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, March 24, 2020. 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 Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2020, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the Board of Equalization minutes from March 10, 2020 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. 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

COURTHOUSE HOURS

Motion was made by Sickel effective at 5:00 p.m. today, March 24, 2020, to suspend the public access at the Richardson County Courthouse due to the COVID-19 until further notice and to post on all entrance doors telephone numbers of each office for the public to contact the office in need to perform their business over the phone if possible, also post the County’s website address for persons to access in which most business within the Courthouse can be conducted through and if not to schedule an appointment to perform such business that is otherwise not available through any other source with that office. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

ONE & SIX YEAR ROAD PLAN

Chairman Sickel presented the proof of publication and declared that a public hearing be opened at 9:30 a.m. to receive comment from the public regarding the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan.

Gayle Swisegood requested information on the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan and inquired on the condition of W 14th Street and informed the Board that the biggest problem on the road is that property owners divert water out onto the road. Mr. Darveau stated that the department intends to clean the ditches and build the road back up.

No one else from the public appeared.
Chairman Sickel declared the public hearing closed at 9:35 a.m.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 1 & 6 YEAR ROAD PLAN

Motion was made by Frank to approve the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan as presented by Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. and adopt Resolution 2019-2020-42. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 25, Page 54)

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.
Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week. He presented to the Board an application to operate an oversize or overweight vehicle or load on a county road (641 Avenue) from Barnhart Crane & Rigging. Mr. Darveau reported to the Board that he recommends approval of the application request but would make conditions with the approval that the Road Department will give notice when the access to the road can be had due to the current road conditions. Motion was made by Sickel to approve the application submitted by Barnhart Crane & Rigging for a permit to operate an oversize or overweight vehicle or load on a county road only with the notice of approval by the Hwy Supt when road conditions will allow.

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ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT (Cont.)

Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOET: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-ae, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Frank reported some road condition concerns to Mr. Darveau to review. Mr. Darveau did also report that rock hauling is being done along with bridge construction work.
Informal quotes for the purchase of tires were received from Harmon’s OK Tire and Koch’s Auto Service with tires being purchased from both businesses.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director presented to the Board and requested that the Board consider declaring an emergency disaster due to the recent economic impact of the Coronavirus 19 pandemic outbreak.
Motion was made by Sickel that Richardson County, with the inclusion of all cities, villages, businesses, schools and communities within has a great potential of suffering from county-wide damages resulting from the COVID-19/Corona Virus event(s) to declare a state of emergency authorized under Nebraska State Statute R.R.S. 81-829.50 disaster declaration. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 25, Page 55)

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

The Board met with Sheriff Hardesty and Roland Merwin, Chief Deputy Sheriff to review the business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. Discussion was held on the current status of the area with the COVID-19 and how law enforcement was proceeding with handling calls that involved personal contact and also stated that personal protective equipment has been ordered for staff to utilize if needed.
Information was also given to the Board regarding a grant program available through Homeland Security for the hiring of officers, supplies and equipment. The Board briefly discussed offering a hiring bonus to attract Nebraska certified law enforcement officers and will place this matter on the next meeting agenda for further review and consideration.
Sheriff Hardesty also informed the Board that he has been in contact with the City of Falls City Police Chief and approval has been given that if the need arises within the time of this emergency of the COVID-19 event that the Sheriff would be allowed to deputize additional city officers to assist with the County law enforcement department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Sickel to go into an executive session at 10:30 a.m. with Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Sheriff, Roland Merwin to discuss personnel matters and for the protection and reputation of an individual. 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 10:50 a.m. and return to the regular
meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye.

RECESS

The Board recessed at 11:25 a.m. The Board reconvened at 4:05 p.m.

NAPE/AFSCME

The Board met with Justin Hubly, Executive Director of the NE Association of Public Employees/AFSCME Local 61 and members of the Road and Bridge Department Union, Bryan Dettmann, Dusty Metzner and James Coonce. Presented to the Board were proposed ground rules for negotiations between the Union and the County and an initial contract proposal. The group plans to meet with the County Board at their next regular scheduled meeting, Tuesday, April 7.

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2019-2020-43 to cancel a check issued in error. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 25, Page 56)

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Sickel to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND

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Galls, supp 25.68
Godemann, Bethany, reimb 6.29
GT Distributors, supp 8493.50
Handley Law Office, serv 1500.00
Henson, Victor, serv 20.00
Hillyard, supp 156.28
Kawre’s, supp 119.50
Koch’s Auto Service, serv 1290.94
KS HCI, supp 15760.50
Leafy, Dylan, serv 20.00
Ligouri, Louie, serv 525.00
   CR19-321 C. Witt
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins 1094.44
Mercure, Steven, serv 5666.66
Midwest Special Services, serv 315.00
Mr. Automotive, supp 154.34
NE Assoc. of County Treasurers, fee 100.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv 174.00
O’Reilly Automotive, supp 6.31
Office Depot, supp 370.76
OPPD, serv 82.58
Petersen Reporting, serv 267.20
Physicians Laboratory, serv 385.00
Pitney Bowes, supp 695.04
Positive Concepts, supp 195.00
Postmaster, supp 175.00
Ram Exterminators, serv 45.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Region V Systems, serv 428.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb 307.96
Richardson County Vendor, FICA, retire, etc 21670.79
Richardson, Kristy, reimb 18.40
Schawang, Elizabeth, serv 28.35
Southeast District NACO, fees 210.00
SumnerOne, serv 95.38
True Value, supp 10.99
Uline, supp 416.27
Verizon, serv 852.14
Wason, Rebecca, reimb 23.00
Wolfe’s Printing, supp 78.87
Payroll Expense 104985.54
TOTAL GENERAL FUND $224,152.20

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND
Black Hills Energy, serv 52.49
Falls City Truck & Trailer, supp 42.98
Farm & City Supply, supp 1623.37
Hamm Inc., rock 35181.41
Hotsy Equipment, supp 628.99
Midwest Unlimited, supp 1465.78
Myers Tire Supply, supp 58.20
NPPD, serv 167.57
Northern Safety Co., supp 25.32
O’Reilly Automotive, supp 37.64
OPPD, serv 66.19
Quill, supp 91.93
Safety-Kleen Systems, supp 320.89
Sapp Bros., fuel 5847.33
Unifirst, supp 94.10
Wiltse Electric, serv 824.66
Payroll Expense 34588.32
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND $81,117.17

VETERAN’S AID FUND
Veteran’s Aid, transfer 1000.00
TOTAL VETERAN’S AID FUND $1,000.00

DRUG COURT FUND
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv 1100.00
Wiltse, Sarah, serv 1100.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND $2,200.00

INHERITANCE TAX FUND
Brite, supp 122194.00
High Plains Power Systems, supp 21500.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND $143,694.00

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 p.m. Motion seconded by Frank.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The
agenda is kept current at the County Clerk’s Office.

David D. Sickel, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk