING & TRANSIT	MILEAGE	\$40.00
UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES	PRINTING	\$25.36
VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$150.00
PINNACLE BANK	DUES/SUPPLIES	\$32.84
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MEALS	\$77.98
KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$101.36
WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTY FEES	\$3,900.00
ROGER WIEGERT	MILEAGE	\$76.30
WOODS & AITKEN LLP	ATTORNEY FEES	\$3,124.80
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	PARTS	\$29.99
1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACT	\$9,380.00
308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CNTR	ATTORNEY FEES	\$10,000.00
911 CUSTOM	EQUIPMENT	\$361.00

TOTAL**\$260,994.15****ROADS**

ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERTS	\$4,364.25
AKRS EQUIPMENT	PARTS	\$456.51
AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$2,290.40
BAUM HYDRAULICS	REPAIR	\$1,148.88
BEATRICE SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$5,219.89
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$103.15
BOMGAARS	EQUIPMENT	\$209.27
BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	GREASE/FLUIDS	\$5,329.91
CEDAR VALLEY LUMBER CLARKS	SUPPLIES	\$22.58
CORNHUSKER STATE IND	SIGNS/POSTS	\$702.40
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	LODGING	\$129.95
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$135.33
FILTER CARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$328.40
FIRST CONCORD	HRA BUYDOWN	\$1,465.67
FIRST CONCORD	HRA FEES	\$99.00
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$833.22
GROSSHANS, INC.	PARTS	\$788.68
HAMILTON TELECOM	PHONE	\$120.51
HAMILTON TELECOM	PHONE	\$34.95
HERK'S WELDING SHOP	PART	\$31.36
JERRY D. HOSTLER	BLDG REPAIR	\$300.00
ISLAND LANDHANDLERS LLC	GRAVEL	\$7,509.60
JUZYK ELECTRIC INC	FUEL	\$4,603.76
KRAIN CREEK FABRICATION	REPAIR	\$612.27
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D & A TESTING	\$72.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS	\$16.28
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL	TRASH DIPOSAL	\$72.20
MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO.	EQUIPMENT	\$30,009.80
MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRES	\$2,570.08
MURPHY TRACTOR	EQUIP REPAIR	\$76.06
NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$7,231.77
LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
NT&T	PHONE SERVICE	\$91.72
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	FILTERS/OIL	\$308.31
OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	STRUCTURES	\$5,435.50
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	SAND/GRAVEL	\$10,231.24
PALMER JOURNAL	PUBLICATION	\$41.91
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	TIRES	\$20.00
PALSER SERVICE	TIRE REPAIR	\$508.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$69.98
POLK COUNTY RPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$34.48

	RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	PARTS	\$57.50
	SAPP BROS. INC	FUEL	\$2,145.01
	SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR, LLC	REPAIR	\$1,031.70
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$513.05
	STATE GLASS, INC.	EQUIP/REPAIR	\$350.26
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$350.90
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$79.95
	WELDON PARTS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$587.29
TOTAL			\$98,819.93
JUVENILE DIVERSION	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIPMENT	\$750.00
	FIRST CONCORD	HRA FEES	\$9.00
	STACEY HARLOW	MILEAGE	\$88.76
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$11.84
	US CELLULAR	PHONE	\$77.10
TOTAL			\$936.70
ADULT DRUG CRT TOTAL	CENTRAL CITY MALL	SUPPLIES	\$87.27
			\$87.27
COMM EDUCATION TOTAL	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC	\$208.99
			\$208.99
K-9 FUND	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$37.44
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$492.15
TOTAL			\$529.59
LATCF TOTAL	RDG PLANNING & DESIGN	DEVELOPMENT	\$7,123.70
			\$7,123.70
INHERITANCE TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	FUND TRANSFER	\$600,000.00
			\$600,000.00
SHERIFF SINKING FUND TOTAL	CORNERSTONE BANK	AGREE/REPAIR	\$750.00
	EMER VEHICLE RESOURCES	EQUIP/REPAIR	\$63,300.00
			\$64,050.00
COMMISSARY TOTAL	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	COMMISSARY	\$317.89
			\$317.89
4-H BUILDING	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,402.28
	HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$138.08
	HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$330.60

	NEBRASKA FIRE SPRINKLER	INSPECTION	\$360.00
	R8 PRODUCTIONS	SYSTEM DESIGN	\$3,000.00
	STANEK FIRE PROTECTION	INSPECTION	\$185.00
TOTAL			\$5,415.96

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the November claims as presented with the addition of the amount for the approved county vehicle. Roll Call: All Ayes

General Gross: \$90,598.88, Net: \$69,057.30; Roads Gross: \$33,060.53, Net: \$26,250.82; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3,608.25, Net: \$2,812.60

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

Moved Placke, second Dexter to adjourn at 9:43 a.m. Roll Call: Ayes-Weller, Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Wiegert, Placke and Dexter, Abstain: Kucera. Chairwoman Kucera asked for a new roll call at 9:52 a.m.- with the prior motion voted upon by six of the seven board members that motion carried with a 6-1 vote.

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

November 25, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Weller, Kucera and 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.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
Chairwoman Kucera declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 a.m.

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

Minutes: Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the minutes of November 10, 2025 as published. Roll Call: Ayes

Meeting Reports: November 13th County Government Day-Weller, Dexter, Placke, Wiegert, Jarecke and Kucera; November 18 Bader Park-Weller; November 14 Merrick County Economic Development, November 24 phone conference with Mitch Elliot with RDG-Dexter: November 18th Good Life Senior Center and November 19 Long Term Care-Placke; November 19 Long Term Care and Mid Plains Area on Aging-Wiegert; November 17 Central District Health-Kreachbaum,

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers informed the board the county vehicle was picked up and is stored in the garage. Treasurer Gilg stated her office will be using the MIPS full service for printing, sorting and mailing out the tax statements. Clerk Strobel mailed out the certifications to the subdivisions that were due out by December 1st for the Primary Election. Prairie Island, Central and Mead Township budgets were all approved by the state auditors. She also informed the board there was a transfer miscoded in the 2021-2022 budget the state auditor brought to her attention. Highway Superintendent Kunze said the E911 sign order had been placed, Bader Park Bridge project is still moving forward. He also received the engineer's recommendation on the school zone for Nebraska Christian; the speed limit will be changed to 25 mph. There will also be some bidding on projects for the December 9th board meeting. Madie Hughes, Director of Consulting with Zelle updated the board with the County Administrator position that will be posted.

Melissa Van DeWalle provided an update on Long Term Care. She also stated that Good Samaritan would like First Rights of Refusal after the decoupling of the hospital to Good Samaritan Village.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to approve the SDL application for Scotty's LLC-Merrick County Fairgrounds on January 16, 2026. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the application received for a county burial. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding decals for the county owned vehicle was discussed. It was decided Assessor Myers, Highway Superintendent and Doug Maw will work together in order to come up with a design for the vehicle.

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to pay the clerk \$3000.00 for the 2025-2026 budget. Roll Call: All Ayes
The 2027-2030 Official Salary is due by resolution by January 15, 2026. The finance committee and the officials will meet on Wednesday, December 3rd to begin discussions.

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

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to open the One- & Six-Year Plan Hearing at 19:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Placke, second Kreachbaum to close the One-& Six Year Plan Hearing at 10:44 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Highway Superintendent Kunze presented his One-&Six-Year Plan with a power point presentation.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2025-26 adopting the 2025-2026 One- & Six-Year Highway Improvement. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Dexter, second Placke to move into Executive Session to discuss the courthouse security cameras at 10:52 a.m. for the protection of the public interest. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to move out of Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved Dexter, second Placke to move into Executive Session at 11:21 a.m. to discuss maintenance on a county owned building for the protection of the public interest or 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 12:35 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to adjourn at 12:36 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

December 9, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Weller, Kucera, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz were present. Tyson Benner 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.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:36 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
Chairwoman Kucera declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:36 a.m.

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

Minutes: Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the minutes of November 25, 2025 as published. Roll Call: Ayes

Meeting Reports: Dexter November 27th SCEDD, December 1 and 2 at the courthouse regarding computer and WIFI issues. Placke and Kreachbaum, Finance Committee meeting December 1. Wiegert December 1st helped wrapped gifts and December 4th Midland Area on Aging in Hastings.

Officials Reports: Treasurer Gilg received information from NPAIT-Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust for county employees' graduating high school senior to apply for a \$1000.00 scholarship. Gilg also announced the Courthouse Bond was paid off.

Long Term Care: Tyson Benner RDG was meeting with Melissa Van DeWalle today for a final walk through for the blueprints. These will possibly be presented at the next supervisor meeting.

Moved Kreachbaum., second Jarecke to approve the accruing and remaining interest of the Local Assist and Tribal Consistency Fund be moved to the General Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Placke to sign the Johnson Control Contract. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Weller to open the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Hilary Betka, Planning and Zoning appeared before the board to discuss and to amend the supplemental regulations of the Merrick County Zoning for Data Centers.

Moved Weller, second Dexter to close the public hearing at 10:10 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the application for an amendment for the county regulations to allow "Data Centers" as presented and approved by the Planning and Zoning administration recommendation. Roll Call: All Ayes

Dayton Wagner with Oak Creek Engineering opened the bids received by 10:00 a.m. for the 3rd Road Asphalt Overlay-Merrick County/Village of Palmer and Asphalt Overlay Nance County. Vontz Paving-\$993,193.20 and Werner Construction-\$1,136,100.40. Engineer's Estimate: \$1,016,000.00. Z Road Asphalt Overlay: Vontz Paving \$337,029.26 and Werner Construction \$328,559.60. Engineer Estimate: \$325,000.00. Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to table until the next boarding. Roll Call: All Ayes

Wagner opened the bids received by 10:00 a.m. for the 2025 Structure Replacements. F & A Concrete: Bid A \$490,068.00, Bid B \$475,092.00; Midland: Bid A \$369,721.75, Bid B \$338,939.75; Saul Ramos: Bid A \$415,423.02, Bid B \$347,628.32; A+ Contracting Bid A \$381,816.00, Bid B \$406,899.80.

Engineer's Estimate: Bid A \$455,940.00 Bid B \$401,210.00. Moved Placke, second Jarecke to postpone the awarding of the bids indefinitely. Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion regarding the county vehicle maintenance. Any repairs, fuel and maintenance will be taken out of the Building & Grounds budget.

Moved Weller, second Wiegert to deny the county burial as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

No discussion on the E911 placement, agenda item will be moved to the next board meeting.

Betka also informed the board the commercial solar energy moratorium will be up for renewal in May 2026. No action needed at this time.

Captain Bauer informed the board he received an update from NIRMA regarding the value of the 2020 Durango vehicle that was totaled. The value is stated at \$16,433.00 and is still waiting on the value of the equipment for reimbursement. Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the value received from NIRMA in order to receive the reimbursement of \$16,433.00 Roll Call: All Ayes

Discussion continued regarding the structure replacements. Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve Midlands bid for Bid A structure \$369,721.75. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Place to approve the Midlands bid for Bid B structure \$338,919.75. Roll Call: All Ayes

Jerad Reimers, District Coordinator for Senator Adrian Smith appeared before the board to answer questions and provide an update.

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the November 2025 Fees received from County Sheriff, District Court and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL			
	ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$7.00
	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECH	MAINTENANCE	\$240.00
	JADE ARNSMEIER	MILEAGE	\$21.56
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,153.69
	BOMGAARS	TOOLS	\$49.99
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER CARE	\$925.36
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER CARE	\$11.97
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$56.44
	CENTURY LINK	E911 PHONE	\$317.68
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY-OLD HOSP	UTILITIES	\$2,444.65
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,864.26
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$19.95
	COMFORT INN	LODGING	\$139.00
	CORNERSTONE OVERHEAD DOORS	BLDG REPAIR	\$240.00
	LINCOLN MARRIOTT CORNHUSKER	LODGING	\$363.00
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	OFFICE WATER	\$276.00
	DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	CO VEHICLE	\$13,500.00
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$99.75
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$337.51
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$103.94
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$196.84
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$85.66
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$241.25
	TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/BUDGET	\$3,030.00
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN EFN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$1,169.06
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$252.00
	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP	ADMIN FEE	\$400.00
	FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$110.43
	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
	FULLERTON DENTAL CARE	PRISONER CARE	\$1,640.00
	SHARON GILG	PHONE/MISC	\$37.44
	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	E911 PHONE	\$95.88
	HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$2,600.00

HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$4,795.66
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$221.91
HENNING BROTHERS LEASING	EQUIP LEASE	\$140.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	\$472.16
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$215.71
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	\$68.28
LA QUINTA INNS & SUITES	LODGING	\$139.00
ROSS A LUZUM	MILEAGE	\$90.83
DOUG MAW	PHONE	\$45.21
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$169.33
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUND	\$180,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$272.47
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$1,105.50
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	MICROFILM	\$125.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	PRISONER TRANS	\$216.45
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	PEST CONTROL	\$240.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$60.00
NEBRASKA EXTENSION-CEDAR CO	REGISTRATION	\$285.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$546.00
NNTC	E911 PHONE	\$133.36
NORTHEAST NE JUVENILE SERVICE	INSTITUTION	\$152.50
PALSER SERVICE	FUEL	\$34.23
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHREDDING	\$62.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$185.91
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$49.80
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$394.48
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$229.94
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$129.75
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$513.90
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$121.89
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$394.86
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLIES	\$280.77
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$628.14
PLATTE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY	BOARDING COSTS	\$150.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	SUPPLIES	\$72.45
PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS ASSOC	REGISTRATION	\$300.00
REPUBLICAN NONPARIEL	PUBLICATION	\$454.73
SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION	ELEVATOR EXP	\$4,874.52
SOLT WAGNER FUNERAL HOME	COUNTY BURIAL	\$2,000.00
STATE OF NEBRASKA	TELETYPE	\$735.60
THE RADAR SHOP	EQUIPMENT	\$302.00
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$526.59
PINNACLE BANK	FUEL	\$14.99

	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$311.08
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH, WOODS & AITKEN LLP	ATTORNEY FEES	\$6,175.00
	ZELLE LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$2,107.50
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	H/R ADMIN	\$5,000.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPORT	\$79.99
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	CONSULT	\$9,380.00
	308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CENTER	PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$10,000.00
TOTAL			\$267,098.97
ROADS	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	ARCH BAND	\$189.75
	AKRS EQUIPMENT	PARTS	\$20.81
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$3,715.70
	BEATRICE SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$1,330.53
	BILL'S VOLUME SALES	REPAIR	\$22.79
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$232.65
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$214.35
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	DIESEL/OIL	\$12,221.72
	CYNTHIA CATLETT	SUPPLIES	\$8.50
	COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO	REPAIR	\$7,709.70
	CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	SIGNS	\$2,223.05
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$421.93
	FILTER CARE	SUPPLIES	\$164.45
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN EFN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$3,523.54
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$99.00
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$2,698.87
	GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	PARTS	\$294.47
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$120.51
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$34.95
	HERK'S WELDING SHOP	REPAIR	\$5,940.74
	INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICES, INC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$1,404.74
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS	\$5.18
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$72.20
	MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE/ROADS	PARTS	\$33.29
	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO.	BLADES	\$6,784.80
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	BALANCE	\$117.56
	MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	ROADS	\$90.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	EQUIPMENT	\$298,611.83
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	TELEPHONE	\$92.72
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$321.04
	OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY OF GI	REPAIR	\$610.76
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$9,749.10
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	REPAIR	\$5,526.90

	PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR	\$50.00
	POLK COUNTY RPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$35.16
	RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	PARTS	\$196.79
	REPUBLICAN NONPARIEL	PUBLICATION	\$360.00
	SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$2,495.56
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$563.54
	UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY	LAND RENTAL	\$250.00
	VERIZON	TELEPHONE	\$350.90
	VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	\$79.95
TOTAL			\$369,065.03
JUV DIVERSION	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$9.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$2.96
TOTAL			\$11.96
DRUG COURT	MELANIE LUEDERS	COURT EXPENSE	\$100.00
TOTAL			\$100.00
COVID	SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS	ENGINEER FEES	\$2,797.80
TOTAL			\$2,797.80
LATCF	RDG PLANNING & DESIGN	ENGINEER FEE	\$62,477.12
TOTAL			\$62,477.12
CRTHOUSE			
BLDG	JORDAN MASONRY, LLC	BUILD REPAIR	\$8,300.00
TOTAL			\$8,300.00
4-H BLDG FUND	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$34.98
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY, INC	DIESEL	\$128.02
	CARL'S SKRAP	DUMPSTER PICK	\$95.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,274.82
	ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC	INSPECTION	\$159.40
	HEARTLAND DISPOSAL	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$644.88
	CINDIE HOSTLER	EQUIPMENT	\$241.61
	MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY, LLC	MAINTENANCE	\$664.39
	NEBRASKA FIRE SPRINKLER	INSPECTION	\$360.00
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	EXTENSION	\$89.53
TOTAL			\$3,692.63

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the December claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes
 Moved Jarecke, second Placke to move into Executive Session at 11:04 a.m. for personnel discussion and the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes
 Moved Placke, second Dexter to move out of Executive Session at 11:18 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
 Moved Placke, second Dexter to adjourn at 11:19 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk

December 23, 2025,

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, December 23, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Weller, Kucera, County Clerk Strobel and County Attorney Kunz were present. Tyson Benner and Melissa Van DeWalle were also present.

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Moved Placke, second Kreachbaum to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes Chairwoman Kucera declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 a.m.

Agenda: Moved Dexter, second Placke to approve the agenda with the deletion of county burial and Vehicle use policy/log for county vehicle items. Roll Call: All Ayes

Minutes: Moved Weller, second Wiegert to approve the minutes of December 9, 2025 as published. Roll Call: Ayes

Meeting Reports: NACO Convention in Kearney: Weller-December 17; Dexter, Jarecke, Kreachbaum, Wiegert and Kucera-December 17 through 19; Long Term Care-December 17-Placke; Safety meeting December 10-Dexter.

Officials Reports: Anna Sedlacek updated the board on the County Administrator applicants.

Public Comment: Tyson Benner reiterated to the board after spending nearly half a million dollars on the Long-Term Care facility in engineering fees, he strongly urged the board to decide whether they will proceed or terminate moving forward.

Melissa Van DeWalle provided an update on Long Term Care and they are continuing the future planning of the facility with RDG.

Juvenile Diversion Officer McNeff appeared before the board to go over the Interlocal and grant for 2027.

Moved Jarecke, second Placke to approve the Juvenile Diversion Interlocal 2027. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign the Juvenile Diversion Grant for 2027.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Highway Superintendent Kunze discussed the 3rd Road asphalt overlay. The 3rd Road bridge needs to be replaced with a culvert the bidding be due by January 8th and completed by June 15th. Funding the project was also discussed. No action needed at this time.

Hilary Betka, Planning & Zoning discussed the ordinance agreement with City of Grand Island for the Interjurisdictional Planning Commission. Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to terminate Ordinance #90-38 with City of Grand Island. Roll Call: All Ayes

E911 sign placement was decided to place signs by mailboxes or box culverts. No action needed.

The board decided to have Luke Bonkiewicz with NACO meet with the finance committee via phone in regards to the 2027-2030 Official Salary recommendations for Nebraska elected officials.

General Gross: \$90,994.49 Net: \$64,967.92; Roads Gross: \$36,555.52, Net: \$27,574.26; Juvenile Diversion Gross: \$3,928.41, Net: \$2,758.17. Total Gross: \$131,478.42, Net: \$95,300.35.

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

Moved Wiegert, second Kreachbaum to adjourn at 10:17 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk