

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**APRIL 5, 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 Wednesday, April 5, 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 29, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://www.co.richardson.ne.us).

**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. He reported that the Falls City Northeast project C74 (2022-9) located on 655 Ave 1800 feet south of 710 Road and the project on Pony Creek Road STWD-CBMP (5) C007423425 located approximately 4.75 miles west of Hwy 73 on 703 Road are both projected to start construction in June.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with Sta-Bilt for the 2023 Armor Coat project, C-74 (2023-1). Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The contractor is expected to begin this project in June.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the re-hire of a previous employee, Steve Darveau, Sr. to work temporary part-time for the Road and Bridge Department. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**COUNTY TREASURER**

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer presented to the Board the 2021 tax certificates that were not purchased at the public sale in March.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the transfer of unpurchased tax certificates to hold as tax certificates for Richardson County. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**FC EDGE**

Lucas Froeschl, Administrator of the Falls City Economic Development and Growth Enterprise presented to the Board the quarterly report of the organization.

**NEXTLINK INTERNET**

Ebony Cooksey, Market Development Manager of Nextlink Internet presented information to the Board regarding the expansion into unserved rural areas within Richardson County under the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program (NBBP) Grant application. A project specifically being planned is for the Village of Dawson which will bring much needed FTTH fiber to the home for Dawson residents.

Motion was made by Karas to approve a letter of support for Nextlink's NBBP Grant Application/Dawson Fiber Project to be submitted with the grant application. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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## **ARPA FUNDS ADMINISTRATOR**

The Board held a teleconference call with Austin Duerfeldt, ARPA Funds Administrator to review with him the stipulations of expending funds from the OPIOID Settlement funds that the County has received.

## **SE COMMUNICATIONS 911 BEATRICE**

Carla Zarybnicky, Communications Director of Southeast Communications 911 Beatrice presented to the Board an annual report of the services provided to Richardson County Sheriff's Department.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that the newly purchased patrol vehicles are being equipped and prepared for operation.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a purchase order with First Wireless for a FLASHPORT system for a total price of \$5,768.00. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## **QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION**

The Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection and found the facility to be in good order.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Transfer of Funds**

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-43 to transfer funds from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$250,000.00 as provided for in the 2022-2023 budget document. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 20)

### **Fee Reports**

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of March, 2023:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 243.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$13,309.25
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$ 1,322.00

### **Monthly Operating Statement**

The Board reviewed the March, 2023 monthly operating statement.

## **CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Karas 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.)*

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**GENERAL FUND**

BuckIT, serv	6373.52
CMC, serv	800.00
Consolidated Management Company, serv	10010.50
County Treasurer, tax	2027.42
Datashield, serv	109.25
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	243.71
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	11.82
Falls City Sanitation, serv	60.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	7189.39
Farm & City Supply, supp	188.78
First Wireless, supp	275.62
Franks, Jeremiah, reimb	43.45
I80 K9 Training Services, dog	9500.00
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	49.52
Meyer Laboratory, supp	127.30
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
MIPS, serv	3142.82
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	7.99
Petersen Reporting, serv	1397.01
Postmaster, supp	240.00
Quill, supp	83.73
Region V Systems, serv	5202.00
Richardson County Sheriff, reimb	1553.63
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	22010.95
Road & Bridge Fund, tax	285535.08
SNC, serv	2158.17
St. Joseph Plumbing, serv	8337.86
TK Elevator, serv	402.87
Payroll Expense	107759.40
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$474,951.79</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Agco, supp	275.92
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv	41.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	67.73
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	1012.11
Farm & City Supply, supp	1301.20
Farmers Repair, supp	32.48
Hamm, rock	4904.37
Hullman's Ford, supp	45.43
Martin Marietta, rock	22222.83
Midwest Engineering, serv	18649.75
NMC, supp	263.54
NPPD, serv	31.58
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	4.50
OPPD, serv	83.72
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	59.10
Powerplan, supp	214.43
Quill, supp	92.97
Richardson County Vendor, tax	2495.00
Salem, Village of, serv	20.50
SNC, serv	105.68
Truck Center Companies, supp	99.90
Unifirst, supp	77.14
Verdon, Village of, serv	25.73

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ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)

Payroll Expense	34167.72
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$86,314.33</b>

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	308.82
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$308.82</b>

ARPA FUND

Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	5.44
Payroll Expense	33.21
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$38.65</b>

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

County Treasurer, transfer	250000.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$250,000.00</b>

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

SNC, serv	145.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$145.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, April 12, 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