



# Richardson County Board Minutes



**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARCH 29, 2022**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice-Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2022. Roll call was answered by Karas and Caverzagie. Commissioner Sickel was absent. The Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance were given by Vice-Chairman Caverzagie. Vice-Chairman Caverzagie 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 22, 2022, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-absent. 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-absent. 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).

## **ARPA FUNDS**

Austin Duerfeldt, ARPA Funds Administrator and County Attorney, Doug Merz met with the Board to further discuss the use of ARPA funds, consider the grant applications for the ARPA funds the County received and also the use of the funds for county expenditures as allowed for in the ARPA regulations.

The Board will further review the grant applications and the approved use of these funds and meet again with Mr. Duerfeldt and County Attorney, Doug Merz tentatively on April 12.

## **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.

## **COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

Karly Black, Engagement Zone Coordinator of the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension Service presented to the Board a revised Interlocal Agreement for the services provided in Richardson County through the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension Service. The Board will forward to the County Attorney for review and consideration to approve at a later date.

## **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 also reported that crews are hauling rock and placing on roads.

## **NAPE/AFSCME LOCAL61**

### **Teleconference**

The Board held a teleconference with Eddie Schooler and Erika Vasek from the Road Department Union NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 Office who will be serving on the Grievance Board representing the 2 persons from the Road Department Union to consider persons to serve as the agreed upon 5<sup>th</sup> person on the Grievance



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Board. Richardson County presented the following names of Richardson County employees to the Union for consideration: Pam Scott, Patty Brown and Stacey Bailey The Union presented to the County the following persons: Attorney Paul Caffera, Manhattan, KS; Attorney Peggy McNeive, Topeka, KS; Attorney Melody Whittamore and Attorney Jim Zalewski both of Lincoln.

There was no action taken to select the agreed upon 5<sup>th</sup> person. This matter will be considered again at next week’s meeting with Mr. Schooler and Ms. Vasek.

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Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:47 a.m. with County legal counsel, Jerry Pigsley and Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau to discuss the upcoming grievance presented to the grievance board filed by Gerald Kuker and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to close the executive session at 11:02 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-absent. Motion carried.

## INTERVIEWS

### County Building Maintenance Technician

The Board conducted interviews with 2 persons for the position of County Building Maintenance Technician left vacant by the resignation of Tyler Cooper on March 11, 2022. No action was taken and will be reviewed again at next week’s meeting.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Other

Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership submitted to the Board the fiscal year end audit report September 30, 2021.

## CLAIMS

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-absent. 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	34.99
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	243.36
BuckIT, serv	1402.50
Bud Sewer Service, serv	450.00
Buethe, Cassie, reimb	4.53
Culligan, serv	94.70



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Delta Gloves, supp	647.16
Falls City Journal, adv	82.50
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	388.50
CR21-151 B. Osthoff, CR20-33 K. Simpson	
Farm & City Supply, supp	45.94
Galls, supp	1148.04
Koch's Auto Service, serv	874.50
Metalmasters Target Systems, supp	308.84
NE Assoc. of County Assessors, dues	60.00
NE Assoc. of County Weed Control, fee	125.00
NE State Patrol, supp	687.00
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	320.00
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	25.64
Pest Control Services of SE NE, serv	45.00
Purchase Power, supp	2523.50
Quill, supp	134.77
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	209.84
Scott, Pamela, reimb	128.70
SNC, serv	152.59
SumnerOne, serv	44.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

## GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

True Value, supp	48.10
Verizon, serv	913.06
Wolfe's Printing, supp	46.30
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$11,189.06</b>

## ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Martin-Marietta Materials, rock	17669.86
Northern Safety Co., supp	48.97
OPPD, serv	83.55
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	31.00
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	119.72
Unifirst, supp	45.49
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$17,998.59</b>

## INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Estate of Lawrence Dean McKinsey, reimb	2302.16
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$2,302.16</b>

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Motion seconded by Karas.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-absent. Motion carried. The Board will meet again



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on Tuesday, April 5, 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