



Richardson County Board Minutes



**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 24, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2023. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Sickel. Chairman Caverzaige announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting from January 17, 2023, as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-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 DEPARTMENT

Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. Discussion was held the snow removal from county roads during the past weekend snow storm and also the snow removal around the Courthouse and at the Law Enforcement Center. Mr. Darveau also informed the Board of equipment that is available at the Federal Surplus Center that he is inquiring on for possible purchase.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center. The Sheriff reported that the heat in the Jail area is not working and a part that is needed to repair will not be available for approximately 30 days. St. Joseph Plumbing & Heating is seeking an alternative solution so that the system can produce heat possibly by the end of next week. The Sheriff reported that some inmates will have to be housed to another facility.

Motion was made by Karas to authorize the advertisement for a position as building maintenance technician at the Law Enforcement Center. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a purchase order for an in-car camera system for a patrol vehicle. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALLVOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER

Ryan Larsen, CEO

The Board had requested to meet with Ryan Larsen, CEO of the Community Medical Center (CMC) to review the current Inmate Medical Services Agreement. Mr. Larsen explained to the Board that due to staffing shortages and the increased need for services that pertain to behavioral and mental health issues, that it has become difficult for the current staff to provide the health services to the inmates at the Law Enforcement



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Center. He expressed that the Community Medical Center is willing to work with the County to come to a solution in order to keep providing services to the inmates and believes that a solution is maybe on the horizon. It was also concurred that while the medical staff provides services to the inmates at the Law Enforcement Center, it also decreases the number of times that inmates are seen at the ER. Also announced is that there is a possibility of an additional nurse practitioner to be joining the staff at CMC in the next few months which might help with the situation. The Sheriff also mentioned that even if the staff at CMC could do a video visit with inmates that the Law Enforcement Center is set-up for this. The Board and Mr. Larsen concurred that it would be in the best interest of the entire community to keep the relationship between the County and CMC to provide the health services to the inmates and realize that with so many expenses increasing that

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the cost to provide the service will most likely be increased. Sheriff Hardesty was also in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:34 a.m. with Jerry Pigsley, Woods & Aitken, appointed legal counsel to review pending litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

COURTHOUSE ROOF

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the opening of sealed bids for the replacement of the Courthouse roof. Bids were received from the following: 1) Skyline Construction, Inc. of Roca, NE for \$178,850.00 with an alternate bid for painting of penthouse area, window frames/mullions at Jail/Courtroom and elevator penthouse walls and the fire escape of \$47,600; 2) R. L. Craft Co., Inc. d/b/a Elevate Roofing of Denison, IA for \$204,785.00.

Motion was made by Sickel to accept the bids received only for the purpose of further review by the architect, Prochaska & Assoc. of Omaha, NE. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Cancel Check

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-30 to cancel a check issued in error. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 114)

Transfer of Funds

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-31 to transfer funds from the ARPA fund to the Road & Bridge Fund in the amount of \$596,545.00 for the purchase of 2 motor graders. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 115)



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Discussion to Change Day of Week for Meeting

The Board held a discussion to consider changing the day of the week to hold the County Board meeting. It has been suggested to have the County Board meetings on Wednesday in order for the County Attorney or a representative from that office be able to be in attendance as they are in Court hearings on Monday and Tuesday each week. The Board will review this matter further at the January 31 meeting.

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, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-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

Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimb	429.02
Consolidated Management Co., supp	71.25
DAS State Accounting, serv	30.88
Falls City Journal, adv	116.25
Falls City Mercantile, supp	76.30
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	969.00
CR22-138 A. Karel	
First Concord, fees	226.00
Galls, supp	369.99
High Plains Power Systems, serv	1360.00
Holiday Inn, lodg	259.90
Johnson County Sheriff Office, serv	5070.00
KexRx, supp	2101.24
Koch's Auto Service, serv	417.72
Kollasch Law Office, serv	2441.50
CR22-185 K. Simpson, CR22-225 K. Wissler	
Lincoln National, life ins	1107.00
Mary's Appliance, supp	135.84
Medica, ins	44905.12
Nestor & Mercure, serv	5916.66
NE Dept. of Revenue, serv	10.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	291.50
Postmaster, supp	144.00
Prochaska & Associates, serv	2623.12
Radiology Associates, serv	64.00
Richardson County Clerk, reimb	9.84



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Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	460.18
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	22215.79
St. Joseph Plumbing & Heating, serv	784.46
Summit Fire Protection, serv	737.90
Townsend, Joshua, reimb	216.50
Umarex USA, supp	2214.19
Wolfe's Printing, supp	116.13
Payroll Expense	109424.08
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$205,315.36

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Bruna Implement, supp	1373.50
Martin Marietta, rock	3362.30
Murphy Tractor & Equipment, graders	308941.00
NPPD, serv	115.60
OPPD, serv	69.10
Sapp Bros., fuel	2207.71
Unifirst, supp	24.58
Woods & Aitken, serv	6144.00
Payroll Expense	33188.31
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$355,426.10

DRUG COURT FUND

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

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ARPA FUND

County Treasurer, transfer	596545.00
TOTAL ARPA FUNDS	\$596,545.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 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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John Caverzagie, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk