

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 21, 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, February 21, 2023. Roll call was answered by Sickel and Caverzagie. Commissioner Karas was absent. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Sickel. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://www.co.richardson.ne.us).

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. A purchase approved at last week's meeting was reviewed with clarification that the patrol car video and recording equipment to be purchased from Brite will require the County to pay the total costs of \$4,598.00 and then the County will be reimbursed \$3,448.50 through grant funds received from the NE Dept of Transportation Highway Safety Office making the County's contribution for the equipment purchase \$1,149.50.

Sheriff Hardesty also presented a letter from Community Medical Center, Inc. regarding the continued health care service they will provide to inmates at the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center. The letter stated that a new proposal is being drafted and will be completed in the next few weeks.

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-34 to determine the number of deputies to be appointed by the Sheriff with a change from the previous Resolution 2022-2023-4 eliminating 1 full-time lieutenant and changing the sergeants from 1 to 2. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 6)

Motion was made by Caverzagie in pursuant to NE Revised State Statute 23-3115 (1), to authorize the Sheriff to sell patrol vehicle computer equipment that has been determined to be surplus to another Nebraska county. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALLVOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING 1 & 6 YEAR ROAD PLAN**

At 9:30 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan and declared that the public hearing be opened.

There were four persons from the public in attendance and one with the media.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. presented the plan to the Board and the audience in attendance.

Robert Storant requested to speak at the hearing regarding the condition and future status of a bridge on 707 Road, C007402805 and requested that it be included in the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. He stated that the bridge affects more than just him as a landowner and mentioned that it affects about 5 different landowners in that vicinity who all have an interest in this bridge being replaced for the future. Mr. Darveau presented a report from the engineer regarding the condition of the bridge and preliminary bridge repair and replacement options. Mike Farwell also requested to speak. Mrs. Farwell also requested to speak.

Gayle Swisegood was given time to speak on the condition of 706 Road, which improvements are included on the 1&6 Year Road Plan. He stated that there are driveway entrances on the road that do not meet the standard requirements and water is drained from them

onto the roadway which causes damage to the road.

Chairman Caverzagie closed the public hearing at 10:25 a.m.

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-35 to approve the One & Six Year Road Plan as presented by the Highway Superintendent during the public hearing. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 7)

## ROAD DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week.

A request has been made from Midwest Engineering, Inc. to rent the hydra platform machine from Richardson County and a rental agreement which was developed and approved by the County Board in 2011 for the rental to other counties was reviewed with County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel. The same agreement was approved to be used for rental to the engineering firm. Motion was made by Sickel to approve the rental of the hydra platform equipment to Midwest Engineering, Inc. for a price of \$8,625.00 per month. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## JOE BUCKMINSTER, buckIT

Joe Buckminster with buckIT, who is contracted with Richardson County to perform all IT matters, presented to the Board information on the backup programs for the county computer server(s) and a proposal to implement the program. Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the backup solution as presented and to approve the purchase of the equipment and system at \$3,151.60/month. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## CLAIMS

Motion was made by Sickel to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, 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.)*

## GENERAL FUND

Amazon, supp	97.93
DAS State Accounting, serv	30.88
Falls City Journal, adv	660.46
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	427.50
CR22-101 M. Luna	
Farm & City Supply, supp	288.67
First Concord, fees	226.00
Galls, supp	62.60
Hy-Vee, supp	65.09
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, supp	343.99
Lincoln National, life ins	1092.90
Medica, ins	44905.12
Nestor & Mercure, serv	5916.66
NE Association of County Clerks, dues	50.00
OPPD, serv	101.38
Petersen Reporting, serv	261.88
ProServ Business Systems, serv	133.10
Quill, supp	676.45
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	7.50

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	253.35
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1.01
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	22724.13
Wolfe's Printing, supp	93.35
Payroll Expense	113393.45
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$191,813.40</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	373.27
Dept. of Correctional Services, truck	49900.00
Hamm, rock	6985.67
Koch's Auto Service, supp	31393.00
Mainelli Wagner & Associates, serv	295.00
NPPD, serv	155.25
OPPD, serv	38.19
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	53.99
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	1887.85
Unifirst, supp	24.58
Payroll Expense	32921.32
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$124,053.12</b>

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1100.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1100.00
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,200.00</b>

ARPA FUND

Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	11.10
Payroll Expense	77.04
<b>TOTAL ARPA FUND</b>	<b>\$88.14</b>

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, February 28, 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

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk