



# Richardson County Board Minutes



## RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MARCH 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, March 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 March 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 Board of Equalization meeting minutes of March 1, 2022. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas 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).

### LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board to review the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve an agreement with Johnson County, Nebraska for the safekeeping of inmates at the Richardson County Jail at a price of \$65.00/day. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 62)

The Sheriff also reported that he had briefly discussed the Humboldt Law Enforcement Contract with some City Council members regarding the renewal of the Contract to begin September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025 in which the County is requesting a 5% increase from the current contract. This increase over a 3 year period would be approximately \$10,900.

### ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week.

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2021-2022-31 to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with NE Dept of Transportation for County Bridge Match Project #STWD-CBMP(6) for C007402110-2.5W 1.7S STE (640-716/717) at Whiskey Run and C007425105-2.7N 3.5E FC (655-709/710) at Stream. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 61)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to authorize the Chairman to sign the Temporary Easement contracts with landowners for project C007423425 located on 704 Road west of 647 Avenue between S24 and S25, T1, R15 (Martin/Roberts). Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

### GRIEVANCE HEARING

At 9:45 a.m. a grievance hearing was held for Gerald Kuker who had filed a grievance with the Highway Superintendent which was denied and has requested the hearing with the County Board. Justin Hubly,



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Executive Director of the NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 was present to represent Mr. Kuker. The grievance occurred on February 2, 2022 and claims contract articles 1.6, 11.8 and 11.9 were violated with regards to paid time off.

Motion was made by Sickel to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 9:57 a.m. for the protection of the public interest and to review the grievance with County’s legal counsel, Jerry Pigsley of Woods & Aitken, P.C., Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. and County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to close the executive session at 10:10 a.m. Motion  
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seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to deny the grievance. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. A written decision of the denial will be prepared and submitted by the Board of Commissioners during next week’s County Board meeting to the NAPE/AFSCME Local 61.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Fee Reports

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

Sheriff Hardesty	\$ 2,685.34
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$ 731.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 349.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$21,278.00

## 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

Amazon, supp	127.63
Consolidated Management Co., serv	7878.45
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	7113.81
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	1890.00
JV19-18, CR21-535 J. Hale, CR21-568 X. Porche, CR21-541 J. Santos, CR21-612 R. Wishecoby	
Farm & City Supply, supp	915.53
Kollasch Law Office, serv	1476.00
CR21-33 U. Rivera-Fuentes	



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Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
MIPS, serv	2976.55
NE Weed Assn., fees	120.00
Petersen Reporting, serv	250.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	133.10
Quill, supp	465.50
Richardson County Court, fees	1014.52
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	110.43
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	280.44
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	707.92
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	21506.76
SNC, serv	1169.11
Spartan Stores, supp	104.79
SumnerOne, serv	149.00
Verizon, serv	392.19
Weaver & Merz, reimb	916.61

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## GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Payroll Expense	95588.38
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$145,466.72</b>

## ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel	481.50
City of Humboldt, serv	89.32
Culligan, serv	35.00
Diversified Drug Testing, serv	325.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	102.93
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	1061.99
Farm & City Supply, supp	208.57
Hullman's, supp	96.39
Mr. Automotive, supp	251.94
NPPD, serv	33.23
Newman Traffic Signs, supp	638.77
NMC, supp	462.83
Operation & Expense Acct., reimb	32.56
Salem, Village of, serv	22.60
Sapp Bros., fuel	490.00
SNC, serv	101.42
Truck Center Companies, supp	1227.38
Unifirst, serv	31.68



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Verdon, Village of, serv	25.73
Payroll Expense	31532.79
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$37,271.63</b>

## REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

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

## ARPA FUNDS

Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	10.63
Payroll	73.80
<b>TOTAL ARPA FUNDS</b>	<b>\$84.43</b>

## INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Newman Traffic Signs, supp	41.10
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$41.10</b>

## ADJOURNMENT

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

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David D. Sickel, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk