



# Richardson County Board Minutes



**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OCTOBER 25, 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, October 25, 2022. Roll call was answered by Karas and Caverzagie. Commissioner Sickel was absent. The Invocation was given by Vice-Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Karas. 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 October 18, 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).

## **DOUG MERZ, COUNTY ATTORNEY MARY L. EICKHOFF, COUNTY CLERK**

Doug Merz, County Attorney and Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk reviewed briefly with the Board the suit that has been filed by Rick H [wayne.bena@nebraska.gov](mailto:wayne.bena@nebraska.gov) ill vs Election Systems and Software, Governor Pete Ricketts, Secretary of State, Robert Evnen; Attorney General, Doug Peterson; Speaker of the NE Legislature, Mike Hilgers; David Shively, Lancaster County Election Commissioner; Brian Kruse, Douglas County Election Commissioner; Emily Ethington, Sarpy County Election Commissioner and 90 Nebraska County Clerks (including Mary L. Eickhoff, Richardson County Clerk). The suit has been submitted to the County's insurance carrier for representation.

Motion was made by Karas to authorize Vice-Chairman Caverzagie to complete the sale and sign a quitclaim deed for the sale of the lot in Preston conducted at the October 18, 2022 meeting to Warren Schuetz. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-absent.

## **ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. briefly updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on County Roads and Bridges this past week.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that he and a staff member are doing an inventory of the stored evidence to remove those items that can be destroyed to comply with records retention regulations and that he is obtaining a quote for the construction of an evidence storage room at the Law Enforcement Center and should be able to present to the County Board for consideration at next week's meeting. A brief discussion was also held regarding the costs of prescription medication for inmates and the options that should be considered to lower the costs.

Motion was made by Karas to authorize the advertisement for the sale of 2 surplus vehicles by sealed bids to be received before 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at which time they will be publicly opened and considered: 1) 2015 Dodge Ram 1500 ST Crew Cab Pickup, VIN 3C6RR7KT3FG668867; 2) 2017 Dodge Charger, VIN 2C3CDXKT6HH564085. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-absent. Motion



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carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the quote for the replacement of damaged glass panes within the Jail area at an approximately cost of \$5,000. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-absent. Motion carried.

## **BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

The Board requested to meet with EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall regarding the grass  
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fire that occurred late this past Sunday afternoon. Contact will be made with the fire districts within the County to review procedures to make contact with the Emergency Management Agency when conditions may warrant the need to implement the emergency response plan which may include evacuation plans.

## **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**

Charm-Tex, supp	139.00
Clerk of District Court, fees	77.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	30.88
Eickhoff, Mary, reimb	216.23
Falls City Journal, adv	1240.80
Falls City Mercantile, supp	371.92
Farm & City Supply, supp	111.88
Handley Law Office, serv	2679.00
<small>CR22-161 C. Johnson, CR22-9 T. Larson, CR22-379 A. Settrini, CR22-94 J. Babb, CR22-264 S. Marano, CR21-133 B. Graves</small>	
Humboldt Standard, adv	30.00
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	1466.60
KS HCI Haug Communications, supp	24930.00
Merz, Douglas, reimb	519.00
NACO, fee	25.00
NCEA, fees	290.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	998.25
Newman Traffic Signs, supp	240.30
Nussbaum, Emily, reimb	628.52
Physicians Laboratory, serv	6180.00
Quill, supp	252.46
Region V Systems, serv	1106.00
Reimers Kaufman Concrete, supp	3273.80
Stonebarger, Clinton, reimb	12.65



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Unifirst, serv	60.08
Wolfe's Printing, supp	161.52
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$45,040.89</b>

## ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Martin Marietta Materials, rock	18282.19
NPPD, serv	73.28
Newman Traffic Signs, supp	3195.12
OPPD, serv	34.46
Primrose Oil Co., supp	562.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	9756.56
Woods & Aitken, serv	6428.26
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$38,331.87</b>

## DRUG COURT FUND

Glenn's Central Market, incentive	300.00
Maher, Nicole, reimb	128.75
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$428.75</b>

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## ARPA FUNDS

East Richardson Rural Water District #2, funds	45650.00
<b>TOTAL ARPA FUNDS</b>	<b>\$45,650.00</b>

## INHERITANCE TAX FUND

El Camino Electric, serv	3794.30
Home Lumber, supp	1419.00
911 Custom	118.99
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$5,332.29</b>

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-absent. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, November 1, 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