



# Richardson County Board Minutes



## RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FEBRUARY 2, 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, February 2, 2021. Roll call was answered by Karas, Caverzagie and Sickel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sickel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Caverzagie. Chairman Sickel announced that the open meeting laws are posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2021, meeting as corrected from the draft and presented today. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the Board of Equalization minutes from January 26, 2021 as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-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: 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://www.co.richardson.ne.us).

### ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week. Mr. Darveau complimented the Road Department staff on their excellent and successful job with the snow removal from county roads after the recent winter storm. Mr. Darveau also inquired on the charge to the Road Department budget for the attorney representation with the Road Department Union negotiations and case recently filed with the CIR and relayed that he doesn't agree with those costs from the Road Dept. budget. The Board expressed that this is a cost that is justifiable to the Road Department Fund.

Mr. Darveau also requested that the Board consider to extend the COVID Cares Act provision that ended on December 31, 2020, allowing 10 days of paid leave for those who test positive and/or must be required to quarantine. The Board responded that they have placed this item on the agenda for next week for consideration.

A petition was filed with the County Clerk to vacate or abandon a county road was received from 10 or more electors residing within 10 miles of a county road located between Sections 32-2-15 and 5-1-15 also known as 708 Road between 643 and 644 Avenue. The County Clerk determined that a sufficient number of signatures were valid for the County Board to consider the petition. A motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2020-2021-28 to instruct the Highway Superintendent to conduct a study on the use of a county road located between Sections 32-2-15 and 5-1-15 also known as 708 Road between 643 and 644 Avenue with a report to be submitted to the County Board no later than March 4, 2021. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 25, Page 98)

### LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Sheriff, Roland Merwin updated the Board on the routine business within the Sheriff's Department and Jail this past week.

Discussion was held with the Board and a purchase order was presented on obtaining a drug dog. The Sheriff's Office is welcoming and will respectfully accept donations to help with the purchase and training for a



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drug dog. Donations which have been received thus far are from Phillips Plumbing Hardware, LLC; Bruna Brothers Implement, LLC; State Bank of Table Rock; Community Insurance Group, Inc. and American National Bank.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to purchase a fully trained single purpose K9 and to approve handler training for 120 hours package from K9 Working Dogs International, LLC from Sullivan, OH for the package price of \$14,853.45. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

The Board also held a discussion with Sheriff Hardesty regarding the possibility of relocating the 911 PSAP from the City of Falls City Police Department to the Law Enforcement

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Center and to provide service of Falls City Police dispatch services. A written proposal will be finalized and forwarded to the City of Falls City Council for consideration.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Sickel to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:27 a.m. to discuss litigation with Jerry Pigsley, appointed legal counsel for Case #1510 NE Commission of Industrial Relations NE Association of Public Employees, Local 61 (Road Dept. employees). Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to close the executive session at 10:47 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Fee Reports

The Board approved the following reports for fees collected during the month of January, 2021:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$6,739.75
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$ 181.00
Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court	\$1,032.00

### Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the January, 2021 monthly operating statement.

### Zoning Regulations

The Board reviewed the possibility of pursuing the adoption of zoning regulations. More discussion will follow.

### Mileage Reimbursement

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2020-2021-27 regarding the mileage reimbursement rate for Richardson County officials and employees. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 25, Page 99)

### CLAIMS



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

## GENERAL FUND

Armbruster Motor Co., serv	165.00
BuckIT, serv	1762.50
Charmtex, supp	1823.90
DAS State Accounting, serv	453.19
Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, serv	1000.00
Falls City Journal, fee	963.60
Falls City Utilities, serv	6994.80
Family Medicine, serv	455.70
Farm & City Supply, supp	100.95
General Fire & Safety, supp	475.00
Government Forms & Supplies, supp	299.70
Home Lumber, supp	39.16

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## GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	49.38
Microfilm Imaging System, serv	110.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
Morrill Collision LLC, serv	7791.66
NE Assoc. of County Clerks, dues	75.00
Nemaha County Sheriff's Office, serv	12.00
Nemaha Natural Resources District, contribution	3600.00
Pawnee County Clerk, reimb	617.12
Quill, supp	76.98
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	48.35
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	855.25
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	795.62
Sapp Bros., fuel	3682.35
Security Equipment, serv	239.70
SMPC, serv	325.75
SNC, serv	1162.57
Stonebarger, Clinton, reimb	45.86
Tichy Land Service, serv	731.68
Verizon, serv	1031.37
Wolfe's Printing, supp	10.54
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$35,824.68</b>

## ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Bruna Implement Company, supp	43.58
Culligan, serv	52.50



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Martin Marietta Materials, rock	6116.58
Myers Tire Supply, supp	66.56
OPPD, serv	68.77
Operation & Expense Acct., reimb	31.00
Quill, supp	12.58
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
SNC, serv	157.49
Work Zone, supp	114.13
Unifirst, supp	55.93
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$6,744.12</b>

## INHERITANCE TAX FUND

M&M Motorsports, supp	1600.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>

## SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

Charm-Tex, supp	153.90
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$153.90</b>

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas.  
 ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 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.

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David D. Sickel, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk