



# Richardson County Board Minutes



**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MAY 28, 2019**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sickel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2019. Roll call was answered by Frank, Caverzagie and Sickel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sickel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Frank. Chairman Sickel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2019, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting of May 21, 2019 as presented. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted with an addition/correction from a clerical error to add Pam Vice, County Assessor to discuss staff positions. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://www.co.richardson.ne.us).

## **HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

Members of the County Employee Health Insurance Committee, Amanda Bartek-Young, Pam Scott, Keia Frederick, Brian Kirkendall and Sheriff Pounds presented to the Board their recommendation for the health insurance plan for county employees.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the recommendation of the health insurance committee and renew the current plan with Aetna Insurance through the Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. of Aurora, Nebraska with a decrease in the premium of 1.13% from the prior year, a annual total savings of \$7,452.00; and to also approve the open enrollment period and the option on January 1, 2020 to offer employees a choice of the traditional plan or a 2500 HSA or 3500 HSA and the reduction in the employee premium costs if employees choose these plans will be deposited in the employee's HSA account. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

## **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

At 9:15 a.m. Chairman Sickel called the Quarterly Safety Committee meeting to order. Those in attendance were Commissioners Frank, Caverzagie and Sickel; County Building Maintenance—Tyler Cooper and Tammie Beckner; Sheriff, Don Pounds; Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent; Wyatt Martin, Road Department representative; Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director. Elizabeth Frederick, Law Enforcement Center representative was absent.

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director reported no problems.

Tammy Beckner, Courthouse Maintenance reported no problems.

Sheriff Pounds reported that he had a continuing concern with water leaks on the new addition of the lower level of the Courthouse. The Board has been in contact with a contractor to review the situation and get corrected.

Tyler Cooper, County Building Maintenance reported no concerns.

Wyatt Martin, Road Department reported that the County Shop roof is leaking. Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent stated that it seems to be leaking when the wind blows strong. Mr. Martin also



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requested if it would be permissible to purchase “Class 2” reflective jackets/pullovers for the spring and summer months for the Road Dept. employees. The Board stated that the Department should look into the costs, etc and report back to the Board. Mr. Darveau requested to purchase more barricades with better reflectivity and in better shape or they are needing to replace the plastic reflectivity on the barricades in use now.

Chairman Sickel declared the meeting closed at 9:35 a.m. The next meeting will be tentatively scheduled for August 6.

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## **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Steve Darveau, Highway Superintendent reported on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week. He reported that rock hauling is being done.

Mr. Darveau and Tyler Cooper reported to the Board on the condition of the lawn mower that is used at the Law Enforcement Center and at the County Shop in Verdon. They suggested that this item be traded in for a new one to avoid continuous repairs.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to authorize the advertisement for a seasonal position as a general laborer with the County building maintenance department. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2018-2019-34 to direct the Highway Superintendent to conduct a study on the vacation of a portion of 713 Road running west ½ mile of 643 Avenue. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 24, page 105)

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairman Sickel presented the proof of publication and declared a public hearing open at 10:00 a.m. to receive comment from the public regarding the vacation of a portion of county road located on 648 Avenue south of 706 Road.

No one appeared at the hearing.

Chairman Sickel closed the public hearing at 10:08 a.m.

## **FIVE RIVERS RC&D**

Bobbie Meints, Executive Director of Five Rivers Resource Conservation and Development Council presented to the Board a report on the past and current activities being done by the district.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Sickel to go into an executive session with County Attorney, Doug Merz at 10:48 a.m. to discuss pending county litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to close the executive session at 11:25 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.



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## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Sub-Division

Motion was made by Frank to approve a subdivision for Les Gossman in Section 14, Township 3, Range 14 and to adopt Resolution 2018-2019-35. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 24, Page 104)

### CLAIMS

Motion was made by Sickel to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today and to continue to hold for further review 2 claims submitted for payment: 1) Clinton Stonebarger--\$2,341.26 on 5/7/2019; 2) Lyle McMann--\$2,764.12 5/14/2019. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

*(The claims listed below are available for public inspection  
at the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.)*

### GENERAL FUND

Aetna, ins	53301.18
Bob Barker, supp	275.06
Farm & City, supp	210.89
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reim	370.04
Koch's Truck Service, serv	59.77
Kollasch, Keith, serv CR18-76 T. Rice	400.00
Mr. Automotive, supp	38.41
NE Commission on Law Enforcement, serv	360.00
911 Custom, supp	291.75
Pest Control Services of SE NE, serv	45.00
Richardson County CPR, serv	30.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	646.09
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	239.46
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	127.35
SumnerOne, serv	20.11
US Foods, supp	533.06
Verizon, serv	498.19
Wisdom CPA, serv	1200.00
Wolfe's Printing, supp	260.62
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$58,906.98</b>

### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Blue Valley Door Co., serv	462.00
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DAS State Accounting, serv	400.00
Hamm Inc., rock	6535.48
OPPD, serv	41.80
Unifirst, supp	55.10
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$7,494.38</b>

### COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND

Falls City Area Jaycees, promo funds	1000.00
Falls City Chamber of Commerce, pmt	1250.00
Humboldt Chamber of Commerce, pmt	1000.00
Richardson County, fee	25.00
<b>TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND</b>	<b>\$3,275.00</b>

### COUNTY VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND

Falls City Area Jaycees, improve funds	2000.00
Library & Community Foundation, displays	728.00
<b>TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR'S IMPROV FUND</b>	<b>\$2,728.00</b>

### JUVENILE SERVICES LB640 GRANT FUND

Schatz, Maxine, reimb	372.16
Verizon, serv	86.28
<b>TOTAL JUVENILE SERVICES LB640 FUNDS</b>	<b>\$458.44</b>

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel.  
 ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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David D. Sickel, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk