

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MAY 17, 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 17, 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 May 10, 2023, County Board 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 minutes of the Quarterly Safety Committee held on May 10, 2023, as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the May 10, 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).

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance on County roads and bridges the past few weeks.

Motion was made by Karas to approve a property damage release from Southern Freight Lines, LLC for damages that were done to a county road on or about April 15, 2023. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Darveau presented to the Board the quotes received from dealerships for the purchase of a mini-excavator and skid-steer with a trade-in of a Komatsu excavator with all quotes being based on contracts through Sourcewell which serves government, education & nonprofit organizations with a cooperative purchasing program. Motion was made by Karas to approve the purchase of a Bobcat E60 R2 with tamper/jackhammer/bucket, \$98,919.72 and a Bobcat T770 T4, \$74,802.06 both prices contained in contract #040319-CEC from Sourcewell, less trade-in of the Komatsu NPK Excavator for \$70,000 from Merz Farm Equipment, Falls City, making the total amount for purchase \$103,721.78. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. It was reported that the "Click-It or Ticket" grant period is from May 15 through June 4 instead of previously reported May 22 through June 4.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the purchase of the previously approved (March 29, 2023) second drug dog from I80 K9 Training Services LLC. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A check was received from the insurance company for damages done to a patrol unit, 2019 Ford Explorer for hail damages and a windshield break totaling \$3,488.10.

**COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER, INC.**

Jina Santo, Director of Clinic Services of the Community Medical Center, Inc. presented to the Board information regarding their intention to make application for grant funds through the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program—Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health. Richardson County (Sheriff Department) would be listed as a consortium member along with Falls City Public Schools District 56, Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer Schools District 70, Sacred Heart Parochial Schools, Blue Valley Mental Health and the City of Falls City (Police

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Department).

Motion was made by Caverzaige to support the grant application being made by Community Medical Center, Inc. through the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program—Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

The Board requested that EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall meet with them to review the different systems of “Page My Cell” or “Im Responding” that are or would be used by the rural fire departments. The rural fire departments are currently using “Page My Cell” and will be given the opportunity to use for a 2-month trial basis the “Im Responding” system.

It is anticipated that SE Nebraska Communications 911 will be able to receive all 911 calls for dispatch outside the boundaries of Falls City on June 1.

A review was also held regarding the storm that passed through the northwest part of Richardson County on Friday evening. There was some concern regarding the Kirkman’s Cove and the Quad County Golf Course area with no outdoor warning siren available. Mr. Kirkendall informed the Board that they have applied for grant funding a few different times to place a siren in this area but have not ever been approved. It was discussed to make contact with the Nemaha Natural Resources District to work together in an effort to get grant funding for a siren for this area. Commissioner Karas indicated that he would make contact with the NRD regarding this matter.

### **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**

Amazon, supp	24.52
Brite, supp	5743.50
Charm-Tex, supp	429.66
CMC, serv	58.80
DAS State Accounting, serv	365.88
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	4227.50
<small>JV15-26, JV22-38, JV22-14, JV22-30, JV23-1</small>	
Farm & City Supply, supp	123.93
First Concord, fees	229.00
Fleming, Alexandra, reimb	343.11
Holiday Inn, lodg	353.85
Hullman’s, serv	567.58
Humboldt Standard, adv	64.45
KexRx, supp	691.96
Koch’s Auto Service, serv	1110.33
Lincoln National Life Ins., ins	1158.51
Malcolm, Terry, serv	140.00
Medica, ins	44182.01
Mercure, Steven, serv	5916.66
Midwest Special Services, serv	492.10
Miller-Monroe, ins	40.00
MIPS, supp	861.42
Nemaha County Sheriff’s Office, serv	6.00
OPPD, serv	114.27
O’Reilly Automotive, supp	15.98

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GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Petersen Reporting, serv	108.75
Postmaster, supp	154.40
Quill, supp	462.99
Radiology Associates, serv	42.00
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	373.94
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	23332.29
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	123.14
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	155.00
Spartan Nash, supp	60.82
SumnerOne, serv	392.85
True Value, supp	233.64
Wolfe's Printing, supp	248.84
Payroll Expense	109874.60
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$201,872.28</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Bahr Welding, serv	120.00
Binder Bros., rock	1704.25
Black Hills Energy, serv	44.92
City of Humboldt, serv	88.92
Martin-Marietta Materials, rock	16472.02
Metal Culverts, supp	17467.20
NPPD, serv	63.16
Norris Quarries, rock	5291.74
Quill, supp	46.40
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Safety-Kleen Systems, supp	389.16
Sapp Bros., fuel	1887.85
Unifirst, supp	22.68
Payroll Expense	34382.01
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$78,005.31</b>

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1100.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1100.00
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,200.00</b>

FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUND

Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	40.00
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUND</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas 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 24, 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