

October 13, 2026

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 9:07 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Kucera, Wiegert, Clerk Fate 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 Dexter, second Wiegert to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:07 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 9:07 a.m.

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

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the minutes of September 22nd Budget Hearing minutes with the correction to add Treasurer's office to Jan Placke's statement of her concerns regarding Juvenile Diversion and Child Support staffing and the correction of previously giving employees a 3 1/2% raise and not 3% as stated. Also, the correction to the Board of Supervisors minutes to increase the rates at Long Term Care will increase to \$325/day and not \$315/day. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meetings: Budget Hearing, September 22-Kucera, Weller, Wiegert, Kreachbaum, Jarecke, Placke, Dexter; October 1-Midland Area on Aging-Wiegert; Jail Committee Meeting September 24-Weller, Jarecke, Dexter; September 28-Mead, Central, Prairie Island Township Budget Hearing-Placke, Kucera; October 8-SCEDD Investment meeting-Dexter.

Officials Report: Attorney Kunz attending the County Attorney Conference; Clerk Fate stated the ballots were sent out October 9 and the clerk's office will be open until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 23 for anyone needing to register or update their voter registration and there will be more election training on November 30 & December 1 and December 14 & 15 in Kearney for the new system in Power Profile voter registration. Assessor Myers' office is finishing up the city/village revaluations; Highway Superintendent Kunze informed the board two box culvert replacements on Gunbarrel and 7th Road have begun; Keith Wichmann is also retiring; Treasurer Gilg stated Sara Dexter has been coming in a few hours a week and the treasurer's office will be sending out the delinquent tax letter reminders.

Melissa Vandewalle provided an update on Long Term Care stating an underground asbestos pipe was found that will be removed then the indoor plumbing can be completed.

Moved Weller, second Kreachbaum to approve the SDL Application for Opportune Acres at Solt/Wagner Community Room November 20 from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. for a fundraiser. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to approve the update to the card reader system with Johnson Controls in the amount of \$1720.003. Roll Call: All Ayes

Dexter stated he received information that discussion is taking place for the weights on the highways be increased and with the concerns Merrick County is having with the bridges Dexter wanted to bring it to the board's attention. Moved Jarecke, second Kreachbaum to approve a letter be sent to the State Representatives and Senators regarding highway regulations. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Wiegert to approve the surplus of a 2013 Dell Computer, OptiPlex 9020 for Building & Grounds. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Placke to approve the surplus of a 2015-OKI Printer, Model B432, a 2019-Canon Pixma, Model TS5322 and a 2005-Canon Pixma, Model MP830 from Planning & Zoning. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to approve the surplus of a 1989 Dodge Pickup from the Roads Department. Roll Call; All Ayes

Highway Superintendent Kunze stated the process has started to place the E911 address signs and whether to increase the building permit fee be increased if the sign is needed for a new address. No action taken at this time.

Kunze handed out a packet containing a list of land owners that have ditch mowing infractions that was broken down by motor grader route. Kunze asked for direction on how and what level to enforce the statute in order to keep Merrick County roads safe. Kunze will send letters out to the land owners that are not in compliance with the statute.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to approve the chairwoman to sign Resolution 2026-19: Road Closure Y Rd between 28th Rd and 29th Rd. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve Resolution 2026-20: Transfer of Funds General to Roads for the 2026-2027 Budget. Roll Call; All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the signing of Resolution 2026-21: Transfer of Funds Courthouse Bond Fund to General. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

GENERAL	ANTELOPE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	BOARDING	\$1,010.00
	JADE ARNSMEIER	MILEAGE	\$81.02
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	\$919.39
	AURORA NEWS REGISTER	PUBLICATION	\$120.00
	AXON ENTERPRISE, INC	EQUIPMENT	\$2,280.00
	BANKS WRAPS & SIGNS	REPAIR	\$900.00
	BENCHMARK GOV SOLUTIONS	MEALS	\$292.95
	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	BLDG REPAIR	\$195.45
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$106.61
	BULLFROG GROUP, LLC	WEBEX	\$38.13
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	\$1,952.65
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	\$65.00
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	PRISONER FOOD	\$29.79
	CENTRAL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$7,000.00
	CENTURY LINK	E911 PHONE	\$676.04
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	OLD HOSP UTIL	\$3,911.52
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$3,466.82
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	\$19.83
	CJIS OPERATIONAL PROTECTION	AGREEMENT	\$3,240.00
	CLARKS PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$1,000.00
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	COURT COSTS	\$108.00
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	WATER SERVICE	\$377.05
	D&S TREE SERVICE	TREE REMOVAL	\$900.00
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$21.56
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	\$69.74
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS/COCRT	SUPPLIES	\$249.43
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$184.78
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	\$149.14
	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	PRODUCT	\$5,756.13

SUANN GABEL	CONSULT FEE	\$975.00
TRISHA FATE	CELL PHONE	\$30.00
FBI-LEEDA	TRAINING	\$2,500.00
FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN EFN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$125.58
FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$540.00
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$64.17
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	EQUIPMENT	\$155.60
GALUSHA ELECTRIC	REPAIR	\$246.06
SHARON GILG	MILEAGE/PHONE	\$139.90
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICES	\$95.88
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS	PRISONER CARE	\$913.00
HAMILTON CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	\$50.00
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTER	\$3,786.10
HANS SERVICE LLC	REPAIR	\$260.02
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$186.51
HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY	LODGING	\$529.80
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	\$984.38
CINDIE HOSTLER	MILEAGE	\$146.68
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	UNIFORMS	\$5.99
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$218.67
JACKSON SERVICES	RUGS	\$347.77
JIM'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS	\$25.86
KENDRICK WINDSHIELD REPAIR	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$100.00
CRAIG MALASEK	TREE SERVICE	\$300.00
DOUG MAW	MILEAGE/SUPPLY	\$173.72
MAXIMUS CONSULTING SERVICES, INC	CONSULTING FEE	\$2,100.00
STEVE MELVIN	MILEAGE	\$127.68
MENARDS	REPAIR	\$26.19
MERRICK CO. COURT	COURT COSTS	\$1,737.50
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANS FUNDS	\$226,847.42
MERRICK CO. SHERIFF	COURT COST	\$6.70
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	MISC EXPENSES	\$1,937.77
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	IMAGING	\$35.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$199.50
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	TRANSPORT	\$476.90
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$3,959.41
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE	\$140.96
NACO	POSTCARDS	\$26.04
NACO	REGISTRATION	\$761.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	INSTITUTIONS	\$543.00
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	DUES	\$235.00
NNTC	PHONE SERVICE	\$268.03
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIR	\$264.35

	PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$1,000.00
	PALSER SERVICE	REPAIR	\$231.17
	PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHRED	\$43.00
	PINNACLE BANK VISA	FUEL	\$330.80
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$119.52
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$730.48
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$848.04
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$349.80
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$120.68
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$436.11
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$58.87
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$811.21
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$627.75
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$246.55
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	\$161.84
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC	\$956.80
	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	POSTAL LEASE	\$516.99
	TOM REIMERS	MILEAGE	\$243.86
	REPUBLICAN NONPARIEL	PUBLICATION	\$954.40
	REPUBLICAN NONPARIEL	PUBLICATION	\$60.00
	SERVICE LIGHTING & ELECTRICAL	SUPPLIES	\$190.99
	SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP LIBRARY	SUPPORT	\$1,000.00
	SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORPORATION	MAINTENANCE	\$495.13
	STATE OF NE-DEPT OF ADM SRVC	PHONE SERVICE	\$735.60
	STEHLIK LAW FIRM PC, LLO	ATTY FEE	\$2,062.50
	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	\$552.81
	TILDEN DRUG	PRISONER MEDS	\$94.76
	TOP QUALITY GLOVES	SUPPLIES	\$101.85
	UNL PRINT & COPY SERVICES	SUPPLIES	\$511.19
	VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	CHEMICAL	\$1,215.00
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MEMBERSHIP	\$14.99
	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	\$294.04
	WHITNEY, NEWMAN, MERSCH,	ATTY FEE	\$6,962.50
	WOODBURY SHERIFF OFFICE	COURT COST	\$38.00
	WOODS & AITKEN LLP	ATTY FEES	\$532.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	COMP/PARTS	\$2,099.96
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACT FEE	\$9,380.00
	308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CENTER, LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	\$11,500.00
TOTAL			\$334,343.36
ROADS	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	\$9,334.12
	BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	SIGNS	\$1,490.00
	BIG STATE INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY INC	SUPPLIES	\$119.70

BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	\$97.46
BOMGAARS	PARTS	\$760.08
BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	SUPPLIES/FUEL	\$8,204.93
BOWMAN	ENGINEER FEES	\$316.16
BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	TIRE PICKUP	\$23,129.57
CYNTHIA CATLETT	MILEAGE	\$26.68
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	\$9.04
FASTENAL CO	PARTS	\$159.03
FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN	HRA BUYDOWN	\$788.24
FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$198.00
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,636.05
GROSSHANS, INC.	PARTS	\$452.33
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$120.99
HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	\$34.95
HANSEN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK INC	PARTS	\$144.22
HERK'S WELDING SHOP	LABOR	\$1,126.42
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM	BATTERIES	\$293.90
INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICES, INC	REPAIR	\$431.66
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	PARTS	\$43.38
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D&A TESTING	\$36.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	ROADS-POSTAGE	\$14.51
MERRICK MEDICAL CENTER	LAB COLLECT	\$38.00
MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	\$79.20
MIDWEST HYDRAULIC SERVICE	PARTS	\$30.18
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	\$136.23
POWERPLAN	PARTS	\$119.54
NEBRASKA MACHINERY COMPANY	REPAIR/LABOR	\$6,923.73
LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	\$75.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	PARTS	\$5.52
OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	ENGINEER FEE	\$38,985.00
OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$21,553.64
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	DIESEL/FUEL	\$8,020.76
PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	TIRES	\$454.90
POLK CO RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	ELECTRICITY	\$35.19
REED'S DO IT BEST INC	PARTS	\$10.99
REPUBLICAN NONPARIEL	PUBLICATION	\$15.09
REPUBLICAN NONPARIEL	PUBLICATION	\$315.00
SAPP BROS. INC	DIESEL	\$4,529.18
KIRK SCHWARZ	EQUIPMENT	\$2,200.00
SHAWN'S AUTO REPAIR, LLC	REPAIR	\$359.60
SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	\$564.41
STRAIGHT LINE STRIPING INC	PAINT	\$10,436.85
VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	\$350.90

	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE SERVICE	\$79.94
	VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	\$91,938.60
TOTAL			\$236,224.87
OPIOID FUND	REGION 3 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	SUPPORT	\$12,381.04
TOTAL			\$12,381.04
JUV DIVERSION	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	\$18.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$10.14
	T-MOBILE	CELL PHONE	\$85.16
TOTAL			\$113.30
DRUG TESTING	LYNN PEAVY COMPANY	B/A KITS	\$323.98
TOTAL			\$323.98
ADULT DRUG			
CRT	MELANIE LUEDERS	COURT EXPENSE	\$177.04
TOTAL			\$177.04
K-9 FUND	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9 CARE	\$73.44
TOTAL			\$73.44
CRTHOUSE			
BOND	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	TRANSFER	\$32,943.65
TOTAL			\$32,943.65
4-H FUND	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$37.99
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	\$2,468.05
	HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$403.92
	MERRICK CO YOUTH & AG ED CENTER	SUBSCRIP/REIMB	\$10,104.00
TOTAL			\$13,013.96

Moved Placke, second Dexter to approve the October claims as presented with the exception of a District Court Claim. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to move into Executive Session at 10:44 a.m. for personnel discussion to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Placke to move out of Executive Session at 10:56 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to move into Executive Session at 10:56 a.m. for personnel contract for the protection of needless injury for the protection of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to rescind the motion of the October claims as presented with the exception of a District Court claim. Roll Call: All Ayes

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

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to adjourn at 11:17 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman
/s/Trisha L Fate, County Clerk