

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 26, 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, July 26, 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 Commissioner 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 July 19, 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 Karas to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2023, Board of Equalization meeting 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 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 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. He informed the Board of a seminar that will be held on August 23 in Kearney regarding the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Grant Programs through the US Department of Transportation. The Board requested that Mr. Darveau attend this seminar.

SEALED BIDS FOR SALE OF BRIDGE

At 9:20 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented to the Board a proof of publication for the opening of sealed bids for the purchase of a bridge (structure C007402110) located on a road beginning at a point approximately 2,640 feet or ½ mile south of the intersection of 717 Road and 640 Avenue or beginning approximately 2,640 feet south of the northeast corner of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 14 East of the 6th P.M. in Richardson County, Nebraska and running approximately 2,640 feet or ½ mile south to the intersection of 716 Road and 640 Ave or the Southeast corner of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 14 East of the 6th P.M. in Richardson County, Nebraska.

No bids were received.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 9:30 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication and declared that a public hearing be opened to receive comments from the public in support of or in opposition to the vacation of said road and structure described as beginning at a point approximately 2,640 feet or ½ mile south of the intersection of 717 Road and 640 Avenue or beginning approximately 2,640 feet south of the northeast corner of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 14 East of the 6th P.M. in Richardson County, Nebraska and running approximately 2,640 feet or ½ mile south to the intersection of 716 Road and 640 Ave or the Southeast corner of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 14 East said road including Richardson County structure C007402110.

A letter from Eric Geiger on behalf of Francis Rosse, an adjacent landowner was presented and read. He is requesting that an additional 40 feet remain open south past the ½ mile section line to continue providing access to both landowners adjacent to the west and east side of the said road and that a dead-end or no-outlet sign be placed at this point. Dale James, landowner adjacent to said public road was in attendance and was in support of the closing and also made the same request as made in the letter presented by Eric Geiger.

Chairman Caverzagie declared the public hearing closed at 9:35 a.m.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that the certification and re-certification for the drug dogs has been completed. Grant funding is also being sought to assist with the expenses of the drug dogs.

It was also reported that a deputy will be attending an active shooter training in August, the Law Enforcement Center is currently fully staffed and that a grant program will be conducted in late August through September 4, "Drive Sober Get Pulled Over".

NE DEPT OF LABOR

Nebraska Department of Labor representative, Tiffany Rasmussen presented to the Board information regarding the On-the-Job Training program the Department offers to employers to assist with the costs of training new hires. The program reimburses the employer 50% of the wages paid to the new hires while in training. The Board requested that the County Clerk complete the application and submit the contract documents to the County Attorney for review. The County Board will then consider the contract at the next meeting to participate in this program and sign the documents to be submitted to the NE Department of Labor to begin utilizing this program with new hires.

QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION

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

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Budget for FY2023-2024

County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff presented to the Board the proposed budget as was submitted by all the department officials. The Board will hold budget hearings with all department officials and tentatively plan to hold the public budget hearing on September 13.

SENCA Request for CASA Funding

The Board reviewed a request from SE NE Community Action Partnership, Inc. for funding assistance for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program. This matter will be tabled for further information and consideration.

Consider Change Order Courthouse Roof

The Board reviewed with Bill Huey of Prochaska & Associates, the architect for the Courthouse roof replacement project, regarding the proposed change by Skyline Construction, Inc. in the materials that was originally specified in the bid documents. After last week's meeting, Skyline Construction, Inc. was to submit before today's meeting the information to Prochaska & Associates to review the proposed change and then to recommend to the Board a change order if required. Mr. Huey at Prochaska & Associates has not received the information from Skyline Construction, Inc. and recommended that the Board proceed with the project as specified within the bid document. Mr. Prochaska will contact Skyline Construction, Inc. to inform them to proceed with the project as included within the specifications.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, 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, serv	430.90
AT&T Mobility, serv	1073.91
Brite, supp	1274.00
BuckIT, supp	1400.00
CMC, serv	5000.00
Consolidated Management Company, serv	10425.71
Culligan, serv	137.60
DAS State Accounting, serv	335.00
Dept. of Correctional Services, serv	2891.20
Falls City Journal, adv	74.26
Falls City Mercantile, supp	610.45
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	4465.00
<small>JV22-38, JV22-30, JV23-20, JV21-17, JV21-20, JV21-19</small>	
Farm & City Supply, supp	227.00
First Concord Benefits, fee	223.00
Franks, Jeremiah, reimb	25.45
Government Forms & Supplies, supp	1474.45
Hall Funeral Home, serv	1000.00
Humboldt Standard, adv	176.00
Johnson County Sheriff, serv	520.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	191.25
Kawres, supp	65.00
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1101.62
Medica, ins	44877.76
Mercure, Steven, serv	5916.66
NACO, dues	1656.13
NE Association of County clerks, fee	50.00
Nine-11 Custom, supp	6043.94
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	561.00
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	32.78
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	2.04
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	22090.70
Sapp Bros., fuel	13836.00
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	265.00
Security Equipment, supp	251.70
SumnerOne, serv	70.00
True Value, supp	30.48
Ultra Chem, supp	149.20
UnitedHealth Group, fee	550.00
Weaver & Merz, reimb	30.66
Wolfe's Printing, supp	598.18
Payroll Expense	106172.35
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$236,354.38

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Martin Marietta, rock	16315.09
NPPD, serv	106.36
NMC, supp	484.89
OPPD, serv	39.26
Quill, supp	29.18
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Unifirst, supp	67.86
Woods & Aitken, serv	7689.07
Payroll Expense	33470.78
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$58,227.49

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DRUG COURT FUND

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

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS

CPC, supp	1919.15
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS	\$1,919.15

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 2, 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