

July 14, 2026

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 9:05 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 Placke, 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.

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

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the minutes from June 23, 2026 as published. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meetings: Protest hearing June 25-Wiegert, Jarecke, Weller, Dexter, Kucera, Kreachbaum and Placke; Central District Health July 13-Wiegert; Extension Board July 14-Kucera; Fox Theater July 9-Weller and Dexter; Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classification and Standards July 10-Kreachbaum.

Officials Reports: Attorney Aaron Kunz attended the Nebraska County Attorneys Association committee meeting and Clerk Fate informed the board the Palmer School Bond Special Election is today.

Brad Wells approached the board during public comment to request the claims be separated by department for the minutes.

Joseph Cosgrove with Summit Solutions provided an update during public comment and will be put on the agenda in the near future.

Melissa Van DeWalle informed the board the asbestos work will be completed in three to four weeks at Long Term Care and the new chiller should arrive mid-August.

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve Resolution 2026-12 certifying proper completion of the County Bridge Matching Program Agreement. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to approve the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Merrick County and Hall County for improvements on bridge number C006100102. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Placke to appoint Rene Blauhorn to the Central District Health Board. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Weller, second Placke to approve the Johnson Acres Subdivision. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to move into Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. to seek legal advice on a personnel matter for the protection of the public's interest. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Wiegert, second Jarecke to move out of Executive Session at 10:01 a.m. and reconvene after the gravel bid opening. Roll Call: All Ayes

10:03 a.m. Gravel Bid Opening for July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. Hooker Brothers: Gravel F.O.B. Area 1 & Area 2 \$16.00/ton, Mud Rock F.O.B. Area 1 & Area 2 \$10.00/ton, Fill Sand F.O.B. Area 1 & 2 \$4.50/ton; Legacy Rock & Sand: Gravel delivered Area 1 \$32.35/ton Area 2 \$29.98/ton, Gravel F.O.B. Area 1 & 2 \$16.50/ton, Mud Rock F.O.B. Area 1 & 2 \$35.00/ton, Fill Sand F.O.B. Area 1 & 2 \$3.00/ton; Overland Sand & Gravel: Gravel F.O.B Area 1 & 2 \$18.25/ton, Mud Rock F.O.B (Silver Creek only) \$18.40/ton, Fill Sand F.O.B Area 1 & 2 \$5.95/ton.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to accept Hooker Brothers Sand & Gravel, Legacy Rock & Sand and Overland Sands & Gravel bids for fiscal year 2026-2027 where needed. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to move back into Executive Session at 10:16 a.m. for the protection of the public's interest. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to move out of Executive Session at 10:48 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

GENERAL	ANTELOPE CO SHERIFF DEPT	PRISONER CARE	\$135.00
	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECH	SECURITY SERV	\$240.00
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$971.93
	AURORA NEWS REGISTER	SUPPLIES	\$133.29
	BENCHMARK GOV SOL	MEALS	\$766.75
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$129.44
	BOX BUTTE CO SHERIFF OFFICE	COURT EXPENSE	\$18.50
	BULLFROG GROUP, LLC	SUBSCRIPTION	\$15.93
	CARL'S SKRAP	DUMPSTER	\$110.00
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$1,845.72
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$55.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$127.83
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	PARTS	\$42.88
	CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICE	\$333.76
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,687.63
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$3,162.49
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$1,645.06
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$20.07
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	\$432.00
	COBBLESTONE INN & SUITES	LODGING	\$330.00
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$368.05
	CVSOAN	REGISTRATION	\$60.00
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$152.55
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	CONTRACT	\$211.54
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$12.60
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$204.81
	ES&S	BALLOT PRODUCT	\$1,620.00
	TRISHA FATE	PHONE/MEALS	\$154.99
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN EFN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$18,860.31
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$549.00
	FLATLAND MOBILE SERVICE	REPAIR	\$145.72
	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
	GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	\$73.48
	SHARON GILG	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$132.95
	RUTHIE GOERTZEN	MILEAGE	\$174.87
	THERESA GOOD	MENTAL HEALTH	\$286.16
	GREAT PLAINS COMM	PHONE SERVICE	\$95.88
	GWORKS	YEARLY MAINT	\$15,460.00

HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING COST	\$5,141.00
HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK	P&Z INTERLOCAL	\$10,000.00
HAMILTON TELECOM	PHONE/CABLE	\$3,897.76
DEAN HARTWIG	POSTAGE	\$64.81
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$136.98
HILDER IMPLEMENT INC	PARTS	\$21.48
HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY	LODGING	\$239.90
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	\$703.67
CINDIE HOSTLER	SUBSCRIPTION	\$11.99
INTEGRATED SECURITY SOL	INSPECTION	\$104.00
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$434.83
JACKSON SERVICES	RUG SERVICE	\$161.32
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MED	\$25.86
KENDRICK WINDSHIELD REPAIR	REPAIR	\$345.00
BRIAN KLUCK	MENTAL HEALTH	\$393.41
ALICIA LEMBURG	MILEAGE	\$32.45
LIVESTOCKJUDGING.COM	SUBSCRIPTION	\$300.00
MARY LIVINGSTON	MENTAL HEALTH	\$158.21
DOUG MAW	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$223.98
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HEALTH	PRISONER CARE	\$361.75
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$200,000.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT COST	\$37.40
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$441.73
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	\$119.64
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	IMAGING	\$125.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$192.60
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	JUV SERVICES	\$363.00
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$3,959.41
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	PEST CONTROL	\$240.00
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE	\$30.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$450.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTION	\$285.00
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT	TRAINING	\$350.00
NEBRASKA STATE PATROL	LICENSE	\$290.00
NEBRASKA.GOV	COURT EXPENSE	\$16.00
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$269.38
VALERIE OAKLEAF	MILEAGE	\$184.73
PALSER SERVICE	WEED CONTROL	\$417.94
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHRED	\$43.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$56.37
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$284.39
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$934.25
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$628.45

	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$186.45
	PINNACLE BANK	FUEL	\$991.01
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL/MISC	\$229.20
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$207.25
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC	\$1,449.48
	PINNACLE BANK	FUEL	\$886.44
	PISKORSKI DENTAL, PC	PRISONER CARE	\$311.00
	PLATTE CO SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$6.50
	R R DONNELLEY	SUPPLIES	\$106.39
	REGION 3 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	SUPPORT	\$5,158.77
	ROWLEY LAW LLC	ATTY FEE	\$6,012.50
	SERVICE LIGHTING & ELECTRICAL	PARTS	\$205.29
	SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORP	SUBSCRIPTION	\$2,299.97
	STATE OF NE-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$760.00
	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$526.49
	TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$1,537.27
	JAMES H TRUELL	MENTAL HEALTH	\$157.77
	UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES	PRINTING	\$91.28
	UNMC CENTER	INVESTIGATIVE	\$350.00
	VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING COST	\$450.00
	VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CONTROL	\$1,855.40
	PINNACLE BANK	OFFICE EQUIP	\$256.67
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC	\$602.96
	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$124.63
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTY FEES	\$3,425.00
	WOODS & AITKEN LLP	ATTY FEES	\$152.00
	ZELLE LLC	HR ADMIN	\$4,000.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$1,706.93
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACT	\$9,380.00
	308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CTR	ATTY FEES	\$10,000.00
TOTAL			\$336,733.70
ROADS			
	AKRS EQUIPMENT	EQUIPMENT	\$57.98
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$2,646.00
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$98.40
	BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$344.38
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	SHOP/FUEL	\$372.15
	BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	TRASH	\$30.00
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$11.07
	FASTENAL CO	PARTS	\$181.55
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN EFN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$4,139.63
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$198.00
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$2,172.00

	GRAND ISLAND CLINIC	D&A TEST	\$59.00
	GROSSHANS, INC./ROADS	REPAIR	\$1,952.47
	HAMILTON TELECOM	PHONE	\$34.95
	HERK'S WELDING SHOP	PARTS/LABOR	\$655.46
	BUCKY HERMAN	LAND RENTAL	\$720.00
	H2 EQUIPMENT LLC	REPAIR	\$350.00
	INTEGRATED SECURITY SOL	INSPECTION	\$1,392.00
	J-SPOT SERVICE	STRUCTURES	\$744.60
	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	EQUIP RENTAL	\$10,268.29
	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D & A TESTING	\$72.00
	MENARDS	ASPHALT	\$735.36
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS	\$17.76
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$76.70
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	TIRES	\$582.66
	MIPS	SUPPORT	\$136.23
	MRJ ENGINEERING	SUPPORT	\$25,610.00
	POWERPLAN	REPAIR	\$16,794.62
	MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	PEST CONTROL	\$90.00
	NEBR. MACHINERY CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$1,886.67
	NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	\$929.00
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NORFOLK LODGE & SUITES	LODGING	\$330.00
	NT&T/SHOP	PHONE SERVICE	\$98.61
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	OIL/REPAIR	\$217.22
	OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	ENGINEER FEES	\$5,274.95
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	SAND	\$9,760.78
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL	\$7,908.70
	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR	\$72.00
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PUBLIC	ELECTRICITY	\$34.42
	RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	REPAIR	\$354.91
	SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$3,599.10
	KIRK SCHWARZ	EQUIPMENT	\$4,000.00
	SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR, LLC	LABOR/REPAIR	\$199.50
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICTIY	\$549.91
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$350.90
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE SERVICE	\$79.94
	VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	\$62,251.20
	WELDON PARTS	PARTS	\$270.58
TOTAL			\$168,786.65
JUVENILE DIVERSION	FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN EFN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$686.87
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$18.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$2.22

	US CELLULAR	PHONE	\$431.52
	3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	EDUCATION	\$75.00
TOTAL			\$1,213.61
ADULT DRUG CRT	CENTRAL CITY MALL	EXPENSES	\$116.50
TOTAL			\$116.50
COVID	BOWMAN	STRUCTURE	\$9,392.23
TOTAL			\$9,392.23
INHERITANCE	CARLSON WEST POVONDRA	ASSESS STUDY	\$40,000.00
FUND	ARCHITECTS	ENGINEER FEES	\$5,733.34
TOTAL	RDG PLANNING & DESIGN		\$45,733.34
4-H BLDG FUND	HANS SERVICE LLC	SUPPLIES	\$868.10
	MERRICK COUNTY YOUTH & AG ED	SUBSCRIPTION	\$114.00
	CENTER	SUPPLIES	\$595.69
	MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY, LLC	PARTS	\$435.00
TOTAL	STANEK FIRE PROTECTION		\$2,012.79

Moved Weller, second Dexter to approve the July claims as presented with the approval of the West, Carlson, Povandra claim to be paid out of Inheritance. Roll Call: All Ayes.

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

Moved Dexter, second Wiegert to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate, County Clerk