

August 11, 2026

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Weller, Kucera, Clerk Fate and County Attorney Kunz present, Kreachbaum absent. Sarah Hansen, Barbee Sweet, Jeff Wegner, Matt King and Tyson Benner 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 Wiegert, second Placke 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 July 28, 2026 with the correction of culvert instead of concrete tube on the bids that were presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meetings: Central District Health, August 8-Midland Area on Aging, August 6-Roger Wiegert; Supreme Court Visit, August 10-Wiegert, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter and Kucera; Institute of Excellence August 6-Placke; SCEDD July 30 and Merrick County Economic Development Board August 7-Dexter.

Officials Reports: Treasurer Gilg stated the DMV will be closed August 14 and August 28 due to staff shortage. Sara Dexter will be coming in one day for a few weeks to begin training. Maintenance Supervisor Maw suggested purchasing different chairs for when the DMV is at the courthouse. Highway Superintendent Kunze informed the board another bridge was closed due to buckling. Resurfacing on 3rd Road and on 21st Rd are completed. Work on Z Rd will begin today. Kunze also mentioned NT&T will cease operation and he does not feel like the shop needs a landline. On the south side of 25th Rd of Clarks, fiber is being relocated. Assessor Myers presented centrally assessed values for the new Trail Blazer entity.

Doug Reeves presented handouts with pictures during public comment in regards to the drainage issue south of the Archer bridge.

Sarah Hansen from Central City, Barbee Sweet and Jeff Wegner from Clarks spoke individually during public comment with their concerns regarding a Data Center in Merrick County.

Sampson Construction is on site at Long Term Care

Emergency Manager Jenna Church provided updates. The E911 address signs have been delivered; Church also was approved for the performance grant and discussed the training she has been and will be attending. Church went over the updates to the Local Emergency Operations Plan.

Moved Wiegert, second Dexter to approve Resolution 2026-0014 accepting the 2025 Local Emergency Operations Plans. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to appoint Clerk Fate as the NIRMA contact. Roll Call: All Ayes

Chairwoman Kucera stated the former Board Assistant, Rebekah Osman was working towards a NET grant with SCEDD. Kucera and Dexter said they will speak with SCEDD to continue with the process.

Moved Weller, second Jarecke to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2026-15 directing the transfer of \$200,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes

Treasurer Gilg presented a handout detailing the refunds to Green Plains after the TERC settlement for years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Juvenile Diversion Officer McNeff appeared before the board with the Interlocal Agreement with Hamilton County.

Township gravel prices were discussed in whether to raise the pricing. Matt King was in attendance for Midland Township and suggested to the board it would be beneficial if they could provide the cost per

mile to maintain a township road and to do so before budget time. After much discussion, it was decided to wait until those numbers could be calculated and discuss again at a later date.

Moved Placke, second Weller to approve signing Resolution 2026-13: County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2026. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the chairwoman to sign the Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2026. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

GENERAL	ANTELOPE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	BOARDING COSTS	\$585.00
	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	MAINTENANCE	\$240.00
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$750.86
	AURORA NEWS REGISTER	SUPPLIES	\$49.63
	JULIE L BELLIS	COURT EXPENSE	\$287.53
	BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS	MEALS	\$863.60
	BOMGAARS	LAWN CARE	\$136.87
	BOMGAARS	WEED SUPPLIES	\$217.79
	BULLFROG GROUP, LLC	E911 SERVICE	\$33.16
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLY/LEASE	\$1,926.84
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$60.00
	CENTURY LINK	E911 PHONE SRV	\$336.32
	CIDNET	INMATE SUPPLY	\$50.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	OLD HOSP UTIL	\$1,983.61
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$2,912.54
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$24.27
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$170.00
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	OFFICE WATER	\$459.05
	ED DEXTER	MILEAGE	\$173.28
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	EQUIPMENT	\$138.89
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	OFFICE EQUIP	\$356.27
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLY/EQUIP	\$457.88
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$12.58
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLY/RENTAL	\$481.71
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$37.35
	TRISHA FATE	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
	FIRST CONCORD	HRA BUYDOWN	\$869.78
	FIRST CONCORD	HRA FEES	\$279.00
	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	CELL PHONE	\$64.17
	GALUSHA ELECTRIC	BDLG REPAIR	\$273.32
	SHARON GILG	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
	GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES	SUPPLIES	\$1,045.00
	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	CELL PHONE	\$95.88
	HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	BOARDING COSTS	\$241.00
	HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$8,050.00
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$3,001.73

DEAN HARTWIG	POSTAGE	\$10.48
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	\$466.07
CINDIE HOSTLER	EQUIP/SUPPLIES	\$269.80
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	PCORI FEES	\$161.28
JACKSON SERVICES	SERVICE SUPPLY	\$217.39
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LEXIPOL, LLC	L.E. TRAINING	\$504.85
MARTIN'S FLAG CO.	SUPPLY	\$50.69
DOUG MAW	PHONE/SUPPLIES	\$55.97
MCILNAY & CO	A/C REPAIR	\$245.65
MCILNAY AND COMPANY	BLDG REPAIR	\$25.99
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$200,000.00
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT EXPENSE	\$18.70
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$519.00
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	IMAGING	\$90.00
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$3,959.41
MIPS INC.	CHECKS	\$131.63
JENNIFER MYERS	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
NACO	REGISTRATIONS	\$50.00
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER	L.E. TRAINING	\$150.00
NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	INVESTIGATIVE	\$105.00
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	REGISTRATION	\$150.00
NNTC	CELL PHONE	\$133.35
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	CAR REPAIR	\$21.99
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHRED	\$43.00
PINNACLE BANK CC	CHECKS	\$174.22
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$180.69
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$452.42
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$947.28
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$278.30
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$263.64
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$816.16
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$614.80
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$212.20
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$282.40
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$636.31
JAN PLACKE	REGISTRATION	\$200.00
PYE-BAKER FIRE SAFETY	MAINT AGREE	\$264.96
REPUBLICAN NONPARIEL	PUBLICATION	\$1,045.85
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REPUBLICAN NONPARIEL	PUBLICATION	\$1,028.18
SHOWWORKS, LLC	REGISTRATION	\$847.45
STATE OF NEBRASKA-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	TELETYPE	\$859.52

	THOMAS CREATIVE APPAREL, INC	SUPPLIES	\$301.00
	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$526.49
	TILDEN DRUG	PRISONER MEDS	\$17.53
	TRAV'S USAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$548.06
	UNL-NATURAL RESOURCES BUSINESS	SUBSCRIPTION	\$90.39
	VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING COSTS	\$500.00
	VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	WEED CHEMICAL	\$1,812.00
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	SUBSCRIPTION	\$14.99
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	\$1,121.97
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	COMP CONSULT	\$9,380.00
	308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CENTER, LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$10,000.00
TOTAL			\$267,568.62
ROADS	AKRS EQUIPMENT	REPAIR/SUPPLY	\$211.94
	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	FUEL	\$2,613.60
	BAUM HYDRAULICS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$408.04
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$97.45
	BOMGAARS	PARTS	\$200.83
	BOSSelman ENERGY INC	SUPPLY/FUEL	\$41,740.71
	BOWMAN	ENGINEER FEES	\$6,757.32
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$31.58
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN EFN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$1,959.70
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$99.00
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	FUEL	\$1,711.84
	GROSSHANS, INC.	SUPPLY/REPAIR	\$846.13
	HAMILTON TELECOM	CELL PHONE	\$34.95
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$5.96
	MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	D & A TESTING	\$76.00
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$76.70
	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO.	GRADER BLADES	\$3,750.00
	MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$136.23
	POWERPLAN	EQUIP REPAIR	\$1,412.75
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
	NT&T/SHOP	TELEPHONE	\$98.61
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIR	\$6.99
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	\$64.71
	POLK COUNTY RURAL PPD	ELECTRICITY	\$34.33
	SAPP BROS. INC	FUEL	\$3,850.20
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	\$532.39
	VERIZON	EQUIPMENT	\$350.90
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/EQUIP	\$79.94
	VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	\$38,178.36
	WELDON PARTS	LIGHTS	\$439.36

TOTAL			\$105,881.52
JUV DIV	FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN EFN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$35.82
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$9.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$3.82
	T-MOBILE	CELL PHONE	\$527.66
TOTAL			\$576.30
K-9 FUND	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9/STRAY CARE	\$343.64
TOTAL			\$343.64
COURTHOUSE	JORDAN MASONRY, LLC	TUCKPOINTING	\$17,600.00
TOTAL			\$17,600.00
4H BLDG	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$46.34
	CARL'S SKRAP	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$110.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$9.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILTIES	\$2,079.04
TOTAL			\$2,244.38

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

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

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

/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman

/s/Trisha L Fate, County Clerk