

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:02 a.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 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 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 21, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the Quarterly Safety Committee meeting held on February 21, 2023. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain, 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-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.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that a trainee has completed the training at the academy and will begin duties as a deputy on March 18 and a contract for the school resource officer at Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer Schools in Humboldt for the next school year is being prepared.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the request from C4K (Communities for Kids) and Sixpence CCP (Childcare Partnership) who contributed to the purchase of the digital fingerprinting equipment in the amount of \$4,999.99, no fee for digital fingerprinting for one year beginning on the day the equipment will be accessible for childcare providers, assistants, preschool teachers and staff. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

FALLS CITY SD#56 BUS BARN

Tyler Bek representing the Falls City School District #56 Bus Barn presented to the Board concerns that he has with the amount of brush and overgrowth on 2 different railroad track crossings. He indicated that he had contacted the Union Pacific RR regarding this concern and that the railroad stated the County is responsible for maintaining the brush on the county road right-of-way at the railroad crossings.

Mr. Bek also wanted to bring to the Board's attention of concerns he has with the condition of county roads and that more rock needed to be placed in areas as some of the school buses have been "plowing a lot of mud". He indicated that the "crown" on the roads has been deteriorating and that maybe road graders are traveling at too high of speed when dragging roads.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. The agreement that was approved at last week's meeting for the rental of the hydra-platform to Midwest Infrastructure, Inc. at a price to be paid to the County of \$8,625.00/month was signed by Chairman Caverzagie

2023 ARMOR COAT PROJECT SEALED BID OPENING

Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the opening of sealed bids for the Armor Coat project. Bids were received from the following: Sta-Bilt Construction Company, Harlan, Iowa; Midwest Coatings Company, Inc., Modale, Iowa and Hall Brothers,

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Inc. of Marysville, KS. Bids are available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office.

Motion was made by Sickel to accept all the awards received only for the purpose of further review by the engineer and Highway Superintendent. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

HOUSE OF HOPE

Jerry Yount, Jerry Duerfeldt and Eugene Rowell requested to meet with the Board for an update on the House of Hope organization and also requested the County Board of Commissioners consider allocating the funds received through the Opioid Settlement to the House of Hope. If the Opioid Settlement funds are allocated for the House of Hope, the group also presented to the Board a resolution for their consideration to adopt.

CORRESPONDENE/OTHER

Resolution 2022-2023-37 Cancel Check

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-37 to cancel a check issued in error. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 8)

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a Return-to-Work Policy for departments to follow when an employee has been away from work due to a work comp injury or illness. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, page 9)

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Caverzagie to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Sickel. 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.)

GENERAL FUND

AT&T Mobility, serv	422.56
Boarders Inn & Suites, lodg	288.00
Brite, supp	409.00
BuckIT, serv	650.00
Bud Sewer Service, serv	445.00
Cass County Jail, serv	2633.85
Clerk of District Court, fees	252.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	163.18
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	355.55
Falls City Journal, adv	2212.48
Falls City Mercantile, supp	265.56
Family Medicine, serv	507.10
Farm & City Supply, supp	21.17
Galls, supp	93.75
Gravatt, Jere, serv	80.00
Hillyard, supp	267.46
Karas, Rick, reimb	431.78
Kollasch Law Office, serv	1482.00
CR21-103 C. Simon	
Lake Mac Assessment, serv	2000.00
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	568.11
OPD Business Solutions, supp	328.93

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GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Pest Control Services of SE NE, serv	45.00
Professional Form & Supplies, supp	205.70
Quill, supp	427.96
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	42.94
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1373.19
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	2215.00
Wolfe's Printing, supp	419.94
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$18,607.21

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Diversified Drug Testing, serv	325.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	3950.00
Hamm Inc., rock	1915.57
Koch's Auto, supp	10088.88
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	15605.76
Midwest Sales & Service, supp	6825.00
NPPD, serv	71.17
OPPD, serv	104.73
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	19.73
Sapp Bros., fuel	6395.96
Unifirst, supp	48.12
Woods & Aitken, serv	1462.50
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$46,812.42

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, March 8, 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.

John Caverzagie, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk