



Richardson County Board Minutes



**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 26, 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, October 26, 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 Commissioner Caverzagie. Chairman Sickel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2021, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickle-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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. met with the Board to update them on the routine maintenance being done this week on County roads and bridges.

Mr. Darveau also asked the Board to consider a request from a Road Department employee to borrow the County's skid loader for personal use. The Board will review this request and discuss again at next week's meeting.

DISTRESS WARRANTS

Motion was made by Sickel to accept the Distress Warrant report submitted by County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey for 2021 which includes a total of 10 warrants for a total of \$1,090.59 and authorize the County Treasurer to submit the report to the County Sheriff for collection. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Roland Merwin updated the Board this week on the business of the Law Enforcement Center. A letter was received from the Nebraska Jail Standards regarding the annual inspection of the Richardson County Jail which found the facility to be in full compliance with the Standards at the time of the inspection. If you have the

The dispatching services provided by the City of Beatrice was discussed outlining problems and concerns with the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff is requesting that the Board consider terminating the agreement with the City of Beatrice.

Sheriff also reported that he had 3 Nebraska certified applicants for the open deputy position that are being considered. An applicant that is being considered does not reside within the county. Motion was made by Karas to approve the hiring of a deputy that does not reside within Richardson County. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

AUSTIN DUERFELDT, ARPA FUNDS

Austin Duerfeldt, ARPA Funds Administrator for Richardson County met with the Board. He informed



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the Board that he would officially accept the position as the ARPA Administrator and would perform the work necessary to assist the County with the receipt and expenditures of ARPA funds at a compensation rate of \$36.00/hour.

Mr. Duerfeldt explained that he would develop a grant application for use by those within the County to apply for ARPA funds with the County Board and would develop a news release to encourage citizens to contact the County Board with projects that might be eligible for the

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ARPA Funds (Cont.)

ARPA funds. Lucas Froeschl of Falls City EDGE was in attendance at this time also and offered to release an on-line survey to receive suggestions from the public on the possible projects that ARPA funds could be allocated to for the betterment of the communities within Richardson County.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Opioid Recovery Fund Settlement Agreement

Motion was made by Sickel to appoint the County Treasurer as the authorized agent for Richardson County to execute participation agreements on behalf of Richardson County to receive funding from the OPIOD Recovery Fund settlement agreements. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Note Included With 2021 Real Estate Tax Statements

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the notice to rural landowners to be included within the 2021 real estate tax statements regarding rural landowner’s statutory requirements regarding roadside mowing and the trimming of hedge and trees in the county road right-of-way and also requirement to file an improvement statement with the County Assessor for improvements to real estate of more than \$2,500.00. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Other

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the proposal and quote from Jeannes Distribution for the conversion of the Courthouse lighting to LEDs from fluorescent at a cost of parts and supplies of \$11,354.30 and installation and labor of \$6,402.50 for a total of \$17,756.80. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. Other supplies and contractors were contacted for this project but did not submit any interest in the project.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Caverzagie to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Sickel. 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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GENERAL FUND

BuckIT, supp	2579.00
CharmTex, supp	1068.48
Comfort Inn & Suites, lodg	474.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	30.88
Donahue & Faesser, serv	1425.00
CR21-119 Z. Bokelman, CR21-120 Z. Bokelman, CR21-121 Z. Bokelman	
Duffer's Repair, supp	24.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	64.31
Farm & City Supply, supp	1019.41
Finner, Brittney, reimb	56.60
Galls, supp	58.25
Holiday Inn, lodg	569.70
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	3955.40
Karas, Rick, reimb	330.85
Kawre's, supp	72.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Lincoln Journal Star, sub	951.00
Mary's Appliance, supp	1379.00
Meyer Laboratory, supp	156.42
NCEA, dues	250.00
Pest Control Services of SE NE, serv	45.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	10.70
Riggs, Kim, reimb	114.24
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	920.00
Stateline Propane, supp	367.50
Taylor, Brooke, reimb	49.18
TK Elevator, serv	376.89
Unifirst, serv	50.00
US Postal Service, supp	110.95
Verizon, serv	1564.08
Wolfe's, supp	227.33
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$18,300.17

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Hamm, rock	3809.50
Helena, supp	210.00
Martin-Marietta, rock	11730.07
NPPD, serv	73.28
Sapp, fuel	2868.01
Unifirst	45.49
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$18,736.35



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ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

David D. Sickel, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk