



Richardson County Board Minutes



RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JUNE 28, 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 28, 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 21, 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 minutes from the Board of Equalization meeting held on June 21, 2022. 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 AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on County Roads and Bridges this past week. Mr. Darveau informed the Board that he has been in contact with a former employee who indicated that he would be willing to work part-time for an interim period until a vacant position can be filled with a successful candidate for one of the road maintainer routes.

Notice from the Nebraska Department of Transportation was received informing Mr. Darveau that bridge structure #C007400815 has been selected for the off-system bridge funding which is 100% through federal bridge funds with no local matching funds required. This structure is located on 717 Road between 640 and 641 Avenue or between Sections 14 and 23 in Township 3, Range 14 which crosses the Little Muddy.

Motion was made by Karas to approve a 10% increase in salary for the Road Foreman, Bridge Foreman and Office/Clerical position effective July 1, 2022. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty presented to the Board a report on the total amount of funds received from other entities for housing inmates: 2019--\$39,160.00; 2020--\$51,370.00; 2021--\$37,510.00; 2022--\$21,395.00. A grand total in the past 3 ½ years of \$149,435.00.

Salary increases for the Sheriff deputies was reviewed. Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a salary increase for the Sheriff deputies effective July 1, 2022, as presented by the Sheriff: Uncertified w/1 year experience--\$26.00/hour; Part-Time w/1 year experience--\$28.00/hour; Deputy Full-Time w/1 year experience--\$28.00/hour; Deputy Full-Time w/2 years experience--\$29.00/hour; Deputy w/3 years experience--\$30.00/hour; Sergeant w/3 years experience--\$31.00/hour; Lieutenant w/3 years experience--\$32.00/hour; Chief Deputy w/3 years experience--\$32.50/hour. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

ARPA FUNDS



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The Board continued the discussion of awarding funding to those entities that applied for the ARPA funds.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve 1/3 of the requested ARPA funding from the City of Humboldt/Humboldt Volunteer Rescue--\$86,658.00; East Richardson County Rural Water District #2--\$166,521.00 and Richardson County Drainage District #7--\$64,765.00. Discussion was held. Chairman Sickel called for a second to the motion a first and second time. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve 1/2 of the requested ARPA funding from the
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ARPA Funds (Cont.)

City of Humboldt/Humboldt Volunteer Rescue--\$130,000; East Richardson County Rural Water District #2--\$249,806.00 and Richardson County Drainage District #7--\$97,157.00. Discussion was held. Chairman Sickel called for a second to the motion a first and second time. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the following amounts for the requested ARPA funds to be distributed to: City of Humboldt/Humboldt Volunteer Rescue--\$130,000; East Richardson County Rural Water District #2--\$200,000; Richardson County Drainage District #7--\$97,157. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-nay. Motion carried.

The Board then continued the discussion for the ARPA funding requests from the Falls City EDGE, Richardson County House of Hope and the Village of Rulo. County Attorney, Doug Merz was also in attendance for this discussion and suggested that the County might develop an economic development fund to provide funds to be distributed to the villages and cities to utilize in the assistance of removing condemned properties, etc. Providing these funds in this manner would allow the County to utilize the ARPA funds with other projects that would require less administrative services. Commissioner Sickel suggested that perhaps this fund could also be considered as a revolving loan fund so that it could be sustainable.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Sickel to go into an executive session at 10:30 a.m. with Brian Kirkendall, Noxious Weed Supt; Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Sheriff, Roland Merwin; and County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff to discuss possible litigation. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to close the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting agenda at 10:45 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

NOTICE TO LANDOWNER(S) of NON-COMPLIANCE

Motion was made by Sickel to approve that a 10-day notice to a landowner for non-compliance for the control of noxious weeds be served to a land owner. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Resolution 2021-2022-42 Budget Overspent

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2021-2022-42 in regards to approving the use of unencumbered funds to cover the budgets that are overspent within the General Fund for the fiscal year 2021-2022. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 74)



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Resolution 2021-2022-43 Employee Handbook Change

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2021-2022-43 to eliminate the requirement in the employee handbook that a new hire cannot earn more than 90% of the salary for the position for the first 90 days of employment. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 75)

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.)

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND

Bailey, Evan, serv	33.00
Clerk of District Court, fee	140.00
Crowne Plaza, lodg	374.85
Dunn Greenery, supp	152.00
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	250.70
Falls City Journal, adv	1450.64
Falls City Mercantile, supp	119.82
First Concord, fees	225.00
Frederick, Kyler, serv	33.00
Great Plains Reporting, serv	266.50
Karas, Rick, reimb	521.29
Kollasch Law Office, serv	731.50
CR20-66 J. Kelly	
Lincoln National Life Ins., ins	1058.44
Medica, ins	42955.47
Nestor & Mercure, serv	5833.33
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	320.00
Petersen Reporting, serv	494.76
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	22.14
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	815.59
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	19138.21
Road & Bridge Fund, tax	495465.27
Payroll Expense	88964.86
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$659,366.37

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Bruna Implement, supp	5.00
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Falls City Auto Supply, supp	5.90
Farm & City Supply, supp	166.70
Helena Agri-Enterprises, supp	1660.00
Lawson Products, supp	290.31
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	27258.76
Mr. Automotive, supp	343.06
NMC, supp	1853.36
Quill, supp	104.38
Sapp Bros., fuel	3451.64
Schendel Pest Control, fee	250.00
Truck Center Companies, supp	54.35
Unifirst, supp	19.66
Payroll Expense	33453.89
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$68,917.01

DRUG COURT FUND

Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1100.00
Wiltse, Sarah, serv	1100.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$2,200.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas.
 ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, July 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.

David D. Sickel, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk