



Richardson County Board Minutes



**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 27, 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, September 27, 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 September 20, 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 of the Board of Equalization meeting from September 20, 2022 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 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.

VERDON RURAL FIRE DIST.

Representatives from the Verdon Rural Fire District, Jedediah Fritz, David Ebel and Andy Dunn along with a representative from Frontier Bank, Trent Scheitel presented to the Board information on the purchase of a 2023 Freightliner M2 106 Fire Truck and Cab Chassis. The purchase price of the unit is \$309,648.00 and will be financed through Frontier Bank for 5 annual payments of approx. \$59,070.00 at a rate of 3.95% interest.

Motion was made by Karas to authorize Andrew Dunn, President and Jedediah Fritz, Secretary/Treasurer to execute for bonded indebtedness on behalf of the Verdon Rural Fire Protection District for the purchase of a 2023 Freightliner M2 106 Fire Truck and Cab Chassis. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

JOHN WATLINGTON

John Watlington requested to meet with the Board regarding the cleaning of a road ditch on 653 Avenue and his concern with water runoff. The Board members will be visiting the location and review further with the Highway Superintendent.

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.

Robert Storant was available to offer information on the petition that was presented to the Board signed by approximately 120 interested parties impacted by the continued and present state of the bridge North and West of the South Fork Nemaha River, one and one-half miles north of Hwy 8 (630 Ave), a few hundred feet east of the Pawnee County line on Road 707 in the Speiser Township 1, Range 13. The petition was submitted to send a message that this structure needs to be replaced and encourage the County Board of Commissioners to seek any grant funds or other sources available for the replacement of this bridge from the State of NE.



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PRESTON LOT FOR SALE

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Sickel presented the proof of publication for the sale of a lot in Preston. County Attorney, Doug Merz was in attendance. One person was in attendance for the sale. Warren Schuetz offered a bid of \$20.00.

Motion was made by Karas to accept the bid of \$20.00 from Warren Schuetz for the purchase of the lot in Preston described as: A portion of Lot Three (3), Block One (1) Village of Preston, being a tract of rectangular shape, dimensions 11 feet by 13 feet occupying the extreme north-west corner of said Lot 3 and fronting thirteen feet on the alley running east and west

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between Lots 2 & 3, and eleven feet on alley running north & south between Lots 3 & 30. The above-mentioned tract of land, delivery of which is made by these presents, is all contained within a boundary line as follows: Beginning at the North-West corner of Lot 3, Block One, East 13 feet, then South 11 feet, then West 13 feet, thence North 11 feet to starting point at corner of lot of Section No. 21, Township No. One, Range No. 17 East of the 6th P.M., Richardson County, Nebraska. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Deputy Clinton Stonebarger updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that the department will be upgrading phones through FirstNet at no additional cost through their promotional period. Discussion was also held regarding the replacement of security glazing glass panes within the Jail area that will be replaced by the vendor that provided the original material but the County will be responsible for the installation which will be provided by Jim Hill's of Falls City for an estimated amount of \$995.00.

Motion was made by Caverzagie that due to the unavailability of the patrol units that were previously approved for purchase from Defender Supply, Argyle, TX , to now approve the purchase of two 2023 Ford patrol vehicles from Hullman's Ford Linc Merc at a price of \$45,011.00 each, a total of \$90,022.00 and 2 purchase orders for the equipment and installation for each of the patrol units with 911 Customs in Overland Park, KS at a price of \$9,990.04 each. Motion seconded by Karas. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Mona Godemann, Veterans Service Officer requested to meet with the Board regarding Operation Green Light.

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-15 observing Operation Green Light in Richardson County from October through Veterans Day, November 11, 2022, a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 97)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reappoint Dale Oehm to the Veterans Service Committee for a term of 5 years (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027). Motion seconded by Karas. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

SET FINAL TAX LEVY FOR 2022



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Richardson County participated in the “Joint Public Hearing as required by LB644” on Monday, September 26, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. held at the Richardson County Courthouse.

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-14 to approve a tax levy of .393977 for tax year 2022 for Richardson County. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 96)

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Special Legal Counsel

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the engagement letter with Woods & Aitken LLP to represent Richardson County regarding a case filed with the NE Commission of Industrial Relations by the NE Assoc of Public Employees and AFSCME Local 61, Case No. 1536. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER (Cont.)

Other

County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff presented to the Board the Unclaimed Property Report that will be submitted to the Nebraska State Treasurer in the amount of 166.11.

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.)

GENERAL FUND

Blue Valley, funding	8000.00
Clerk of District Court, fees	1160.00
CMC, serv	800.00
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	299.63
Falls City Journal, adv	475.99
Falls City Mercantile, supp	71.95
Johnson County Sheriff, serv	2990.00
Kollasch Law Office, serv	1710.00
CR21-195 R. Bostic	
Memorial Community Hospital, serv	2068.15
Metal Doors & Hardware, supp	77.50
Miller-Monroe, ins	2800.00
Quill, supp	115.17
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1.01



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Smith, Richard, reimb	152.90
Unifirst, serv	60.08
UPS, supp	110.85
Washington County Sheriff, serv	14560.00
Wolfe's Printing, supp	144.68
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$35,597.91

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Falls City Auto Supply, supp	1064.99
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	14547.01
NPPD, serv	73.28
Sapp Bros., fuel	10335.88
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$26,021.16

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Nine-1-1 Custom, supp	100.00
Quad County Historical Society, funding	5000.00
Richardson County Historical Society, funding	10000.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$15,100.00

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, October 4, 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