

June 9, 2026

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 9:16 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Weller, Kucera, 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 Dexter 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.

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

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve the minutes from May 26, 2026 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meetings: NACO meetings in Kearney June 3rd and 4th-Wiegert, Placke, Kucera and Dexter; Central District Health June 3rd-Wiegert; SCEDD May 28, June 5th Merrick Economic Development and Safety Committee meeting June 8-Dexter.

Officials Reports: Assessor Myers stated the valuation notices were mailed out; Clerk Strobel mentioned the ballots for the Special Election had been ordered, officials have been turning in their budget requests and the new Merrick County Website is live with training to be scheduled with MIPS in the near future.

Anna Sedlacek provided a handout with an update to the vehicle policy for the board to review, Sedlacek also updated 5.3b adding the use of the personal vehicle. Highway Superintendent Kunze stated there had been more tires dumped. Chairwoman Kucera also introduced the new Board Assistant Rebekah Osman. John Hladik with Tall Grass introduced himself during public comment as well as providing an update. Cassie Muzic with Midland Area on Aging appeared before the board to request county funding in support of the programs and services provided to local residents. Casey stated the budget request for FY 2026-2027 is \$14,602.00.

Madison Cogdill and Clint Anderson with AFLAC presented a handout of a potential dental plan.

Tyson Benner stated the estimate to replace a compressor was \$55,000 and a new chiller \$175,000, Benner suggested if the board decides to go to bond to also factor those items.

Discussion in having a liaison for Merrick County and Long-Term Care with the decision d to have Deputy County Attorney Luzum and Board Assistant Osman to act as liaisons.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to approve the SDL application for the Merrick County Ag Society for the Beer Garden at the Merrick County Fair August 1st thru August 5th from 1:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to approve the overhead power easement for Southern Public Power District through Stranberg Park. Roll Call: All Ayes

NIRMA alternate property deductible levels were discussed with no action taken.

Resolution 2026-6: Directing the transfer of funds from General to Sinking for \$300,000.00 was tabled until the next board meeting.

Treasurer Gilg presented parcels that were not sold at the public tax sale.

Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to approve the chairwoman to sign the Audit Management Representation letter. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the May Fees presented for District Court, County Clerk and the Sheriff's office. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL	ADAMSON POLICE PRODUCTS	EQUIPMENT	\$12,948.75
	ANTELOPE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	BOARDING COSTS	\$2,855.00

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	AGREEMENT	\$240.00
AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$1,152.91
AURORA NEWS REGISTER	SUPPLIES	\$133.29
BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	INMATE SUPPLY	\$1,939.26
BOMGAARS	EQUIP/FUEL	\$442.94
BRYAN HEALTH	PRISONER HEALT	\$210.00
CARL'S SKRAP	SCRAP PICKUP	\$110.00
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$1,931.36
CENTRAL CITY MALL	MEALS	\$23.93
CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$116.00
CENTRAL CITY MALL	MISC SUPPLIES	\$29.11
CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$36.63
CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPT	CONTRACT	\$16,000.00
CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	\$75.74
CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$333.76
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	HOSPITAL UTIL	\$1,963.04
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$2,094.63
CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,123.48
CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$15.75
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$144.00
COPYCAT PRINTING	SUPPLIES	\$99.22
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	LODGING	\$749.75
CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$291.05
CUSTER CO SHERIFF	COURT COSTS	\$63.30
ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$179.28
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$107.99
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$449.04
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$110.14
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$584.15
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	PAPER	\$1,559.60
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$227.34
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$763.70
ELECTION WORKERS	ELECTION WORKERS	\$836.78
KRIS ERICKSON	REIMBURSEMENT	\$133.59
ESRI	MAINTENANCE	\$700.00
TRISHA FATE-STROBEL	PHONE/APPR MEALS	\$182.30
ENGINEERING	SUPPORT	\$5,500.00
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$1,740.31
SHARON GILG	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$60.02
THERESA GOOD	M H BOARD	\$125.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$2,300.00

HAMILTON COUNTY	INTERLOCAL	\$49,138.47
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$4,115.98
HD ARMS LLC	EQUIP	\$142.50
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$597.29
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	\$703.67
CINDIE HOSTLER	SUPPLIES	\$578.34
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	UNIFORMS	\$1,524.04
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPORT	\$378.99
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MED	\$153.93
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	MAINT/LABOR	\$2,691.88
KENDRICK WINDSHIELD REPAIR	REPAIR	\$170.00
BRIAN KLUCK	MENTAL HEALTH	\$393.41
AARON J KUNZ	MILEAGE	\$237.80
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$25.52
LETS	EQUIPMENT	\$2,125.00
MARY LIVINGSTON	MENTAL HEALTH	\$158.21
DOUG MAW	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$421.06
MCILNAY & CO	A/C REPAIR	\$1,126.00
MEMORIAL HEALTH CLINIC	PRISONER CARE	\$258.00
MENARDS	REPAIR SUPPLY	\$185.86
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT COSTS	\$356.00
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$280,000.00
MERRICK CO. HISTORICAL MUSEUM	SUPPORT	\$6,500.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$22.80
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$203.36
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$252.00
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	IMAGING	\$215.00
MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$3,810.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	PRISONER TRANSPORT	\$547.20
MIPS INC.	NOTICES	\$3,249.05
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$3,723.93
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	EQUIP	\$14,166.64
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE	\$30.00
NACO	NACO DUES	\$2,302.56
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$625.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$435.00
NIRMA	INSURANCE	\$96,457.00
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$133.35
OLD DIRT ROAD	SUPPLIES	\$11.00
PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR	\$2,178.50
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHRED SERVICE	\$43.00
PINNACLE BANK CC	CHECKS	\$518.04
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$177.52

	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$743.04
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$1,038.21
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$957.55
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$277.23
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$72.33
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$810.52
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/POSTAGE	\$575.55
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$237.06
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC	\$514.73
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$541.68
	PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	EQUIP	\$27,949.82
	PLATTE VALLEY MEDICAL CLINIC	INMATE CARE	\$111.00
	POSTMASTER	BOX RENT	\$368.00
	KIMBERLY J QUANDT, AAL	ATTY FEES	\$31,987.50
	REPUBLICAN NONPARIEL	PUBLICATION	\$432.44
	MARIA RODRIGUEZ	SUPPLIES/MEAL	\$233.35
	ROYELLE	EQUIPMENT	\$7,500.00
	SEILER GEOSPATIAL	EQUIPMENT	\$290.71
	STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTY FEES	\$1,500.00
	STROMSBURG SOFT WATER	SUPPLIES	\$35.00
	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$526.49
	TILDEN DRUG	PRISONER MEDS	\$132.24
	TOP QUALITY GLOVES	SUPPLIES	\$509.40
	TOTAL AUTO BODY	REPAIR	\$1,132.00
	JAMES H TRUJELL	MENTAL HEALTH	\$157.77
	U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (NEOPOST)	POSTAGE	\$10,000.00
	VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$50.00
	VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$4,023.65
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	\$4,103.12
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	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE/MEALS	\$243.61
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTY FEES	\$8,812.50
	ZELLE LLC	H/R ADMIN	\$5,000.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACT	\$9,380.00
	CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DIST	MAINT AGREE	\$675.00
	308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CENTER, LLC	ATTY FEES	\$10,000.00
TOTALS			\$659,902.54
ROADS	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG., CO.	CULVERT	\$18,063.84
	AKRS EQUIPMENT	PARTS	\$95.99
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$6,681.20
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$114.48
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$184.88

BOSSelman ENERGY INC	FUEL	\$8,196.90	
BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	TRASH	\$30.00	
CONSTRUCTION RENTAL INC	SMALL TOOLS	\$1,025.00	
CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	SIGNS & POSTS	\$832.00	
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$269.17	
FASTENAL CO	PARTS	\$746.25	
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,297.82	
GENERAL EXCAVATION	COUNTY BRIDGE	\$54,297.73	
GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	PARTS	\$3.20	
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$34.95	
H2 EQUIPMENT LLC	EQUIP REPAIR	\$106.02	
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SUPPLIES	\$698.79	
K & S TOOL SERVICE	REPAIR	\$158.99	
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROAD-POSTAGE	\$1.48	
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH PICKUP	\$76.70	
MIDLANDS CONTRACTING, INC	STRUCTURE PROJ	\$127,257.15	
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$136.23	
NACO	EDUCATION	\$60.00	
NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO	SUPPLIES	\$3,995.54	
LEE NEEL	LAND RENTAL	\$75.00	
NIRMA	INSURANCE	\$86,254.00	
NT&T/SHOP	PHONE/SHOP	\$98.62	
OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	ENGINEER FEES	\$27,491.00	
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$27,731.85	
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$2,009.01	
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$75.00	
POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC POWER	ELECTRICITY	\$34.09	
REPUBLICAN NONPARIEL	PUBLISHING	\$246.06	
SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR, LLC	LABOR	\$655.87	
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECETRICITY	\$562.13	
VERIZON	TELEPHONE	\$350.90	
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/EQUIP	\$159.87	
VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	\$11,752.20	
TOTALS		\$381,859.91	
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

	RIVER RATS JEEP JAMBOREE	VISITOR PROMO	\$200.00
TOTALS			\$7,200.00
JUVE DIV	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$2.22
TOTAL			\$2.22
K-9 FUND	RAY ALLEN MANUFACTURING CO INC	K-9 SUPPLIES	\$306.98
TOTAL			\$306.98
COVID	BOWMAN	BRIDGE REPAIR	\$6,757.32
	GENERAL EXCAVATION	COUNTY BRIDGE	\$33,966.73
TOTAL			\$40,724.05
INHERITANCE	RDG PLANNING & DESIGN	ENGINEER FEE	\$11,042.20
TOTAL			\$11,042.20
4-H BLDG	L & R LAND & TREE	LASER GRADE	\$1,050.00
TOTAL			\$1,050.00

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the June claims with the rejection of the Sheriff's Department claims coming out of the Sheriff's Sinking Fund but instead to have them come out of the Sheriff's General Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Placke, second Dexter to adjourn at 11:14 a.m. Roll Call All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate-Strobel, County Clerk