



# Richardson County Board Minutes



**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JUNE 14, 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, June 14, 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 June 7, 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 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).

## **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

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

An application for a permit to operate oversize or overweight vehicle or load over Richardson County Roads and Bridges was received from JB Hunt Transport, Inc. which was approved.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board to review the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center. He reported that an air conditioning unit had failed in the shelter house of the communication tower and was being repaired. An agreement is being drafted between the attorneys for the Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer Schools and Richardson County for the position of a School Resource Officer for the upcoming school year. He has also received a few applications for jailers and will be conducting interviews.

The Board approved a report for fees collected by the Sheriff during the month of May, 2022 totaling \$6,831.23.

## **FIRST WIRELESS, INC.**

Doug Ostergard of First Wireless, Inc. met with the Board to review the completion of the communication tower and new radio equipment installation at the Law Enforcement Center. The Board questioned the cost of adding the lighting to the tower as it was not originally included within the agreement of total costs. Mr. Ostergard explained that it was not however, the approval of the FAA license required that a light be installed as the tower was located within this particular area. He also explained that the cost of the lighting has been divided three ways with First Wireless, Inc., the contractor and Richardson County which adds an additional cost to the project of \$2,225.00 for Richardson County.

## **MILLER-MONROE INSURANCE**

Steve Simon, Emilie Rinne and Joe Miller of Miller-Monroe Insurance Co. presented to the Board the renewal rates for the county's insurance package. The total cost to Richardson County is \$259,859.00, a decrease from last year's total cost of \$261,621. The coverage with the provider, Employers Mutual Casualty



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Company begins July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

## **BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director reviewed with the Board a letter received from the Dept. of Natural Resources regarding the flood insurance program. The letter referenced 2 different locations that have not come into compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program regulations. Mr. Kirkendall informed the Board that one of the locations are now in compliance with the regulations and that the 2<sup>nd</sup> location is being reviewed to determine the exact elevation

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so that a certificate can be issued.

Mr. Kirkendall also informed the Board that the duties of the Noxious Weed Supt have proved to be more time consuming due to more requirements and that he is considering resigning from these duties as the Noxious Weed Supt. and requested that the Board consider increasing the salary for this position to compensate for the amount of time required to complete the duties to stay in compliance with the state regulations.

## **DISCUSS SALARY INCREASES**

The Board requested to meet with the department officials to consider salary increases for the next fiscal year. Many ideas were brought to the Board for consideration but the consensus was that an adjustment in the salaries of county employees needed to be considered for an increase. The Board will be reviewing the salary increases that the department officials will be requesting in their budgets.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

A letter was received from Kristy Gerweck that she respectfully withdraws the letter of resignation she submitted to the Richardson County Board from the Richardson County Visitor's Committee due to the changes that have been made to the by-laws of the Visitor's Committee which will allow her to retain her position without being affiliated with the hotel/motel industry.

## **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-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**

Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimb	282.39
BuckIT, serv	2832.50
DAS State Acctg., serv	30.88
Elevate Roofing, serv	2287.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	5114.50
CR21-576 N. Spears, CR22-8 G. Medlock, CR22-3 S. Roberts, CR20-41 R. Sanders, CR22-5 E. Townsley, CI15-65, JV20-2, JV20-3	
Farm & City Supply, supp	119.42
Fleming, Lexi, reimb	271.44



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Genovese, Zabulon, fee	20.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	168.75
JT Farm Service, supp	1521.75
KexRx, supp	1532.51
Koch's Auto Service, serv	40.01
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	1032.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	186.00
Norfolk Lodge & Suites, lodg	208.00
Office Depot, supp	278.77
ProServ Business Systems, serv	133.10
Quill, supp	901.72
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	21394.97
Scheitel, Sam, reimb	271.44
SNC, serv	1152.69
Spartan Nash, supp	112.14
SumnerOne, serv	17.44
Tichy Land Survey, serv	1195.98
Wolfe's Printing, supp	112.47
Payroll Expense	94311.58
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$135,529.45</b>

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## ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Baker's Gas & Welding, supp	175.24
Battle Armor Designs, supp	3995.00
Egger Bros., supp	232.36
Koch's Auto Service, supp	15041.30
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	4834.99
Midwest Service & Sales, supp	9478.40
NPPD, serv	64.42
Northern Safety, supp	91.19
Quill, supp	31.53
Rulo, Village of, serv	50.00
SNC, serv	103.26
Unifirst, serv	18.34
Woods & Aitken, serv	3945.83
Payroll Expense	33332.03
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$71,393.89</b>

## REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

BuckIT, serv	650.00
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$650.00</b>

## INHERITANCE TAX FUND



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Sarpy County Motors, van	14000.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$14,000.00</b>

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Motion seconded by Sickel.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, June 21, 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