



Richardson County Board Minutes



RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOVEMBER 1, 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, November 1, 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 October 25, 2022, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-abstain. 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.

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

Motion was made by Sickel to go into an executive session at 9:10 a.m. with Doug Merz, County Attorney and Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk to discuss pending litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to close the executive session at 9:15 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement to concurrent representation by Baylor Evnen, LLP for the Richardson County Clerk along with the county clerks of Holt County, Lincoln County, Red Willow County, Sioux County and Wayne County who are also named as defendants in the suit filed in the District Court of Lancaster County, NE, Case No. CI 22-3020--Rick Hill v Election Systems & Software, et. al. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

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. Mr. Darveau reported that he will prepare specifications for the replacement of the county shop building that is located in the Village of Rulo for the Board to review at the next meeting. The Board plans to advertise for sealed bids for the construction of this shop building.

The Board also reviewed with Mr. Darveau bridge projects and the funding that is available through the "bipartisan infrastructure bill" which involves completing an intensive grant application that if approved must be for a "shovel ready" project. The Board requested that Mr. Darveau contact the engineering firm to meet with the Board at the next meeting, November 15 to review the projects that may be eligible for this funding.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past



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week. He reported that Deputy Stonebarger completed a grant application and have received notice that grant funds were awarded for the purchase of bulletproof vests for the deputies through a program of the Bureau of Justice Assistance. It was reported also that the jail is at capacity with approximately an additional 6 inmates being housed at other facilities. Staffing was also discussed and a motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the rehire a former employee, Kelly Joy for a jailer position. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Lucas Froeschl of EDGE was also in attendance at the meeting to review with the Board

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LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER (Cont.)

the possibility of obtaining some grant funding for the purchase of a digital fingerprint scanning system which would help to speed up the clearance process for employees that are hired for local daycares, medical and educational facilities. The Sheriff will do some research as to what other counties within Southeast Nebraska use this system and what they charge for the service. The Board will review this matter further at the next meeting.

AMANDA BARTEK-RAMSEY, COUNTY TREASURER

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer presented to the Board the distress warrant listing for 2022 which totaled 9. Motion was made by Sickel to approve the list and to authorize the Treasurer to forward to the County Sheriff for collection. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

SE NE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERS

Sherry Huddleston, Family Development Specialist with the SE NE Community Action Partners presented to the Board an annual report of the activity and services that have been provided to Richardson County families. There were 1,070 persons served from 529 households. She also reported that the annual “Jingle Bell Ride” will be held on Sunday, November 6 to collect items for the Christmas season to distribute.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the October, 2022, monthly operating statement

Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of October, 2022:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 292.12
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$ 6,603.75
Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court	\$ 1,160.00

Lynchburg Cemetery

Carol Glathar of Humboldt reviewed with the Board a request to place a sign and historical marker at the Lynchburg Cemetery. She has received funds through Thrivent to assist with the placement of a sign to be posted stating the name of the cemetery but would also like to place a sign at the cemetery telling the history of



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it. The Lynchburg Cemetery was declared an abandoned and neglected cemetery by the County Board on July 27, 1999 and is currently being mowed by Eric Crook. Carol and Roger Glathar have also been removing brush and trees to help with the upkeep of the cemetery. Mrs. Glathar will continue to do some research on the placement of a historical marker and the Board will consider this request further at a later meeting.

Cost Allocation Plan

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the engagement letter with Robert W. Aitken, CPA PC to complete the Cost Allocation Plan for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2022, at a price of \$4,650.00/year. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER (Cont.)

Subdivision Dustless Highway Farms, LLC

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a subdivision for Dustless Highway Farms, LLC located in SE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 5, Township 1, Range 17 and to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-17. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 98)

Subdivision Ronald S. Jordening

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a subdivision for Ronald S. Jordening located in NW1/4 of Section 16, Township 1, Range 16 and to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-18. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 99)

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

Amazon, supp	22.94
BuckIT, serv	3000.00
Clerk of District Court, fee	180.00
CMC, serv	2230.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	163.18
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	362.54
Egan Supply Co., serv	195.00



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Falls City Auto Supply, supp	91.51
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	3852.25
CR21-213 C. Chandler. CR22-199 M. Maspero	
Farm & City Supply, supp	151.64
Johnson County Sheriff's Office, serv	4940.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	168.75
Karas, Rick, reimb	365.00
Lincoln Journal Star, sub	1065.00
NACO, supp	3887.08
Pest Control Services of SE NE, serv	45.00
Quill, supp	65.46
Register of Deeds, fee	10.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1170.22
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	20308.54
SumnerOne, serv	38.00
Townsend, Joshua, reimb	218.38
UNL, reimb	4275.75
Verizon, serv	316.64
Wolfe's Printing, supp	46.59
Payroll Expense	97182.54
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$144,352.01

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Agco Finance, supp	14.08
Culligan, serv	38.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	479.86

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)

Farm & City Supply, supp	232.10
Hamm, rock	1811.57
Helena, supp	1555.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	5303.00
NMC, supp	415.26
OPPD, serv	40.34
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	121.93
Unifirst, supp	81.10
Payroll Expense	33090.35
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$43,182.59

DRUG COURT FUND

Blackburn Technologies, supp	702.05
Meyer, Casey, reimb	130.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, reimb	489.42
Wiltse, Sarah, reimb	196.13



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TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$1,517.60
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INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Fisher, Robert, serv	25353.00
911 Custom, supp	2392.52
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$27,745.52

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas.
 ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will not meet on November 8, 2022, due to the General Election and will meet again on Tuesday, November 15, 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