



Richardson County Board Minutes



RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FEBRUARY 8, 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 8, 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 February 1, 2022, 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 Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, February 1, 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website 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. It was reported that crews were hauling rock to the stock piles to be used on the roads when road conditions allow for the placement.

Mr. Darveau also informed the Board that the rock will be placed on the county road that was reclassified located in Speiser Township and 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 ½ mile east.

Rip-rap is also being hauled and put in needed places under some county bridge areas. Roadside brush is being done and contacts are being made to landowners to comply with the NE Revised State Statute 39-1811 through 39-1813.

The Road Department also has received formal notification that funding has been approved for County Bridge Match funding available with the NE Dept of Transportation to construct a project that has been determined that needs to be replaced and is located from 710 Road south ½ mile on 655 Avenue, located between Sections 29 and 30, Township 2, Range 17.

EMA DIRECTOR, BRIAN KIRKENDALL

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director explained to the Board the need for updated communication equipment for the Emergency Management Agency. The equipment would be compatible with the newly acquired systems that are being installed with the Richardson County Sheriff’s Office and the Falls City Police Department. The system is referred to as a “Mindshare” system and operates on a microwave capability. The system would also allow for the Emergency Management Agency to set up a remote communication system at an emergency site if needed.

More information is being obtained for this equipment purchase and will be presented to the Board at next week’s meeting for further discussion and consideration.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER



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Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Sheriff Roland Merwin met with the Board to review the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center. The new communications equipment is being installed and hooked up to the new communications tower and should be completed within the next few weeks.

Sheriff Hardesty also mentioned that Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer Public Schools is still considering the idea of school resource officer.

The Department is also making some changes of rank within the current deputy staffing. The Jail staff is also continuing to work on gathering more information regarding jail statistics

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and how Legislative Bill 921 introduced to the Nebraska Legislature 2022 session if passed would affect the jail population in Richardson County. Legislative Bill 942 regarding the training requirements for noncertified conditional law enforcement officers was also discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Sickel to recess the regular meeting agenda at 11:50 a.m. and go into an executive session with Sheriff Hardesty; County Attorney, Doug Merz; Falls City Police Chief, Jamie Baker and Roland Merwin, Deputy County Sheriff to discuss pending litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to close the executive session at 12:56 p.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Immediately after the executive session, the Board requested that County Attorney, Doug Merz contact the Beatrice City Attorney regarding a request by Richardson County to amend the Emergency Dispatch Services Interlocal Agreement between the City of Beatrice and the County of Richardson, Nebraska.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of January, 2022:

Sheriff Hardesty	\$ 1,946.03
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 101.75
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$17,108.00
Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court	\$ 975.00

Richardson County Jail Needs Assessment Update

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the Needs Assessment Study Update for the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center dated February 8, 2022 to be submitted to the Nebraska Jail Standards. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS



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Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims that were 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.)

GENERAL FUND

Consolidated Management Co., serv	93.06
Culligan, serv	112.36
Custom Cages, supp	1045.00
Datashield, serv	53.75
Ed Roehr Safety Products, supp	252.00
Falls City Sanitation, serv	60.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	7958.72
Farm & City Supply, supp	404.82

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GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Ferebee, Elizabeth, serv CR21-75	1476.00
Galls, supp	36.76
Home Lumber, supp	578.79
Humboldt Standard, adv	14.51
Jim Hill's, supp	179.29
Kawres, supp	22.50
KexRx, supp	306.16
Kollasch Law Office, serv CR21-53 N. Auxier	3285.00
Lynn Peavey Company, supp	149.50
Meyer Laboratory, supp	25.95
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
MIPS, serv	150.50
Morehead, Amanda, supp	102.67
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	40.00
Postmaster, supp	600.00
Region V Systems, serv	2140.00
Richardson County Court, fees	2259.89
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	32.74
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	440.43
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1000.17
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	21605.31
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	141.57
Riggs, Kim, reimb	85.59
Sapp Bros., fuel	12803.01



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Secretary of State, supp	40.00
Snethen, Tylen, reimb	85.59
SNC, serv	2020.42
True Value, supp	32.84
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1003.48
Wolfe's, supp	271.99
Payroll Expense	94274.96
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$155,325.33

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

A1 Iron Corp, supp	22.30
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	1444.24
Farm & City Supply, supp	782.59
Hullman's, supp	92.14
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	76.84
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	3106.85
Mohawk Rubber Sales of N.E., supp	69.36
NPPD, serv	40.98
NMC, supp	2953.50
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	4.68
Powerplan, supp	1238.23
Quill, supp	33.92
SNC, serv	67.37
Unifirst, supp	26.22
Verdon, Village of, serv	31.57
Payroll Expense	34370.96
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$44,361.75

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VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND

Richardson County, rent	25.00
TOTAL VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND	\$25.00

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND

City of Humboldt, funding	5000.00
VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$5,000.00

VETERAN'S AID FUND

Richardson County Veteran's Aid Fund, transfer	\$531.00
TOTAL VETERAN'S AID FUND	\$531.00



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ARPA FUNDS

Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	1.56
Payroll	10.80

Austin Duerfeldt	10.80
TOTAL ARPA FUNDS	\$12.36

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS

SNC, serv	133.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS	\$133.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 12:59 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 15, 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.

David D. Sickel, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk