



# Richardson County Board Minutes



## RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APRIL 20, 2021

### 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, April 20, 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 April 13, 2021, meeting 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 minutes of the April 13, 2021 Board of Equalization as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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).

### QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION

The Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection and found the facility to be in good order.

### ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week.

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2020-2021-42 to instruct the Highway Superintendent to conduct a study on the use of a bridge and road right-of-way located approximately 2,631 feet west of the intersection of 706 Road and 648 Avenue or approximately 2,631 feet west of the SE corner of S12, T1, R15 and the NE corner of S13, T1, R15, said bridge over the old channel of the Big Nemaha River. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 5)

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the quote that was received and reviewed during last week's meeting for the 37 bridge inspections from Warrior Structural Integrity, LLC for \$42,025.00. 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 routine business within the Sheriff's Department and Jail this past week.

### COUNTY TREASURER

Amanda Bartek-Young, County Treasurer presented to the Board the certificates of tax sales of real estate parcels that are available to place in County Tax Sale and requests authorization from the County Board to proceed.



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Motion was made by Sickel to place the unpurchased tax certificates from 2019 into County Tax Sale. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

## **COUNTY OFFICIALS AND DEPT. HEADS**

The Board offered this time for County Officials and Department Heads to address the Board with any comments, complaints or compliments regarding county employee matters, the Courthouse building and grounds or make suggestions regarding any other county business. Commissioner Karas indicated that he had requested this time be on the agenda in order to create

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### **COUNTY OFFICIALS (Cont.)**

a more efficient way to communicate with all County departments. It was suggested that this time be allowed on the agenda at least on a quarterly basis.

## **OPEN SEALED QUOTES FOR HEALTH INSURANCE**

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Sickel presented the proof of publication for the opening of sealed quotes to be considered to provide health insurance coverage to county employees. Quotes were received from the following: NACO Benefit Services, Gallagher Benefit Services, Lockton and Farm Bureau Financial Services.

Motion was made by Sickel to accept the quotes received only for the purpose of further review by the County Employee Health Insurance Committee who will make a recommendation to the County Board. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Discussion on Hiring Freeze**

A brief discussion was held regarding the hiring of employees within the County. The Board requested that all departments notify the Board when an employee leaves employment with the County and to notify when new hires will be needed.

### **County Employee Health Insurance Committee**

Motion was made by Sickel to reaffirm the appointment of members to the County Employee Health Insurance Committee: Amanda Bartek-Young, County Treasurer; Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director; Keia Frederick, Deputy Register of Deeds; Steve Darveau, Highway Superintendent and to newly appoint Kim Riggs, County Assessor; Rick Hardesty, County Sheriff and Rick Karas, County Commissioner. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

### **Project Agreement gWorks**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to enter into an agreement with gWorks for redistricting services, the advanced program, from results of the 2020 census for a cost of \$5,650.00. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

### **Consulting Agreement with Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc.**



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An agreement with Gallagher Benefits Services, Inc. for consulting services regarding the County employee health insurance coverage and supplemental plans was briefly reviewed and will be considered at next week's meeting.

## Other

The Board approved a work order with O'Keefe Elevator for \$4,542.00 which was signed by Chairman Sickel to replace the mechanical safety edges with a modern microlight full door infrared protection device on the door to comply with ADA requirements.

## CLAIMS

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.

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### GENERAL FUND

Armbruster Motor Co., serv	124.00
Bennett, Pam, serv	100.00
Falls City Journal, adv	863.45
Falls City Mercantile, supp	149.22
Family Medicine, serv	350.40
Farm & City Supply, supp	317.56
First Concord, fees	260.00
Gravatt, Jere, serv	100.00
Halbert Law LLC, serv	575.00
JV10-8	
Handley, Dylan, serv	500.00
Hector, Amy, serv	200.00
Humboldt Standard, adv	34.16
IBM Corp., serv	71.46
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	60.56
Kollasch Law Office, serv	1450.00
CR19-301 N. Auxier	
Lincoln National Life, life ins	1038.66
Mercure, Steven, serv	5750.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	93.00
OPPD, serv	83.64
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	298.65
Pitney Bowes, supp	90.00
Postmaster, supp	220.00
Radiology Associates, serv	760.00



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Ram Exterminators, serv	45.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	128.54
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	209.83
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	329.73
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	19609.79
Sapp Bros., fuel	4247.66
SatPhone City, supp	659.00
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	100.00
Stripes & Signs, supp	257.00
SumnerOne, serv	33.00
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1125.98
Wolfe's Printing, supp	39.94
Payroll Expense	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$130,723.40</b>

## ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	58.89
Falls City Journal, adv	16.20
Farm & City Supply, supp	182.56
Jim Hill's, supp	285.00
Martin-Marietta Materials, rock	29195.44
Midwest Service & Sales, supp	1706.40
NPPD, serv	155.99
Norris Quarries, rock	4014.67
OPPD, serv	38.73
Quill, supp	180.95
Sapp Bros., fuel	12863.86
Unifirst, serv	39.02
Woods & Aitken, serv	3437.60
Payroll Expense	35106.57
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$87,281.88</b>

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## DRUG COURT FUND

Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1100.00
Wiltse, Sarah, serv	1100.00
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,200.00</b>

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m. Motion seconded by Karas.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, April 27, 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