



# Richardson County Board Minutes



## RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOVEMBER 2, 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, November 2, 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 26, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://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 informed the Board that the engineering firm is working to complete the bid specifications for the asphalt projects to be done this next year.

Notification was received from the State of NE Board of Classifications and Standards approving the reclassification of a road from minimum maintenance to local classification as requested by the County in Resolution 2021-2022-14. This road is described as beginning at the southwest corner of Section 31, Township 2 North, Range 13 East running east for one half (1/2) mile or which is located on 708 Road from 630 Avenue running 1/2 mile east.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Chief Deputy Roland Merwin updated the Board this week on the business of the Law Enforcement Center.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Sickel to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 11:00 a.m. to discuss possible litigation and for the protection of the public interest with County Attorney, Doug Merz; Deputy County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel; Sheriff Hardesty and Roland Merwin, Chief Deputy Sheriff. Motion seconded by Karas. 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.

### AUSTIN DUERFELDT, ARPA FUNDS

Austin Duerfeldt, ARPA Funds Administrator for Richardson County met with the Board. He informed the Board that a recent expense to the County for the installation of new water pipe and sewer pipe within the



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Courthouse would be eligible for funding through the ARPA funds. A discussion was also held regarding the possibility of continued legislation on the ARPA funds through H.R. 5735 introduced to Congress in the past week which would offer more options for the use of the ARPA funds to benefit the County.

A news release will be released next week requesting residents of Richardson County to complete a survey regarding the use of the ARPA funds which will be accessible online at [www.@.com](http://www.@.com) or on the Richardson County website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://www.co.richardson.ne.us) or by obtaining a paper copy at the Richardson County Clerk’s Office at the Courthouse, Room 205 in Falls City. The surveys should be completed and returned by November 30.

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## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for October, 2021.

### Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during October, 2021:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 311.00
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist. Court	\$1,418.00

### Cost Allocation Plan

Motion was made by Caverzagie to authorize the Chairman to sign the certification for the Indirect Cost Allocation Plan prepared by Robert W. Aitken, PC. 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 that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Karas. 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.)*

### GENERAL FUND

Aitken, Robert, CPA, serv	4650.00
Armbruster Motor Co., serv	34.95
Bueth, Cassie, reimb	279.00
Clerk of District Court, fees	1221.00
Culligan, serv	77.36
Datashield, serv	51.25
Dorr & Clark, serv	425.00
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	376.52
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	87.65



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Falls City Mercantile, supp	235.56
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	5970.17
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	3290.00
CR21-151 B. Osthoff, JV15-26, JV19-20, JV19-22, JV19-21, JV19-19, JV20-26, JV20-27, JV21-21, JV21-18	
Farm & City, supp	5.56
Horsepower Genie, serv	40.00
Hunzeker, Greg, serv	600.00
James, Charles, serv	539.00
KexRx, supp	1412.16
Kollasch Law Office, serv	2490.00
JV19-18	
Ladman, Jennifer, fee	240.00
Merz, Douglas, fee	50.00
MIPS, serv	2976.55
Nestor & Mercure, reimb	600.00
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	186.96
Pitney Bowes, supp	80.74
Quill, supp	118.98
Ram Exterminators, serv	45.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

## GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Richardson County Court, fees	548.90
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	231.00
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	19290.52
TK Elevator, serv	885.00
UNL, reimb	3924.40
Verizon, serv	411.38
Wolfe's Printing, supp	49.20
Payroll Expense	87915.91
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$139,379.72</b>

## ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Capital One Trade Credit, supp	199.00
Culligan, serv	31.12
Hamm, rock	5318.95
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc., serv	617.50
Martin Marietta, rock	8507.95
Midwest Service & Sales, supp	578.70
NMC, supp	852.39
OPPD, serv	42.51
Operation & Expense Acct., reimb	151.65
Register of Deeds, permit	80.00
Unifirst, supp	23.70
Payroll Expense	34467.88



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**TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND** **\$50,871.35**

**REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND**

MIPS, serv 300.96  
**TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND** **\$300.96**

**ARPA FUND**

Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire 33.61  
Payroll Expense 177.84  
**TOTAL ARPA FUND** **\$211.45**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 12:54 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 9, 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.

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David D. Sickel, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk