November 10, 2026

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with, Jarecke, Dexter, Wiegert, Placke, Kucera, Weller, Kreachbaum, 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 Kreachbaum, 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 Wiegert to approve the agenda. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the minutes from October 27, 2026. Roll Call: All Ayes

Meetings: Long Term Care meeting with contractors-Placke, Dexter October 29th; Kucera stated the Extension Office will be interviewing for a new Extension Agent.

Officials Reports: Clerk Fate informed the board the General Election had a 67% return and the canvassers will be coming in on Thursday to continue finalizing the numbers. Maintenance Doug Maw said the front door push button was malfunctioning and the cost to replace with labor will be $3800.00. Highway Superintendent Kunze stated the Gunbarrel Bridge will be open on Friday and the 7th Road Bridge has been put on hold due to the rain. E911 signs have been completed from 9th to 20th roads.

Jeff Trumble provided an update on the construction at Long Term Care stating the chiller warranty will start next spring unless needed sooner. Concrete was poured on the north side and plumbing for the chiller will begin next week. A change order in the amount of $4,934.38 was due to an oversight by the engineer. The board requested having RDG and Sampson representatives attend an upcoming meeting.

Moved Jarecke, second Wiegert to approve the signing of the Zelle Contract beginning January 4, 2027. Roll Call: All Ayes

Treasurer Gilg provided the Distress Warrant Report stating 36 warrants were turned over the sheriff on October 30th and two have been collected.

Gilg also stated the Vieregg Township voted on turning in their books to the Board of Supervisors and return the checking account over to the county treasurer and responsibilities of Vieregg Township. The books will need to be turned over to the county clerk and added to the signature card at Pinnacle Bank.

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to table the discussion until the books are received from Vieregg Township. Roll Call: All ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Placke to approve the signing of Resolution 2026-24 directing the transfer of funds from Inheritance to General. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Wiegert to approve the signing of Resolution 2026-25 directing the 4-H building bond payment. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Placke, second Jarecke to approve the signing of Resolution 2026-23 for the Year End Certification of County Highway Superintendent, Brent Kunze. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to open the Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. for a Conditional Use Permit. Roll Call: All Ayes

Hillary Betka, Planning & Zoning appeared before the board for approval on a Conditional Use Permit to allow an additional dwelling in the A-1 district located on SW ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 8, Township 13, Range 8, Parcel ID #5518.00 for Elpidio and Rosa Gamez. On September 24, the Merrick County Planning Commission made a recommendation of approval with no conditions.

Moved Jarecke, second Placke to move out of Executive Session at 10:02 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Jarecke, second Dexter to approve the Conditional Use Permit as presented for Parcel #5518.00 for Elpidio and Rosa Gamez. Roll Call: All Ayes

Highway Superintendent Kunze provided a handout of the One- and Six-Year Projects that will be presented at the December 8th board meeting. In order to continue with a bond, the projects need to be specified. Kunze also asked for direction on which bridges could potentially be replaced, removed or closed permanently. No action taken at this time.

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

GENERAL	ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING	$195.00
	JADE ARNSMEIER	MILEAGE	$16.72
	AT&T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	$1,169.24
	AURORA NEWS REGISTER	OFFICE SUPPLIE	$476.99
	BOMGAARS	PARTS	$75.58
	BULLFROG GROUP, LLC	WEBEX	$37.14
	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	PRISONER FOOD	$1,674.33
	CENTRAL CITY MALL	FUEL	$45.00
	CENTRAL TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES	$124.93
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	OLD HOS UTILIY	$1,601.17
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY/ UTILITIES	UTILITIES	$2,016.44
	CITY OF G.I. UTILITIES DEPT	UTILITIES	$15.63
	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/CC	ATTY FEES	$242.00
	CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	LODGING	$689.75
	CULLIGAN OF GRAND ISLAND	OFFICE WATER	$349.00
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS INC.	SUPPLIES	$26.78
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	$56.51
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQUIP RENTAL	$258.37
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	EQUIPMENT	$215.68
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	PAPER	$1,647.06
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	$11.88
	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLY	$76.42
	ELECTION CANVASSERS	ELECTION WORK	$640.32
	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	BALLOT PRODUCT	$4,058.25
	TRISHA FATE	CELL/MLG/BUDGET	$3,138.83
	FBI-LEEDA	TRAINING	$2,500.00
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN	HRA BUYDOWN	$2,455.24
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	$261.00
	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	$64.17
	FULLERTON DENTAL CARE	PRISONER CARE	$346.00
	SUANN GABEL	CONSULT FEE	$150.00
	GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	UNIFORMS	$197.32
	SHARON GILG	PHONE/MILEAGE	$139.90
	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	$95.88
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	$3,786.10

HANS SERVICE LLC	LABOR/REPAIR	$235.02
DEAN HARTWIG	WEED CONTROL	$191.00
HD SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	$158.85
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIP RENTAL	$690.82
CINDIE HOSTLER	SUPPLY/MILEAGE	$154.65
JACKSON SERVICES	SUPPLIES	$250.57
KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	REPAIR	$1,586.09
LENGEMANN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.	AUDIT FEE	$19,400.00
DOUG MAW	PHONE	$246.44
STEVE MELVIN	MISC/MILEAGE	$189.82
MERRICK CO. HIGHWAY DEPT.	TRANSFER FUND	$206,000.00
MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	$2,962.34
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	IMAGING	$35.00
MIDWEST CONNECT	SUPPLIES	$409.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	TRANSPORT	$170.20
MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	$3,959.41
MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	PEST CONTROL	$240.00
JENNIFER MYERS	PHONE	$335.52
NACO	REGISTRATION	$1,385.00
NEBRASKA EXTENSION	CONFERENCE	$415.00
KAREN NELSON	POSTAGE	$11.89
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	PARTS	$261.29
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	REPAIR	$180.50
PALSER SERVICE	CAR REPAIR	$655.18
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SHRED	$43.00
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	$160.49
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	$415.42
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	$592.66
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	$347.90
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	$296.55
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	$520.85
PINNACLE BANK VISA	FUEL	$859.59
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	$668.96
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	$307.25
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	$212.75
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	FUEL	$592.93
PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC	$532.30
TOM REIMERS	REGISTRATION	$100.00
REPUBLICAN NONPARIEL	PUBLICATION	$2,112.15
REPUBLICAN NONPARIEL	PUBLICATION	$180.00
STATE OF NEBRASKA	TELETYPE	$1,115.60
STROMSBURG SOFT WATER	SUPPLIES	$70.00
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LAW LIBRARY	$552.81

	TOP QUALITY GLOVES	SUPPLIES	$196.75
	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	PUBLICATION	$125.00
	VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	CHEMICAL	$3,382.55
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	$2,070.89
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	$1,687.06
	TOM WELLER	MILEAGE	$147.74
	KARA WELLS	MILEAGE	$73.42
	WOODS & AITKEN LLP	ATTY FEE	$684.00
	1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACT	$9,380.00
	308 JUSTICE & MEDIATION CENTER	ATTY FEE	$10,000.00
TOTAL			**$306,406.84**
ROADS	AURORA CO-OP ELEVATOR CO.	DIESEL	$4,760.00
	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	$100.02
	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	$623.72
	BOSSELMAN ENERGY INC	FUEL	$24,573.99
	CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	LODGING	$137.95
	DIAMOND ENGINEERING COMPANY	STRUCTURE	$94,239.68
	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	$51.93
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA BUYDOWN	HRA BUYDOWN	$272.46
	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	$108.00
	FLOYDS TRUCK CENTER	PARTS	$175.67
	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	$1,354.94
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	$120.99
	HAMILTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE SERVICE	$34.95
	INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICES, INC	PARTS	$866.70
	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO.	SUPPLY	$119.45
	KELLY SUPPLY CO.	PARTS	$35.23
	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	D & A TESTING	$36.00
	MENARDS	EQUIPMENT	$64.99
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	$121.77
	MID-NEBRASKA DISPOSAL, INC	TRASH DISPOSAL	$85.10
	MILLER TIRE PROS & SERVICE	GRADER TIRES	$22,165.32
	MIPS INC.	SUPPORT	$136.23
	MURPHY'S EXTERMINATING	PEST CONTROL	$90.00
	NE MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	FUEL TAX	$1,029.00
	NEBRASKA GLASS COMPANY LLC	REPAIR	$249.75
	NEBRASKA MACHINERY COMPANY	PARTS/LABOR	$3,726.99
	LEE NEEL	UTILITIES	$75.00
	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	OIL	$566.84
	OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	STRUCTURE	$9,857.50
	OVERLAND SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	$6,088.36
	PALMER SERVICE CENTER	FUEL	$5,520.79

	PALSER SERVICE/ROADS	REPAIR/LABOR	$377.85
	PINNACLE BANK-VISA	MISC EXPENSES	$619.40
	PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	PARTS	$123.40
	POLK CO RURAL PUBLIC POWER	ELECTRICITY	$34.95
	RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY	PARTS	$240.00
	SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	$581.56
	TRAUSCH DYNAMICS	PARTS	$219.64
	VAN KIRK BROTHERS	STRUCTURE	$58,050.63
	VERIZON	PHONE SERVICE	$350.90
	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE SERVICE	$79.96
	VONTZ PAVING INC	GRAVEL	$13,707.00
	WELDON PARTS	PARTS	$119.51
	YOUNGER ELECTRIC	PARTS/LABOR	$339.00
TOTAL			**$252,233.12**
JUV DIVERSION	FIRST CONCORD-HRA FEES	HRA FEES	$9.00
	MERRICK CO. TREASURER	POSTAGE	$7.80
TOTAL			**$16.80**
ADULT DRUG CRT	CENTRAL CITY MALL	DRUG CRT EXP	$52.97
TOTAL			**$52.97**
COMM ED FUND	PINNACLE BANK	SUPPLIES	$134.56
TOTAL			**$134.56**
K9 CARE	CENTRAL CITY VET CLINIC	K-9 CARE	$146.88
TOTAL			**$146.88**
INHERITANCE	GENERAL FUND	FUND TRANSFER	$600,000.00
TOTAL			**$600,000.00**
4-H BLDG FUND	CARL'S SKRAP	TRASH DISPOSAL	$110.00
	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	UTILITIES	$1,560.79
	NEBRASKA FIRE SPRINKLER	INSPECTION	$370.00
TOTAL			**$2,040.79**
LTC CAPITAL	SAMPSON CONSTRUCTION CO	CONSTRUCTION	$474,653.00
TOTAL			**$474,653.00**

Moved Jarecke, second Weller to approve the November claims as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes
Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke, to approve the payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved Dexter, second Jarecke to move into Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. for personnel matters and prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes
Moved Kreachbaum, second Dexter to move out of Executive Session at 11:16 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
Moved Kreachbaum, second Jarecke to adjourn at 11:16 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes
/s/Carolyn Kucera, Chairwoman
/s/Trisha L Fate, County Clerk