



# Richardson County Board Minutes



**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 1, 2022**

## **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, February 1, 2022. 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 have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2022, 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 Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://www.co.richardson.ne.us).

## **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week. He reported on staff changes and vacancies that are being advertised to be filled. Also discussed was the proposed project for the construction of a new shop building located in Rulo for the equipment that is housed there for use on county roads in that area. Plans are also being made for the purchase of a motor grader through a state bid pricing contract.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the contract with Vogtsapes, Inc. for the box culvert project Salem South STWD-CBMP(5) project. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas after reviewing bids received at last week's meeting to award the bid with Constructor's Inc. for the 5.8 miles of overlay on the Rulo south project for a total bid price of \$1,545,992.20. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Sheriff Roland Merwin met with the Board to review the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center. The advertisement to fill a vacancy for a deputy has been sent out.

Commissioner Caverzagie reported on a complaint he has had on vehicles speeding on a county road specifically north of Hwy 159 on 654 Avenue and suggested that the Sheriff's Department patrol that area.

A letter was received from Southeast Nebraska 911 Center Beatrice in response to the letter the County Board sent to them regarding Richardson County's desire to terminate the contract with them that was approved by the Board to be sent on January 4, 2022, and then signed by the County Board Chairman on January 25, 2022. The Board will review this response letter further at next week's meeting.

Sheriff Hardesty also presented to the Board a letter from Phil Hitchcock, President of the Mutual Aid Association regarding the consensus of the association members at an October, 2021 meeting the desire to see dispatch services remain in Richardson County.



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## COURTHOUSE RETAINING WALL

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Sickel presented the proof of publication for the opening of sealed bids for the restoration of the retaining wall around the Courthouse east, south and west sides. One bid was received from Brandon Schawang for \$145,000.00.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to award the bid to Brandon Schawang with the project to begin in April and to be completed in July of 2022. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.  
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## COUNTY TREASURER

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the request of County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey to withdraw a pledge security receipt #36179MP53 from Great Western Bank. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

## ARPA FUNDS

The Board held a teleconference with Austin Duerfeldt, ARPA Funds Administrator via a teleconference to review the process for the grant applications to be received requesting ARPA funds that have been received by the County. The Board agreed that a deadline should be established and decided that March 1, 2022, will be the deadline to submit grant applications. After applications are received, they will go through a review process with ARPA Administrator, Mr. Duerfeldt and then presented to the County Board for their review process which will include an allocated time period for public comment during a regular meeting of the County Board. After this process should funds still be available, another grant application process will be established.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the January, 2022 monthly operating statement.

## 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

Ankrom, Jami, reimb	387.82
City of Humboldt, rent	9000.00
Clerk of the District Court, fee	865.00
CMC, serv	1830.00
CVSOAN, fees	120.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	289.00



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Dollar General, supp	97.15
Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, serv	425.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supp	32.96
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv	264.68
Ed Roehr Safety Products, supp	1113.50
Farm & City Supply, supp	4738.13
Humboldt Standard, adv	171.68
Jim Hill's, supp	35.49
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	144.38
Kawre's, supp	53.00
Leafty, Susan, reimb	51.65
Mid-States Organized Crime Info, dues	100.00
Miller Farrell Ins. Ag, ins	480.00
MIPS, serv	2976.55
NE Assoc. of County Clerk, dues	75.00
Office Depot, supp	439.66
OneNeck IT Solution, serv	343.84
Postmaster, supp	290.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

## GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Ractliffe, Zachary, reimb	21.68
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	98.10
Sapp Bros., fuel	555.45
Security Equipment, serv	239.70
SumnerOne, serv	38.00
TK Elevator, serv	376.89
Verizon, serv	392.19
Wolfe's, supp	150.19
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$26,196.69</b>

## ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan, serv	35.00
Grainger, supp	75.32
Helena, supp	1078.00
Horsepower Genie, serv	85.00
Miller Farrell Ins. Ag, ins	1688.00
OPPD, serv	71.28
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	134.55
Quill, supp	124.01
Sapp Bros., fuel	7915.44
Unifirst, supp	45.49
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$11,252.09</b>

## REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND



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MIPS, serv	300.96
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$300.96</b>

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 p.m. Motion seconded by Karas.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 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