



Richardson County Board Minutes



RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS June 15, 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, June 15, 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 June 8, 2021, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021 Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. 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.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 9:30 a.m. Chairman Sickel declared that a public hearing be opened to receive comments from the public for the closing of a bridge and right-of-way located 2,631 feet West of intersection 706 Road and 648 Avenue.

Those persons who appeared and made comments at the hearing were Earl Schawang and Dennis Meyer who both had questions regarding the costs that would be incurred to the County for removing the bridge and how the right-of-way would be reverted back to the landowners.

Chairman Sickel declared the hearing closed at 9:44 a.m.

SOUTHEAST COMMUNICATIONS 911 CENTER, Beatrice, NE

Representatives from the Southeast Communications 911 Center of Beatrice, NE, Beatrice Chief of Police, Bruce Lang and Carla Zarybnicky, Director of the SE Communications 911 Center presented a project plan to the Board for the 911 Dispatching Services that could be provided to Richardson County by the Southeast Communications 911 Center in Beatrice, NE.

Mike Ramsey of the Falls City Rural Fire Dept; Mitch Merz, Falls City Councilman and Gary Jorn, Falls City Administrator also addressed the Board at this time with some concerns and questions on this idea.

Motion was made by Karas that Richardson County proceed to go with Southeast Communications 911 Center, Beatrice, NE. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.



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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.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve an agreement with Pawnee County for Safekeeping of Pawnee County inmates at a fee of \$55.00/day. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

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RURAL WATER DISTRICT #2

Gayle Swisegood, Dean Stevens and Paul Benitz representing the Rural Water District #2 requested to meet with the Board to inquire on the funding that is being received by Richardson County through the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Rural Water District #2 is continuing their work on a project to provide water services to rural residents in the northeast portion of Richardson County. Due to COVID-19 this past year the construction of the project has slowed and now they are discovering that pipe is not available and if it is available the price has become so inflated, above the Rural Water District #2 project budget. The engineer for the project had indicated to the Rural Water District that the ARPA funds were available to counties and these funds could be utilized for water, sewer and utility improvements.

The Board relayed to the group that more information on the specific use of these funds will be received from the State of NE in the next month but that this project certainly will be given strong consideration for the funding that is to be received.

COUNTY ASSESSOR

County Assessor, Kim Riggs presented a purchase order for the updating of software for the GIS program to add the 2021 annotation layer.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a purchase order submitted by the County Assessor for the 2021 Annotation layer to be added to the GIS program. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

DISTRICT 1 PROBATION

Ashley Greiss, District 1 Chief Probation Officer presented to the Board the annual report of the District. Also reporting was Chris Reece, Coordinator for the Problem Solving Court—Drug Court. During the 2020 year a total of 226 persons in Richardson County were provided services by the District 1 Probation Office. A total of 58 persons are currently participating in the Southeast Nebraska Drug Court which is comprised of the following counties: Johnson, Pawnee, Richardson, Otoe, Nemaha, Gage, Jefferson, Saline, Fillmore and Thayer.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Brian Kirkendall requested to advertise for four positions to be filled for the Level II positions which are the positions needed to complete the number or persons required for the radiological drills required by the Cooper Nuclear Station. These persons participate in approximately 2-3 drills per year.

The Board approved the request for the hiring to fill these 4 vacancies.



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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Resolution 2020-2021-49

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a sub-division for Robert L and Lana M Georges located in S22, T1, R17 and to adopt Resolution 2020-2021-49. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 13)

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.

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

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND

Ankrom, Jami, reimb	60.48
Bartek-Young, Amanda, reimb	364.00
BuckIT, supp	1375.00
Clerk of District Court, fees	588.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	289.00
Diversified Drug Testing, serv	25.00
Falls City Journal, adv	202.75
Family Medicine, serv	417.20
Farm & City Supply, supp	548.28
General Reporting Service, serv	1244.00
Government Forms & Supplies, supp	185.97
Johnson County Sheriff, fees	18.00
JT Farm Service, supp	773.40
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	130.53
KexRx, supp	413.12
Koch's Auto Service, serv	193.35
Laflin, Ashley, serv	1058.00
Mercure, Steven, serv	5750.00
Microfilm Imaging Sustems, serv	1032.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, serv	1755.00
Office Depot, supp	2525.64
OPPD, serv	49.38
Quill, supp	1632.06
Ram Exterminators, serv	45.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	115.96



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Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	275.01
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	20590.19
Riggs, Kim, reimb	113.12
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	820.00
SumnerOne, serv	97.26
Verizon, serv	606.50
Wolfe's Printing, supp	48.69
Payroll Expense	94972.91
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$138,314.80

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Farm & City Supply, supp	204.13
Farmers Repair, supp	15.00
Martin-Marietta Materials, rock	15839.23
Metal Culverts, supp	32231.60
NMC, supp	3012.26
NPPD, serv	63.16
Quill, supp	176.90
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Safety-Kleen, supp	330.39
Schendel Pest Control, serv	250.00
Unifirst, supp	15.92
Payroll Expense	36623.37
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$88,786.96

COUNTY DRUG ENFORCEMENT FUND

Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	200.00
TOTAL COUNTY DRUG ENFORCE. FUND	\$200.00

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DRUG COURT FUND

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 12:24 p.m. Motion seconded by Sickel.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, June 22, 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

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk