

July 21, 2026

The Merrick County Board of Equalization met Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Kucera, Dexter, Kreachbaum, Jarecke, and Wiegert present. Assessor Myers, County Clerk Strobel were also present. Placke and Weller absent.

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

Chairwoman Kucera declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:00 a.m.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to reconvene as Board of Equalization at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Dexter led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

Assessor Myers read all of the valuation protests with her recommendations to the board:

2026-0001 Parcel #2002.65 Tyler and Isabell Fuelberth-Reduce price per sq/foot to \$2.50. Protested value \$237,840, recommended value \$169,885; 2026-0002 Parcel #4587.00 Larry Gibreal no change. 2026-0003 Parcel #2529.00 Cherie Flinn no change; 2026-0004, 2026-0005, 2026-0006, 2026-0007 withdrawn. 2026-0008 Parcel #2452.00 Brady Maas no change; 2026-0009 Parcel #5573.01 Lawrence and Tina Dush no change; 2026-0010 Parcel #3698.01 Ronald Dettman no change; 2026-0011 Parcel #4263.00 Barry Denning-basement sq foot corrected. HVAC corrected in rental house, age of buildings and bin capacity corrected. Protested value \$378,065.00 recommended value \$369,160.00; 2026-0012 Parcel #4804.01 Thomas and Kelly Zeckser no change; 2026-0013 Parcel #941.00 Rodney Pollard no change; 2026-0014 Parcel #6020.00 Barrett Huneke-reduced quality of house due to presumed quality of work and carpentry. Protested value \$835,485.00 recommended value \$725,885.00; 2026-0015 Parcel #6257.00 Pamela Curry added functional due to 1990's modular home build-Protested value \$225,910.00 recommended value \$187,940.00; 2026-0016 Parcel #4384.01 Bruce and Karen Hosic reduced condition of house due to no utilities or electricity, equalized like acreages-Protested value \$108,640.00 recommended \$100,175.00; 2026-0017 Parcel #1077.00 Mark Lesiak no change; 2026-0018 Parcel #4809.00 Kevin and Margaret Goerl no change; 2026-0019 Parcel #5326.00 and 2026-0020 Parcel #4479.00 Eugene Penrose-no change; 2026-0021 Parcel #4296, 2026-0022 Parcel #4767 and 2026-0023 Parcel #5243 Don Miller-no change; 2026-0024 Parcel #3951.01, 2026-0025 Parcel #875.00, 2026-0026 Parcel #978.00 Leslie Denning-no change; 2026-0028 Parcel #1581.00 Brad Wells changed condition back to 2.5, equalized and accounted for all other buildings on property-Protested value \$474,985 recommended \$417,255; 2026-0029 Parcel #3047.00 Raydee Swanson no change; 2026-0030 Parcel #5761.00 Clayton & Courtney Retzlaff no change; 2026-0031 withdrawn; 2026-0032 Parcel #4645, 2026-0033 Parcel #4644 and 2026-0034 Parcel #4646 Ronnie Stack no change.

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve the assessor's valuation recommendations as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Myers recommendation for Form 425 for Parcel #3913-Linda Biel-Current Assessed Value-\$730,150 to recommended assessed value \$526,325 due to house completely totaled from fire.

Approve Form 425 as recommended by Assessor Myers for Parcel #3913

County Assessor Myers presented the 2027 Plan of Assessment for Merrick County for 2027, 2028 and 2029.

County Assessor Myers presented the Cemetery Report

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to adjourn at 9:39 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate, County Clerk