

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 15, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:03 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 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 March 8, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie 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.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that there are currently 18 inmates in the Jail.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve purchase orders to KaTom Restaurant Supply of Koda, TN for the replacement of a cooler/refrigerator for \$3,687.64 and a dishwasher system for \$5,806.44 in the kitchen of the Law Enforcement Center. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A review of the current condition of the patrol units was reviewed and consideration to purchase an additional 2022 Ford Explorer and selling a surplus 2017 Dodge Ram pickup was held. Motion was made by Caverzagie to authorize the sale of a 2017 Dodge Ram pickup patrol unit VIN#1C6RR7XT8HS734575 that has been deemed to be surplus property at a Big Iron auction. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

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

Representatives of the Rural Water District #2, Paul Benitz and Gayle Swisegood met with the Board to discuss the placement of a portion of waterline under county road right-of-way. There is an area where the water line was placed at a culvert location where the line was not placed in accordance with the requirements of the County. The Rural Water District is agreeable to reinstalling the line to meet the requirements of the County but indicated that it most likely could not be corrected before the May 1, 2023 deadline. The Rural Water District #2 will be reviewing the matter with the contractor as well as researching other options to make the correction and plan to meet and report back to the County Board.

OPEN SEALED BIDS RULO COUNTY SHOP

Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the opening of sealed bids for the purchase and construction of a building to replace the County Garage located in Rulo. Bids were received from Mezger Construction, Inc., Table Rock, NE--\$113,265/steel bldg. or \$92,860/wood frame bldg.; Conn Construction, Auburn, NE--\$172,850/steel bldg.; and Skyline Construction of Roca, NE.--\$198,795/steel bldg.

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

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director requested authorization from the County Board to sell on social media sites 3 Apple Iphone 12 cellular phones that have been deemed to be surplus

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property. Motion was made by Sickel pursuant to NE §23-3115 to approve the request from Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director to offer for sale 3 surplus Apple Iphone 12 cellular phones on the social media sites and to record all bids and the sale then remit the funds to the Richardson County Treasurer with a report to the County Board. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

SE NE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP, INC.

Sherry Huddleston of the Falls City Outreach Office for SENCA reported on the activity of the organization.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 11:06 a.m. with Mona Godemann, Veterans Service Officer; Odis Fields, Asst. Veterans Service Officer and Sheriff Hardesty to discuss possible 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 Caverzagie to close the executive session at 11:35 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 11:40 a.m. with special legal counsel Jerry Pigsley to discuss pending litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to close the executive session at 11:48 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Extension Services

Motion was made by Sickel to approve and enter into an Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Cooperative Extension Services in Richardson County and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 14)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the Addendum to the Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Cooperative Extension Services for the funding of an Extension Assistant 4-H. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 15)

Petty Cash County Attorney

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-40 to approve a petty cash amount for the County Attorney's Office of \$250.00. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 16)

Other

The Board also reviewed the report from the County Treasurer of the tax certificate sale that was held on March 6, 2023.

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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-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

Cass County Jail, serv	1287.66
Clerk of District Court, fee	108.00
Culligan, serv	162.50
DAS State Accounting, serv	335.00
Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, serv	450.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	190.13
Falls City Mercantile, supp	219.83
Family Medicine, serv	873.60
Farm & City Supply, supp	141.12
Handley Law Office, serv	3230.00
<small>CR22-81 J. Blackburn, CR22-232 M. Gaede, CR22-62 B. King, JV22-26</small>	
Harmon's, supp	20.00
Hullman's, serv	493.06
Johnson County Sheriff, serv	260.00
Kex Rx, supp	619.25
Koch's Auto Service, serv	73.45
KSI Haug, supp	5655.50
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, serv	200.00
OPPD, serv	116.44
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	49.99
Phillips Plumbing, supp	480.00
Prochaska & Assoc., serv	3623.15
Ramada, lodg	192.00
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County Attorney Trust Account, reimb	4.70
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	100.62
St. Joseph Plumbing & Heating, serv	495.00
Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters, serv	72.54
True Value, supp	35.97
Unifirst, serv	63.45
Wolfe's Printing, supp	6.04
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$19,607.00

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

City of Humboldt, serv	89.83
Feniex Industries, supp	182.02
Hamm, rock	11424.47
Martin Marietta, rock	21330.54
RDO Centers, supp	817.32
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Woods & Aitken, serv	1527.50
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$35,396.68

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, March 22, 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