

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 14, 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, June 14, 2023. Roll call was answered by Sickel and Caverzagie. Commissioner Karas was absent. 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 31, 2023, County Board meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, 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.

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 Sickel to approve temporary and permanent easement documents for Project #C-74(2022-9) located in S30, T2, R17 with Robert L and Lana M Georges, Darren D and Donna K Eickhoff and Carol J Duerfeldt and Philip C Michel. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, 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.

Consideration for salary increases for the jailers and office administrator was requested by the Sheriff. Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the increase in salaries as requested by Sheriff Hardesty with an effective date of July 1, 2023: Administrative Assistant--\$23.00/hr (+21%); Office Position--\$22.00/hr (new position); Jail Administrator--\$25.00/hr (+13.6%); Jail Supervisor--\$22.00/hr (10.9%); Jailers-- \$17.00 to \$20.00/hr (raising the top from \$19 to \$20); Maintenance--\$22.00/hr (+15.7%); and a 3% increase for the following positions: Sergeant--\$31.93/hr; deputy w/3+ years of experience--\$30.90/hr; deputy with 2 years of experience--\$29.87/hr; deputy w/1 year experience--\$28.84/hr. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The salary increase of the Chief Deputy Sheriff is effective on January 1, 2023, at \$33.19/hour based at 85% of the Sheriff annual salary of \$81,228.75 for 2024 (2% increase).

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the re-hiring of a former employee, Annie Frederick as a jailer as requested by Sheriff Hardesty. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

BLUE VALLEY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

John Day, Executive Director presented to the Board an annual report on the organization and a request for continued funding for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$8,000.00 to continue with the services provided for substance abuse to adults and children in Richardson County.

Motion was made by Sickel to provide continued funding in the amount of \$8,000.00 to Blue Valley Behavioral Health. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING to AMEND BUDGET

At 10:15 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication to hold a public hearing to receive input for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed additional budget of expenditures of \$28,225.24 that will be needed in FY2022-2023 to meet the expenses that will be incurred by the Natural Disaster Fund for the reimbursement to the Road and Bridge Fund for expenses that were paid for damages done during the storms from March, 2019 through July 14, 2019 as described in Disaster Declaration #4420-DR-NE.

No one from the public appeared at the hearing. Chairman Caverzagie declared the public hearing closed at 10:20 a.m.

RESOLUTION 2022-2023-48

Adopt Amended Budget for Natural Disaster Fund

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-48 to amend the FY2022-2023 budget for the Natural Disaster Fund with adding an additional \$28,225.24 in expenditures. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 23, Page 24)

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Kristy Richardson, Deputy EMA Director, met with the Board in the absence of Brian Kirkendall to present information on a maintenance contract, battery replacement and a mobile app for operation of the emergency outdoor warning sirens.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve three purchase orders: 1) batteries for emergency outdoor sirens from BVPS Complete Solutions Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc., Grain Valley, MO for \$7,710.00 which includes installation; 2) maintenance contract for emergency outdoor sirens and equipment from BVPS Complete Solutions Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc., Grain Valley, MO for \$13,293.00; 3) application program to operate emergency outdoor sirens and equipment, Commander from Federal Signal Corporation, University Park, IL for \$5,250.00. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Review was also held on the recent demonstration of the drone equipment on May 17 and more discussion will be held at a later date to consider purchasing.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Fee Reports

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

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 332.50
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$9,172.25
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$ 588.00

Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for May, 2023.

Transfer of Funds

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-46 to transfer funds in the amount of \$200,000 from the ARPA Fund to the Road & Bridge Fund. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 22)

Cancel Check

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-47 to cancel checks issued in error. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 23)

Pledge Security Replacement

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the replacement of the following pledge security receipts from F&M Bank: 1) \$230,000 Pledge Security Receipt #392220963 to replace Receipt #392220962 and 2) \$410,000 Pledge Security Receipt #392205249 to replace Receipt #392209031. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Child Advocacy Center

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the payment of \$1,100.00 for the funding of Annual Service Agreement with BraveBe Child Advocacy Center with the Richardson County Attorney and Richardson County Sheriff. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

BraveBe Child Advocacy Center was formerly known as the Lincoln/Lancaster Child Advocacy Center, Inc.

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-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

Amazon, supp	26.25
Ankrom, Jami, mileage	136.24
BuckIT, serv	6373.52
Child Advocacy Center, serv	1100.00
Clerk of District Court, fees	216.00
Comfort Inn, lodg	392.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	163.18
Datashield, serv	1.60
Des Moines Stamp Co., supp	71.00
Falls City Journal, adv	77.50
Falls City Mercantile, supp	364.08
Falls City Sanitation, serv	70.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	5457.37
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	494.00
CR23-22 L. Jones	
Farm & City Supply, supp	78.62
Harmon's OK Tire, supp	20.00
Holiday Inn Express, lodg	196.00
Hullman's, serv	469.82
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	211.42
Koch's Auto Service, serv	90.11
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, serv	8.06
Ligouri, Angelo, serv	1333.15
CR21-67 B. Smith, CR23-137 B. Smith, Special Prosecutor	
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
Miller-Farrell Ins., ins	69.00
MIPS, serv	3142.82
Nebraska.gov, fee	49.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Otoe County Sheriff's Office, serv	18.50
Petersen Reporting, serv	503.76
Physicians Laboratory, serv	2380.00
Postmaster, supp	630.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	133.10
Quill, supp	490.96
Relentless LLC, serv	649.00
Richardson County Court, fees	1403.09
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	1174.78
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1086.73
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	28266.82
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	96.94
Riggs, Kim, reimb	140.17
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	420.00
Scott, Pamela, reimb	303.92
Spartan Nash, supp	95.02
Summit Fire Protection, serv	340.00
SumnerOne, serv	113.00
Unifirst, serv	63.45
W&D Auto Care, serv	45.00
Weaver & Merz, reimb	988.56
Payroll Expense	141021.05
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$201,114.59

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Cornhusker International Trucks, supp	7982.46
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	179.64
Falls City Journal, adv	31.99
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	419.55
Farm & City Supply, supp	526.77
Farmer Repair, supp	54.77
Grainger, supp	74.72
Martin-Marietta Materials, rock	30972.32
Midwest Engineering, serv	3152.24
Miller-Farrell Ins., ins	717.00
Northern Safety, supp	110.46
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	418.96
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Salem, Village of, serv	22.85
Unifirst, supp	19.94
Verdon, Village of, serv	30.88
Payroll Expense	35001.45
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$79,761.00

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	308.82
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND	\$308.82

DRUG COURT FUND

Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, reimb	185.48
Reece, Christina, reimb	150.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$335.48

ARPA FUND

County Treasurer, transfer	200,000.00
TOTAL ARPA FUND	\$200,000.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, June 21, 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