



Richardson County Board Minutes



**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 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, March 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 March 8, 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 8, 2022. 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 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 2 newly hired employees started yesterday.

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.

It was reported to the Board that the purchase of equipment through the Nebraska Contract #85703 04 to upgrade finger print procedures with Idemia Livescan from Morphousa, Inc., Idemia Identity & Security USA, LLC for the total cost of \$20,653.00 which was approved by the County Board on September 21, 2021 would not be acquired. It was determined that the costs associated with the maintenance of this equipment would be prohibitive.

The Board also requested that the Law Enforcement Center contact St. Joseph Plumbing and Heating to do a maintenance check on the Jail facilities plumbing to review any items that need to be corrected.

Sheriff Hardesty also provided a brief update on the progress of the communications tower and radio installation. Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director was also in attendance to review this matter.

PUBLIC HEARING ARPA FUNDS

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Sickel declared that a public hearing be opened to receive comments from the public in support or opposition to the granting of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds received by the County of Richardson County, Nebraska. Persons speaking at the public hearing in support of the following projects were: Lucas Froeschl for Falls City EDGE—Falls City Housing Improvement for \$400,000; City of Humboldt Councilman, Larry Stauffer and Humboldt Mayor, Robert Mendenhall for the Humboldt Volunteer Rescue/City of Humboldt—purchase of ambulance \$260,000; Pastor Jerry Yount and Pastor Tim Boatright for Richardson County House of Hope Transitional Housing for \$350,000; Gayle A. Swisegood, Dale Yoesel, Andy Meinzer, Dean Stevens, Neal Frost, Larry Fisher, and Rodney Joy for the East Richardson County Rural



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Water District #2—Improvement Project for \$499,613; Shannon Hoymeyer for the Village of Rulo—Rulo Public Library for \$51,860; Steve Johansen for the Richardson County Drainage District #7—Levee stabilization and Improvements for \$194,315.

Chairman Sickel declared the public hearing closed at 11:30 a.m.

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ARPA FUNDS (Cont.)

The Board will be reviewing all the information received within the ARPA grant applications received and tentatively plan to make a formal decision on the awarding of funds at the March 29, 2022 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Conservation Easement Application

A letter was received from the Chairman of the Richardson County Planning Commissioner, Ben Steffen, with the recommendation that the tract of land as described within the Conservation Easement Application and labeled as Richardson County Parcel #740170979 and #740170980 by landowners, Mark S and Elizabeth M Andrew and holder of the Conservation Easement, United States of America, USDA NRCS, would not conflict with land-use planning as set forth within the Richardson County Comprehensive Plan.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the Conservation Easement Application for Mark S and Elizabeth M Andrew, landowners and the United States of America USDA NRCS the easement holder for a tract of land located in fractional Sections 5 and 8, Township 1N, Range 18E, 56.7A. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Quad County Golf Assoc., Inc. Liquor License

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a new corporate manager application for the Quad County Golf Assoc., Inc. which names Michael R. Sandfort as the manager. 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

Amazon, supp	85.65
Armbruster Motor Company, serv	55.00
Clerk of District Court, fees	396.00
Culligan, serv	115.88



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DAS State Accounting, serv	289.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	74.99
Farm & City Supply, supp	548.66
General Fire & Safety, serv	131.90
GWorks, serv	95.00
Hullman's, serv	46.78
Humboldt Standard, sub	40.00
KexRx, supp	524.15
Meyer Home Center, serv	1482.40
NACO, reg	35.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	372.00
Physicians Laboratory, serv	283.00
Postmaster, supp	290.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	58.85
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	59.67

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Sapp Bros., fuel	11593.98
SumnerOne, serv	8.31
Targets Online, supp	160.00
Unifirst, serv	50.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$16,796.22

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	232.67
Capital One Trade Credit, supp	199.00
Gomer's, supp	394.16
Midwest Engineering, serv	4116.00
NPPD, serv	91.56
Quill, supp	109.21
Richardson County Register of Deeds, fee	44.00
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	17056.59
Unifirst, serv	45.49
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$22,313.68

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 p.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, March 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

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk