

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
APRIL 19, 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 19, 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 April 12, 2023, meeting 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 minutes of the April 12, 2023, Board of Equalization meeting 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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://www.co.richardson.ne.us).

**HUMBOLDT SHARES**

Mark Joy, President of Humboldt Shares, Inc. presented to the Board the quarterly report of the organization. Dr. George Griffith, a member of the Board of Directors was also in attendance.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. Mr. Darveau presented to the Board the 2023 price chart for the sale of culverts for driveways which was approved by the Board. He also informed the Board that the Department will be compiling a listing of vehicles and equipment that have deemed to be surplus to offer for sale at a public auction with BigIron in the near future.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that the Department has received 2 grants from the NE Department of Transportation and provided a report on the activity for January 1 thru March 31, 2023 for the department with regards to arrests and bookings into the Jail.

The Sheriff was informed that the K-9 dog that was to be purchased did not pass the training and that they are now reviewing the purchase for a K-9 from a different source. The Department also learned of grant funding available to assist with the purchase of a K-9 and have submitted the application to be considered for the grant funds.

The Sheriff also reported on a meeting that he attended with Falls City representatives regarding the 911 dispatch and the possibility of moving to the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairman Caverzagie declared that a public hearing be opened at 10:00 a.m. to receive public comments for the issuance of a Class I Liquor License for the Falls City Country Club, Inc. dba Falls City Golf Course.

No persons spoke at the public hearing

Chairman Caverzagie declared the public hearing closed at 10:03 a.m.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recommend the issuance of a Class I Liquor License to the Falls City Country Club, Inc. dba Falls City Golf Course. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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**BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR and  
NOXIOUS WEED SUPT.**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director met with the Board regarding the request from Pawnee County for the consolidation of services for the EMA Director position due to the resignation of the EMA Director serving both Pawnee and Johnson counties. A joint meeting will be planned for a member of each county board to meet to review this proposal further.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to accept the report received from the NE Dept of Agriculture Bureau of Plant Industry of the 2022 Noxious Weed Control program and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Conflict Waiver**

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the Chairman to sign a conflict waiver with Baylor Evnen Wolfe and Tannehill, L.L.P., special legal counsel for Rick Hill v. Election Systems & Software, et. al. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**Sub-division**

A sub-division was reviewed for Ag Partners, Inc. for a parcel located in S17-T1-R17 which will be held for further review and considered at next week's meeting.

**Courthouse Roof**

The contract with Skyline for the replacement of the Courthouse roof has still not been finalized so this will be considered again at next week's 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.)*

**GENERAL FUND**

Animal Health Center, supp	88.08
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	252.84
Bailey, Stacey, reimb	129.69
Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimb	134.93
CMC, serv	5000.00
Culligan, supp	181.50
DAS, serv	30.88
Falls City Mercantile, supp	76.34
Farm & City Supply, supp	113.95
First Concord Benefits Group, fees	224.00
Glathar, Carol, reimb	135.03
Government Forms & Supplies, supp	192.75
Kollasch Law Office, serv	1320.50
CR22-231 S. Fritts, CR23-90 R. Schawang	
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1101.78
Malcolm, Terry, serv	280.00
Medica, ins	44999.11
Mercure, Steven, serv	5916.66

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GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

NACO, fee	25.00
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	2166.32
OPPD, serv	118.37
Pitney Bowes, supp	90.00
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	87.10
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	22464.02
Riggs, Kim, reimb	136.24
SumnerOne, serv	111.00
Weaver & Merz, reimb	20.56
Payroll Expense	110769.01
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$196,213.66</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	137.30
Brazos Trailers, supp	711.82
Contech Engineered Solutions, supp	9049.45
Culligan, serv	86.33
Egger Bros., supp	38.55
Falls City Journal, adv	66.00
Feniex Industries, supp	196.00
Mainelli Wagner & Associates, serv	1590.63
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	10558.43
NPPD, serv	92.81
Norris Quarries, rock	2115.50
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	311.10
OPPD, serv	37.02
Safety-Kleen Systems, supp	387.52
Sapp Bros., fuel	2408.51
Stella, Village of, serv	61.60
Unifirst, supp	78.91
Payroll Expense	34427.59
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$62,355.07</b>

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1100.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv/reimb	1617.19
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,717.19</b>

ARPA FUND

City of Humboldt, funding	130000.00
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	2.44
Payroll Expense	16.92
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$130,019.36</b>

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	3291.25
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$3,291.25</b>

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, April 26, 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