



Richardson County Board Minutes



RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY 24, 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, May 24, 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 May 17, 2022, meeting 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. The crews will be starting to patch on the hard surfaced roads and will be renting some equipment from the City of Falls City. Mr. Darveau also reported that he has been working on the next fiscal year budget and some planned expenses for bridge construction and road improvements will be carried over to the next fiscal year budget. The Road Department will also be advertising that they will be selling some surplus items at the Frederick Consignment Auction to be held in late June and will make a public notice with the local media that these items will be offered for sale at this auction.

A petition to close a portion of 660 Blvd located in S12 and S13 of T2, R17 was received and presented to the Board.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2021-2022-38 to instruct the Highway Superintendent to conduct a study on the use being made of a portion of 660 Blvd located in S12 and 13 of T2, R17 and to submit a report to the County Board within 30 days. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 71)

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

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

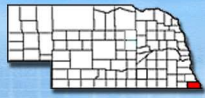
The Sheriff and Commissioner Karas will be attending the Humboldt City Council meeting this evening regarding the Law Enforcement Contract between the City of Humboldt and Richardson County for the new contract period which begins September 1, 2022.

Sheriff Hardesty reported that a grant has been awarded for the “Click It or Ticket” program which started May 23, 2022 and will run through June 5, 2022.

Motion was made by Karas to approve a purchase order for the patrol equipment to be installed in the newly purchased 2022 Ford pickup, from 911 Custom in the amount of \$8,861.55. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

FC EDGE

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of the Greater Falls City Economic Development and Growth



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Enterprise organization reviewed with the Board the request made by EDGE for grant funding from the County’s allocation of ARPA funds received. The application submitted by EDGE requests \$400,000 for Falls City Housing Improvement and a request to match would be submitted to the City of Falls City for equal participation.

The Board took no action on this request at this time.

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NE ASSOC OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

Elaine Menzel, legal counsel of the Nebraska Association of County Officials informed the Board and other county officials present for this meeting of the current events and upcoming business and projects of the Association.

Legislative items were also briefly reviewed including the possibility of further legislation in 2023 to attempt to repeal the inheritance tax and what negative ramifications that will have with Nebraska counties.

A committee of county officials is also being formed by NACO for a study on the future of County government in Nebraska and what is predicted for 10 years and what will be predicted in 30 years.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Village of Preston

A resolution received from the remaining members of the Village Board of Preston was presented to the County Board regarding the question of the abolishment and the approval of abolishment of the Village of Preston at the May 10, 2022, election. The resolution listed the assets of the village and noted no liabilities. The assets will be signed over to Richardson County.

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2021-2022-37 to establish the effective date of June 1, 2022, for the abolishment of the Village of Preston. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 70)

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Caverzagie to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Karas. 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	147.13
Charmtex, supp	76.36
Clerk of District Court, fees	221.00
Dollar General, supp	11.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	199.44
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	580.00



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CR22-3, S. Andersen

Farm & City Supply, supp	286.36
General Fire & Safety, supp	3313.00
GWorks, serv	4728.00
Home Again, serv	21.99
Hullmans Ford, supp	52.81
JCs Underground, serv	600.00
KexRx, supp	1532.75
Koch's Auto Service, supp	607.28
MIPS, supp	472.26
NE Assoc. Of County Clerks, fee	125.00
911 Custom, supp	464.83
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	49.59
Postmaster, supp	980.00
Quill, supp	752.14
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash	141.20

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND FUND (Cont.)

Sapp Bros., fuel	271.36
Spartan Stores, supp	19.45
Stalker Rada, supp	1984.00
SumnerOne, serv	90.00
UPS, supp	30.19
Wolfe's Printing, supp	34.79
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$17,811.93

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Diversified Drug Testing, serv	325.00
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc., serv	412.50
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	20473.47
Metal Culverts, supp	21325.00
NPPD, serv	74.64
OPPD, serv	35.74
Safety-Kleen Systems, supp	365.90
Sapp Bros., fuel	31750.31
Unifirst, supp	45.49
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$74,808.05

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Hullman's Ford, vehicle	40489.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$40,489.00

ADJOURNMENT



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Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, May 31, 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