



Richardson County Board Minutes



RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS May 18, 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, May 18, 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 May 11, 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 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.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

The Board met with Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau to review the routine business within the Road and Bridge Department. He reported on the tire collection event that was held last week. There were a total of 48 persons at Humboldt and 92 persons at Falls City for a total of 141 persons bringing tires to the event with 4,417 tires for a grand total of 101.38 tons. The County will submit the information to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality to request reimbursement from the grant funding in the approximately amount of \$10,962.37. Mr. Darveau will present the final numbers at next week's meeting with the application for the grant reimbursement funds.

Discussion was held regarding the four 10 hour day work week. Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the four 10 hour day work week beginning Monday, May 24, 2021 with the exception for the weeks which contain a paid holiday of May 31 through June 4, July 5 through July 9 and September 6 through 10 which will be a regular work week of 8 hours/day. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Commissioner Sickel stated that he was not in favor as he feels the taxpayers need to have the support on the roads at least for the 5 days during the week.

COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The Board met with the County Employee Health Insurance Committee to further review the request for the County to fund a portion of the spouse, children and/or family health insurance coverage for county employees. The Board took no action on this proposal.

SE NE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP, INC.

Deborah Green representing the CASA program that SENCA sponsors presented a brief report on the activity of the program. Susan Keholm, CCAP Development Director of SENCA presented the annual report of the organization. A report was also submitted by Sherry Huddleston of the SENCA Falls City Outreach Office of the clients they have served from October, 2020 through May, 2021.

Motion was made by Sickel to proclaim May as Community Action Month in Richardson County. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.



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RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND HUMBOLDT RESCUE

Phil Hitchcock president of the Mutual Aid Organization and the Chief of the Verdon Rural Fire Dept. addressed the Board regarding the status of the current 911 dispatching service in Richardson County. The rural fire departments are not satisfied with the dispatching services currently being provided. They are concerned that there may be a lack of training being provided to the current 911 PSAP dispatchers. Mr. Hitchcock stated that the 911 PSAP was notified of a recent mutual aid meeting and that the cooperation from the dispatch center lacked

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participation. The departments are concerned with the way that calls are being dispatched to the fire departments and ambulance and rescue squads from the current 911 PSAP. Trent Phillips of Humboldt Rescue Squad also presented some problems that they have had with calls being dispatched. The representatives in attendance representing the rural fire departments, Humboldt Fire Department and Humboldt Rescue Squad indicated that they fully support the take-over of 911 dispatching by the County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Sickel to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 11:15 a.m. with Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy, Roland Merwin to discuss personnel matters and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to close the executive session at 11:50 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. 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. They reported that Deputy Stonebarger is working to complete an E-citation grant application to submit for funding to purchase equipment for the department.

A fee report was approved for Sheriff Hardesty for fees collected during the month of April, 2021 totaling \$5,427.61.

K-9 DEMONSTRATION

The Board attended a K-9 demonstration at the Law Enforcement Center.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

30X30 Resolution

The Board reviewed Resolution 2020-2021-45 regarding the opposition to the 30 X 30 program as proposed by President Joe Biden.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2020-2021-45 which states that Richardson County is opposed to the 30 X 30 program as proposed by President Joe Biden. Motion seconded by Karas.



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ROLL CALL VOTE: Kars-aye Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 8)

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.

GENERAL FUND

Charm-Tex, supp	337.70
Culligan, serv	77.36
DAS State Accounting, serv	578.00
Dollar General, supp	25.10
Falls City Journal, adv	483.04
Family Medicine, supp	68.60
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	155.00
CI19-105 N. Auxier	
Farm & City Supply, supp	267.35
First Concord Benefits Group, fees	259.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Handley Law Office, serv	3240.00
CR20-67 J. Murphy, CR20-57 J. Vaughan, CR20-365 T. Cunningham	
Home Lumber, supp	1033.50
K9 Working Dogs International, dog	14853.45
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1048.88
Mercure, Steven, serv	5750.00
Milam's Greenhouse, supp	135.00
NACO, fee	120.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	126.00
NE State Fire Marshall, serv	72.00
OPPD, serv	74.75
Otoe County Sheriff, serv	18.25
Post Office, supp	2180.00
Quill, supp	366.97
Ractliffe, Zachary, reimb	58.26
Ram Exterminators, serv	45.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1017.93
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	19368.04
Riggs, Kim, reimb	123.20
True Value, supp	41.97
Unifirst, serv	39.36
Wolfe's Printing, supp	22.68
Payroll Expense	85577.95
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$137,564.34



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Agco Finance, supp	36.66
Black Hills Energy, serv	61.46
Falls City Journal, serv	142.50
Jim Hill's, supp	425.00
Koch's Auto Service, supp	6110.00
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc., serv	2542.38
Martin-Marietta, rock	8097.86
Mohawk Rubber Sales, supp	117.37
NPPD, serv	63.36
Norris Quarries, rock	1220.81
Northern Safety Co., supp	78.12
OPPD, serv	40.19
Sapp Bros., fuel	5554.36
Tire Cutters, supp	10643.87
Unifirst, serv	39.02
Payroll Expense	35306.45
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$70,479.41

DRUG COURT FUND

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

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS

Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	33.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$33.00

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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, May 25, 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.

David D. Sickel, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk