

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MAY 10, 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, May 10, 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 Caverzaige 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 May 3, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2023, Board of Equalization 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 the past few weeks. He reported that the Department will begin summer hours on June 5 and ending on September 1 working four 10-hour days (6 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Monday thru Thursday with the exception of the week of July 3 when crews will work 8-hour days July 3 thru July 7 and observing the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. A notice was received from Hamm Companies that there will be a price increase effective June 5, 2023, additional \$1.00/ton for base/fines and additional \$1.50/ton for clean rock.

He presented to the Board a report on a road and bridge to consider closing described as the south ½ mile of 640 Avenue between 716 Road and 717 Road which also includes a bridge that has been closed. The Board will consider this at next week's meeting and a resolution to set a public hearing date and time to receive public input on possible closure.

Mr. Darveau also reminded the Board that the project on Pony Creek Road STWD-CBMP (5) C007423425 located approximately 4.75 miles west of Hwy 73 on 703 Road is expected to begin in June with anticipation from the contractor that it will be completed in mid-late August, before harvest.

**SE NE ADULT DRUG COURT**

Chris Reece, SE Adult Drug Court Coordinator and Melanie Stormer, District #1 Chief Probation Officer presented an update to the Board on the progress, accomplishments and statistical data of the SE NE Adult Drug Court.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve and enter into an interlocal agreement regarding funding for the SE NE Adult Drug Court with Pawnee, Johnson, Nemaha and Otoe Counties for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The cost for Richardson County for FY2023-2024 will be \$8,368.75.

**LAW ENFORCMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board and provided an update on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week.

He reported on the grant application he is completing for the assistance with the purchase of a drug dog. Sheriff Hardesty received notification from K9 Working Dogs International, LLC that they are working with United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) to submit a grant application and are awaiting approval for the grant award for Richardson County in the amount of \$7,500.00 from the AKC Reunite grant in which Richardson County will be providing \$2,500 to the purchase of the drug dog.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER (Cont.)

A report was approved for Sheriff Hardesty for fees collected during the month of April, 2023, totaling \$2,189.12 and a contribution was received in the amount of \$500 to assist in the purchase of the additional drug dog.

### **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

#### **Letter from Richardson County House of Hope**

The Board received a letter from the House of Hope respectfully requesting the monies from the Opioid Settlement Funds that Richardson County will be receiving to be used for the following estimated expenses associated with the Transitional Housing of Richardson County House of Hope: One home for approximately 4-6 persons: \$1200 per month rent, \$250 per month utilities, \$1,200 per month for food, \$350 for other incidentals, insurance \$100 for a total of \$3,100 per month.

The letter was reviewed with no action taken at this time.

#### **Other**

Receipts were reviewed from the sale of the surplus cellular phones that were offered from the Emergency Management Agency Office which totaled \$500.00.

### **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.)*

### **GENERAL FUND**

Ankrom, Jami, reimb	204.36
BuckIT, serv	600.00
City of Beatrice, serv	46350.00
Dana Safety Supply, supp	418.34
DAS State Accounting, serv	335.00
Donahue & Sisco, serv	536.75
Falls City Mercantile, supp	368.37
Farm & City Supply, supp	70.06
Galls, supp	1959.24
Handley Law Office, serv	3695.50
CR22-81 J. Blackburn, CR23-25 L. Ferris, CR22-232 M. Gaede, CR22-27 E. Hestermann, CR22-47 N. Riggins, CR22-245 J. Roberts, CR22-189 J. Roberts, CR22-164 J. Stuart, CR22-222 C. Williams	
JT Farm Service, supp	1750.00
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	706.09
Weaver & Merz Law Office, reimb	25.38
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
NACO, fees	500.00
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	50.00
Physicians Laboratory, serv	200.00
Postmaster, supp	315.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	133.10
Quill, supp	276.86
Richardson County Court, fees	8.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	820.36
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	235.00
SNC, serv	1196.85
SumnerOne, serv	187.50

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Thomas & Thomas Reporting, serv	448.63
True Value, supp	178.64
Unifirst, serv	62.70
Verizon, serv	303.29
Weaver & Merz, reimb	890.32
Wolfe's Printing, supp	261.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$63,116.34</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan, serv	70.10
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	609.55
Farmers Repair, serv	216.72
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	299.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	10699.56
NMC, supp	294.42
NPPD, serv	31.58
Norris Quarries, rock	775.24
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	81.51
PowerPlan, supp	3133.77
Salem, Village of, serv	20.50
Sapp Bros., fuel	503.33
SNC, serv	103.31
Unifirst, supp	52.56
Verdon, Village of, serv	28.65
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$16,919.80</b>

COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND

Falls City Chamber of Commerce, funding	6000.00
Humboldt Chamber of Commerce, funding	1500.00
Library & Community Foundation, funding	2425.00
Richardson County, serv	25.00
<b>TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND</b>	<b>\$9,950.00</b>

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, reimb	192.57
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$192.57</b>

ARPA FUND

East Richardson Rural Water #2, funding	1751.27
<b>TOTAL ARPA FUND</b>	<b>\$1,751.27</b>

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Falls City Edge, funding	7500.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>

HIGHWAY BOND REPAY FUND

BOK Financial Corp, pmt	112367.50
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY BOND REPAY FUND</b>	<b>\$112,367.50</b>

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, May 17, 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