



Richardson County Board Minutes



RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 12, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The annual meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sickel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. Roll call was answered by Karas, Caverzagie and Sickel. The Invocation was given, the Pledge of Allegiance was led and the announcement that the open meeting laws are posted at the entrance to the meeting room by Chairman Sickel.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2021, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the Board of Equalization minutes from January 5, 2021 as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-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.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reappoint David Sickel as the Chairman of the Board for 2021. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to reappoint John Caverzagie as the Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2021. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel that the listed duties be designated to the following commissioners:

Commissioner Karas: County Roads, Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) and 5 Rivers Economic Development District and the Five Rivers Resource Conservation & Development Committee (RC&D)

Commissioner Caverzagie: Courthouse Building and Grounds and Law Enforcement Center, Region V Systems & Services, member of the Product Development & Public Policy Committee of the Greater Falls City Economic and Development Growth Enterprise (EDGE) and alternate to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC),

Commissioner Sickel: County Roads, Southeast Nebraska Community Action Council (SENCA), alternate to the Fiver Rivers Resource Conservation & Development Committee (RC&D), The Greater Falls City Economic and Development Growth Enterprise (EDGE), Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Falls City Airport Road Committee and the Southeast Nebraska Health Board

Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.



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APPOINTMENT OF APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Motion was made by Sickel to reaffirm the appointment of Steve Darveau, Jr. as the Richardson County Highway Superintendent with an annual salary for 2021 approved at ~~\$53,550.00~~ \$54,621.00 (*\$1,071.00--2% increase*). Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Caverzagie to reappoint Mona Godemann as the Richardson County Veterans Service Officer for 2021 with a salary of ~~\$18.95/hour~~ \$19.90/hour (*.95 cents/hour--5% increase to reflect position title and job duties*). Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to reappoint Brian Kirkendall as the Richardson County Emergency Manager and the Noxious Weed Control Superintendent with an annual salary for 2021 approved at ~~\$49,018.50~~ \$50,000.00 (*\$980.37--2% increase*) for the Emergency Manager and an additional salary of \$3,500.00 annually for the duties of the Noxious Weed Control Superintendent. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Caverzagie to appoint the current safety committee members: Commissioners Karas, Caverzagie and Sickel; County Building Maintenance--Tyler Cooper and Tammie Beckner; Sheriff Hardesty; Jail—Clinton Stonebarger; Road Dept—Steve Darveau, Jr. and Wyatt Martin; EMA—Brian Kirkendall. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to reaffirm the appointment of Dr. Allan W. Tramp to the County Health Board for the year 2021 pursuant to Nebraska State Statute 71-501. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to reappoint Dick James, Ben Steffen and Jerry Duerfeldt to the Richardson County Planning Commission for a term of 3 years which expires December 31, 2023. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week. School bus and mail routes are being given attention for rock placement.

The Board authorized the Highway Superintendent to advertise for the One & Six Year Road Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. The Board also authorized the Highway Superintendent to advertise for sealed bids for an excavator to be received by 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at which time they will be publicly opened at the meeting.

A quote was received from Davis Plumbing Heating & Electrical of Stella for the installation of propane



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heaters in the maintainer shops for \$2,200/shop.

AMANDA BARTEK-YOUNG, COUNTY TREASURER

Rachel Jean, Deputy County Treasurer presented to the Board the Semi-Annual Treasurer’s Report for the period ending, December 31, 2021.

Motion was made by Sickel to accept the County Treasurer’s Semi-Annual report of December 31, 2021, as submitted by the County Treasurer Office. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

D.A. DAVIDSON

Andrew Forney with D. A. Davidson presented to the Board information and documents regarding the refinancing of the Highway Allocation Bond.

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2020-2021-21 to authorize the early redemption of Richardson County’s General Obligation Highway Allocation Fund refunding bonds, Series 2016, in such amounts and in such maturities, as shall be determined by authorized January 12, 2021

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officials of the County. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 25, Page 93)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2020-2021-22 to authorize the issuance of Series 2021 Highway Allocation Fund Pledge Refunding Bonds for interest cost savings. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 25, Page 94)

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, WEED CONTROL SUPT.

Brian Kirkendall, Noxious Weed Control Superintendent presented to the Board the Annual Report of the Noxious Weed Control program in Richardson County which will be submitted to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Motion was made by Sickel to approve the report as presented by Mr. Kirkendall. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Sheriff, Roland Merwin updated the Board on the business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the extension period for using annual vacation leave of 6 months ending on June 30, 2021, for those Law Enforcement Center employees who have been unable to take accumulated vacation leave due to staff shortages with the COVID-19 pandemic. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the December, 2019 operating statement.



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County Employee Health Insurance

A discussion was held to consider requests received from different insurance agencies to submit quotes for County employee health insurance coverage. Motion was made by Sickel to advertise notice that the County Board will receive quotes for the health insurance coverage of county employees to be received by 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at which time the Board will review the quotes and request the County Health Insurance committee to review. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan

A letter was received from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. regarding the approval that the State of Nebraska and FEMA has given for the Nemaha NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). Richardson County is eligible for participation in the Nemaha NRD Hazrd Mitigation Plan and to receive project grant funding after a resolution to adopt the plan locally is approved and submitted. The Board will consider this resolution at next week’s meeting.

Annual Salary Increases

Motion was made by Sickel to approve an annual salary increase of 2% for clerical and support staff for the offices of the County Treasurer, Assessor, Courthouse Maintenance, Emergency Management and Extension Office and a 5% increase for the Assistant Veterans Service Officer in the Veterans Service Office to reflect the position title and job duties. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER (Cont.)

Other

The Board authorized Tyler Cooper, County Building Maintenance Technician to purchase a blade for the county’s ATV for snow removal from the Courthouse grounds and the Law Enforcement Center.

CLAIMS

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

GENERAL FUND

CMC, serv	329.70
Consolidated Management, supp	10016.58
Culligan, serv	52.63
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	19.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	76.80
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Franzan, Linda, prior serv	23.08
Harring, Barbara, prior serv	37.50



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Humboldt Standard, adv	65.25
James, Charles, serv	460.00
KexRx, supp	761.69
Lock, Karl, prior serv	23.08
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
Mr. Automotive, supp	32.12
Nemaha County, reimb	417.96
Norris, Frank, prior serv	156.00
ProServ, serv	240.04
Quill, supp	642.22
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	27.00
Richardson County Court, fees	873.79
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	59054.20
Schatz, Maxine, reimb	225.44
SNC, serv	1671.28
Stevicks, Billy, prior serv	208.80
SumnerOne, serv	254.58
Thomas, Frank, prior serv	195.00
True Value, supp	26.99
Verizon, serv	340.21
Weaver & Merz, reimb	934.17
Wolfe's Printing, supp	49.60
Payroll Expense	92476.87
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$169,841.58

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

City of Humboldt, serv	91.91
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	437.72
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Falls City Utility Department, serv	417.89
Hotsy Equipment, supp	472.48
Jim Hill's, supp	425.00
Martin-Marietta Materials, rock	6450.75
Mr. Automotive, supp	240.00
NE Dept. of Revenue, tax	656.11
NPPD, serv	34.21
Norris Quarries, rock	871.52
Operation & Expense Acct., reimb	35.07
Quill, supp	10.94
Richardson County Vendor, tax	1721.00
Salem, Village of, serv	20.50
Sapp Bros., fuel	272.00
SNC, serv	159.57
Stella, Village of, serv	57.60
Truck Center Companies, supp	358.39
Unifirst, supp	39.02
Verdon, Village of, serv	25.73
Payroll Expense	49499.40



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TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND **\$62,316.81**

JUVENILE DIVERSION FUND

Schatz, Maxine, serv 113.00
TOTAL JUVENILE DIVERSION FUND **\$113.00**

DRUG COURT FUND

Priority Printing, supp 35.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND **\$35.00**

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

SNC, serv 125.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND **\$125.00**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 noon. Motion seconded by Karas.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, January 19, 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