



Richardson County Board Minutes



RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUGUST 17, 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, August 17, 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 August 10, 2021, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Quarterly Safety Committee Meeting from August 10, 2021, as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting of August 10, 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 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. A final review of the proposed FY2021-2022 budget was also held.

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.

Sheriff Hardesty reported that he had been in contact with the superintendent of HTRS Schools regarding the hiring of a school resource officer and that the county would agree if the school district provided 75% of the total funding of the deputy and benefits and the County would agree to 25% of the cost. That deputy would be a full-time officer for the County.

Continued discussion was also held regarding the 911 dispatching services for the County and when the Southeast Communications 911 Center for the City of Beatrice will begin answering the calls. Sheriff Hardesty indicated that he would move forward to get the communication lines transferred so that SE Communications 911 could begin answering the calls.

Sheriff Hardesty also requested that the Board approve the re-hiring of a dispatcher who recently left employment in good standing with Richardson County and has requested to return. The Board approved the re-hiring of Brandi Kratz as a dispatcher.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2021-2022-5 to waive the bidding requirements due to an emergency situation for the purchase of communication equipment, installation and training as



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included on a proposal received from Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$222,348.00 and dated July 30, 2021. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 24)

Motion was made by Karas to approve the proposal received from Motorola Solutions, Inc. for One Position MCC7500E Dispatch Console Connected to SRS totaling \$222,348.00. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

The Board also reviewed the FY2021-2022 budgets for the Law Enforcement Center with Sheriff Hardesty and Deputy Merwin.

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RICHARDSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Richard Meinzer and John Seeba members of the Richardson County Historical Society presented to the Board the Annual Report of the organization and a request for continued annual financial support in the amount of \$15,000.00. They reported that with COVID-19 the number of visitors they have had has been minimal and therefore donations have been down this past year. They are planning a fund raiser in September with the Waffleman.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Board reviewed the budgets for Brian Kirkendall, County Weed Control Superintendent; Cassandra Buethe, County Court and the County Attorney, Doug Merz for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

Mona Godemann, Veterans Service Officer along with members of the Veterans Service Committee met with the Board for the review of the FY2021-2022 budget of the Veterans Service Office. Fred Sikora, Jim Owings and Dr. Terry Malcolm all offered comments in support of a salary increase for the staff in the Veterans Service Office. They stated that the duties of the Veterans Service Officer have significantly changed and increased over the past few years especially with the applications for services from veterans of Vietnam and future needs that will be realized with the Gulf War and Afghanistan. They recommended that a 5% increase for the staff members be approved by the County Board.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Tax Levy Allocation

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2021-2022-4 to allocate the 2021 tax levy for the rural fire districts and the agriculture society. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 23)

Additional 1% Budget Authority

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the additional 1% budget authority for the fiscal year 2021-2022. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Advertise for Public Budget Hearing

Motion was made by Sickel to authorize the publication of the Public Budget Hearing to be held on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye,



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Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Grant

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a letter of support for the grant application being submitted by the Fiver Rivers Resource Conservation and Development District for a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Grant. 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

Clerk of District Court, fee	577.00
County Treasurer, tax	2027.42
Delta Gloves, supp	1040.80
Dollar General, supp	58.75
Falls City Journal, adv	499.07
Falls City Mercantile, supp	127.14
Galls, supp	165.99
Humboldt Standard, adv	30.00
Lynn Peavey, supp	141.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	1659.53
Office Depot, supp	1158.53
Quill, supp	400.71
Ram Exterminators, serv	45.00
Richardson County Clerk, supp	52.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	471.96
Sapp Bros., fuel	4834.12
St. Joseph Plumbing & Heating, serv	20430.00
SumnerOne, serv	38.00
Unifirst, serv	39.36
U-Save Pharmacy, supp	9.40
W&D Auto Care, serv	295.00
Wolfe's Printing, supp	478.90
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$34,579.68

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND



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Black Hills Energy, serv	32.14
Farm & City Supply, supp	111.21
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	10183.31
NPPD, serv	63.16
Operation & Expense Acct., reimb	128.12
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	15468.11
Unifirst, serv	55.10
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$26,066.15

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	634.00
TOTAL REG OF DEES P&M FUND	\$634.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 p.m. Motion seconded by Karas.
 ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, August 24, 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