



# Richardson County Board Minutes



## RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JULY 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, July 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 final minutes of the July 13, 2021, meeting as presented with a correction. 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 July 13, 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 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

The Board met with Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau to review the routine business within the Road and Bridge Department.

### COUNTY TREASURER

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve 2 pledge security receipts from F&M Bank: 1) #799018178--\$65,000 and 2) #792005258--\$65,000 to replace receipt #792005258--\$130,000. 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.

A report was approved for fees collected by the Sheriff's Office for the month of June, 2021, totaling \$5,429.02.

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2021-2022-2 to approve a change to the approved number of allowed sheriff's deputies resolution as per NE §23-170401 which would allow a deputy to be classified as a lieutenant. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 21)

Motion was made by Karas to approve the following salary increases for staff at the Law Enforcement Center with an effective date of July 1, 2021: a 2% salary increase for all positions and to approve an increase in salary if justified through job performance evaluations by the Sheriff and/or supervisory staff for the positions of Jail Supervisor up to a maximum hourly rate of \$18.50; Night Jail Supervisor up to a maximum hourly rate of \$18.00 and Jailer salary up to a maximum hourly rate of \$17.50. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.



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## **RURAL WATER DISTRICT #2**

Members from the Rural Water District #2 met with the Board to further inquire and request that an amount of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds be allocated for the Rural Water District project that will place waterlines over 40 miles within the county to provide hookups to 70 households/sites. The project was scheduled to begin earlier than now but due to COVID it was pushed back and plans are to begin the contractor bidding process.

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RURAL WATER (Cont.)

The Board indicated that they would strongly consider allocating a portion of these funds to the project if and when the guidelines from the federal government for the allowable expenditures are received and reviewed to make final decisions in allocating these funds.

## **MASONRY CONSTRUCTION, INC.**

Commissioner Caverzagie will be contacting Dennis Greg at Masonry Construction, Inc. to review the damage and repairs that are needed to the lamp post pedestals on the east and west entrances of the Courthouse. The pedestals were restored approximately 4 years ago and the workmanship has not held up and the Board will negotiate with the contractor to resolve the matter to correct the damages.

## **QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION**

The Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection with Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Merwin and found the facility to be in good order.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Emergency Management Agency and Sale of Surplus Property**

A letter was received from Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director notifying the Board of a vacancy in the EMA office which was a part-time position and a request to advertise for the position and to change it to a full-time status position. The Board will review this request further at next week's meeting.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the sale of 2 I-phones that have been deemed to be surplus property with the Emergency Management Agency Department and which were advertised by Richardson County Emergency Management Agency for sale for a period of 2 weeks on the Richardson County Swap and Talk site and further sold to the highest bidder for \$550 and \$490 and which was remitted to the Richardson County Treasurer on June 28, 2021. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

### **FEMA Letter re Flood Plain Insurance Study**

A letter was received from FEMA regarding the recent changes to the National Flood Insurance Program and information and contacts for the County to seek while enacting the changes.



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## Other

Motion was made by Caverzagie to authorize Chairman to sign the engagement letter with the Nebraska State Auditor to conduct the fiscal year end audit June 30, 2021. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

## 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

Aitken, Nicholas, reimb	25.00
Bailey, Stacey, reimb	25.00
Bartek-Young, Amanda, reimb	25.00
Brown, Patricia, reimb	25.00
Campbell, Anthony, reimb	25.00
Cooper, Tyler, reimb	25.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	289.00
Dettman, Brian, reimb	25.00
Dollar General, supp	46.50
Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, serv	425.00
Eickhoff, Mary L., reimb	48.72
Falls City Journal, adv	709.58
Falls City Mercantile, supp	264.01
Farm & City Supply, supp	117.44
Five Rivers RC&D, dues	1672.60
Frederick, Jeff, reimb	25.00
Frederick, Keia, reimb	25.00
Fritz, Kerry, reimb	25.00
Goff, Don Jr., reimb	25.00
Hardenberger, Clayton, reimb	25.00
Hardesty, Richard Jr., reimb	25.00
Humboldt Standard, adv	67.50
Jim Hill's, supp	245.00
KexRx, supp	693.25
Kirkendall, Brian, reimb	25.00
Leafy, Susan, reimb	25.00



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Lynn Peavey, supp	40.90
Martin, Wyatt, reimb	25.00
Medica, ins	94085.50
Merwin, Roland, reimb	25.00
Metzner, Dustin, reimb	25.00
Miller Monroe, ins	667.00
Mitchell, Andrea, reimb	25.00
Morehead, Kristin, reimb	25.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	111.00
Nussbaum, Emily, reimb	25.00
OPPD, serv	41.73
Petersen Reporting, serv	216.50
Pitney Bowes, serv	90.00
Postmaster, supp	275.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	133.10
Quill, supp	87.65
Ractliffe, Zachary, reimb	25.00
Ramer, Ron, reimb	25.00
Ramsey, Sean, reimb	25.00
Region V Systems, serv	1070.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	20.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	379.62
Richardson County Mutual Aid, serv	174.20
Riggs, Kim, reimb	25.00
Schawang, Joel, reimb	25.00
Scheitel, Samantha, reimb	25.00
Scott, Pamela, reimb	25.00
Sherman, Matthew, reimb	25.00
Snethen, Tylene, reimb	25.00
St. Clair County Sheriff, fee	30.00
Stonebarger, Clinton, reimb	25.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

## GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

SumnerOne, serv	231.00
Tichy, Robert, reimb	25.00
TK Elevator, serv	2725.00
Unifirst, serv	39.36
Watlington, John, reimb	25.00
Wenzl, Amanda, reimb	25.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$105,846.16</b>

## ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Agco Finance, supp	1197.00
Black Hills Energy, serv	25.92
Capital One Trade Credit, supp	499.99



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Farm & City Supply, supp	61.15
Mainelli Wagner & Associates, serv	390.18
Martin-Marietta Materials, rock	18374.28
NPPD, serv	63.16
Norris Quarries, rock	1913.10
OPPD, serv	34.11
Patriot Sales & Service, serv	1360.00
Unifirst, supp	55.10
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$23,973.99</b>

## VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND

Falls City Chamber of Commerce, reimb	250.00
<b>TOTAL VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>

## INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Richardson County Treasurer, cont	4237.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$4,237.00</b>

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas.  
 ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, July 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