



# Richardson County Board Minutes



**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 15, 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 15, 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 8, 2022, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. 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. Presented to the board were the quotes received from Murphy Tractor & Equipment and Nebraska Machinery for the purchase of a motor grader with the quotes being calculated and determined from the State Purchasing Bureau. The Board will consider this purchase as next week's meeting. The purchase of a replacement truck box was also reviewed.

Mr. Darveau also reported that applications to fill vacancies have been received and interviews are being held.

A bridge that was closed earlier this year due to repairs that needed to be made, is going to require more repairs than originally planned for which is located on 642 Blvd about 1 ¼ miles south of 705 Road or located over Rock Creek in the North ½ of

An application for a permit to operate an oversize/overweight vehicle or load on county road from Hwy 159 south on 656 Avenue south to 704 Road and then east to the project site from First Logistics, Inc. dba Benefiel Towing, Hamburg, Iowa was submitted to the Board for consideration. Mr. Darveau recommended that the Board deny this permit. Motion was made by Caverzagie that per the recommendation of the Hwy Supt from information and review that he has made while also reviewing with an engineer that assists with the County roads and bridges, that this permit application would cause unrepairable damage to bridges along the suggested route, that the County Board deny the application that was submitted from Benefiel Towing, Hamburg, Iowa. Motion seconded by Karas. 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. Applications have been received to fill a vacancy for a deputy position and interviews have been scheduled.

The Board was also informed of the following grants that were awarded through federal section highway safety incentive funds from the NE Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office: 1) Evidentiary Breath Testing Instrument Mini-Grant 405d-22-53-20 for \$2,500.00 awarded by federal section 405d highway safety incentive funds to assist with the purchase of one DataMaster dmt evidentiary breath testing instrument; 2) Radar Mini-Grant 4022-22-33-02 for \$2,400.00 awarded by federal section 402 highway safety program



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funds to assist with the purchase of two radar units and 3) Preliminary Breath Tester 405d-22-53-03 for \$1,770 awarded by federal section 405d highway safety incentive funds for six PBT (preliminary breath tester) units. An update on the grant application that was submitted to USDA for the purchase of law enforcement equipment was also given while the department continues to anticipate the award of these grant funds.

Sheriff Hardesty also informed the Board that on March 1<sup>st</sup> multiple agencies will be conducting a methamphetamine forum from 9 a.m. to noon at the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center. This meeting will be an informative meeting in combating the meth

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problem in Nebraska. Agencies that will be involved in the forum include the following: FBI, DEA, NE State Patrol, US Attorney and NE Attorney General’s office as well as local agencies.

The Board and the Sheriff were also informed of a community event to be held on Friday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Prichard Auditorium organized and sponsored by the Falls City Public Schools Jr. National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Hope Squad along with area churches, who will be presenting Todd Keene and The Power Team 2.0, Night of Power Feats of Strength--A Positive Message. The event is free and all ages are encouraged and welcome.

## BRAD SLAUGHTER, PIPER SANDLER & CO.

Brad Slaughter from Piper Sandler & Co. requested to meet with the Board regarding the financing options they can offer to county governments for construction projects, road improvements, etc.

## EMA DIRECTOR, BRIAN KIRKENDALL

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director explained to the Board the need for updated communication equipment for the Emergency Management Agency. One informal quote was received from Haug Communications for a “Mindshare 100500 Max Plus” and supporting equipment for a total of \$20,080.00. Mr. Kirkendall and Tyler Cooper, County Building Maintenance Technician reported that Haug Communications worked with First Wireless for this equipment to be compatible with the newly acquired communication equipment for the Law Enforcement Center and that which was purchased by the City of Falls City for the Falls City Police Department. Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a purchase order for the upgrade and improvements to communication equipment from Haug Communications for a total of \$20,080.00 within the Emergency Management Agency Office. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Repairs/Improvements Quote

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the quote from Brown Remodeling for repairs and improvements that need to be addressed within the Courthouse which includes the completion of a suspended ceiling within the Clerk of Dist Court office and a suspended ceiling in the records room, updating an area on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor to a useable conference room and to complete an area within the Military Museum area where new plumbing was run through to reach other areas of the Courthouse. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

A purchase order was also approved for the replacement and installation of restroom fixtures in the Lower Level of the Courthouse for an approximately cost of \$1500.00 with Meyer Home Center.



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## Conservation Easement Application

Motion was made by Sickel to submit to the Richardson County Planning Commission pursuant to NE Revised State Statute 76-2,112, for review and approval or disapproval, a Conservation Easement Application submitted by landowners Mark S. and Elizabeth M. Andrew for a tract of land located in fractional Sections 5 and 8, Township 1 North, Range 18 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Richardson County, Nebraska. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

## CLAIMS

Motion was made by Karas 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.

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

*(The claims listed below are available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.)*

### GENERAL FUND

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Armbruster Motor Co., supp                | 136.94   |
| Bennett, Pam, serv                        | 300.00   |
| BuckIT, serv                              | 2212.50  |
| Caverzagie, John, reimb                   | 273.19   |
| City of Beatrice, serv                    | 45000.00 |
| Comfort Inn, lodg                         | 107.96   |
| Consolidated Mgmt., serv                  | 8488.00  |
| Culligan, serv                            | 112.04   |
| DAS State Accounting, serv                | 319.88   |
| Falls City Auto Supply, supp              | 31.27    |
| Falls City Mercantile, supp               | 151.91   |
| Falls City Journal, adv                   | 1317.68  |
| Farmer's Repair, supp                     | 900.00   |
| Galls, supp                               | 426.42   |
| Government Forms & Supplies, supp         | 321.77   |
| Gravatt, Jere, serv                       | 300.00   |
| Handley, Dylan, serv                      | 700.00   |
| Hector, Amy, serv                         | 400.00   |
| Miller-Monroe, ins                        | 532.00   |
| Morrill Collision, serv                   | 9107.16  |
| NE Health & Human Services, serv          | 93.00    |
| ProServ, serv                             | 133.10   |
| Quill, supp                               | 346.24   |
| Ram Exterminators, serv                   | 45.00    |
| Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb | 120.00   |
| Riggs, Kim, reimb                         | 118.17   |
| Secretary of State, supp                  | 20.00    |
| Spartan Stores                            | 54.96    |



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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| SumnerOne, serv           | 405.96             |
| True Value, supp          | 4.77               |
| Unifirst, serv            | 50.00              |
| UNL, reimb                | 3936.06            |
| Wolfe's, supp             | 152.64             |
| <b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b> | <b>\$76,618.62</b> |

## ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

|                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Agco Finance, supp                  | 167.74             |
| Black Hills Energy, serv            | 458.29             |
| Falls City Auto Supply, supp        | 1020.99            |
| Falls City Sanitation, serv         | 20.00              |
| Farmer's Repair, supp               | 12.95              |
| Martin Marietta, rock               | 13095.03           |
| Mohawk Rubber Sales of N.E., supp   | 181.35             |
| Mr. Automotive, supp                | 427.97             |
| NPPD, serv                          | 101.36             |
| NMC, supp                           | 1910.74            |
| O'Reilly Automotive, supp           | 216.96             |
| Operation & Expense Acct., reimb    | 133.53             |
| Unifirst, serv                      | 45.49              |
| Rulo, Village of, serv              | 25.00              |
| Salem, Village of, serv             | 21.90              |
| Sapp Bros., fuel                    | 2248.25            |
| <b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b> | <b>\$20,087.55</b> |

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

## REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

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| BuckIT, supp                           | 1150.00           |
| <b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b> | <b>\$1,150.00</b> |

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, February 22, 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