

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AUGUST 2, 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, August 2, 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 26, 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 26, 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 Caverzagie 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 week. Mr. Darveau reported on the information he obtained since reporting at the July 19 meeting on the cost for repairs to an engine in the 2013 CAT motor grader is estimated to be \$55,785.35 which will require a new engine. Motion was made by Sickel to approve the replacement of the engine in the 2013 CAT motor grader with an estimated cost of \$55,785.35 at Nebraska Machinery Co. Motion seconded Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to accept the offer of \$5.00 from Dale E. James for the purchase of the bridge 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Richardson County, Nebraska. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. The Sheriff gave a report on the activity within the department this past month. Discussion was held regarding the purchase of patrol units and the purchase of a video camera system for the jail area.

A review of the FY2023-2024 budgets for the Sheriff, Jail, Humboldt Law Contract and Sheriff Commissary was held.

**KIM RIGGS, COUNTY ASSESSOR**

Kim Riggs, County Assessor presented to the Board an agreement for the Board's approval with Lake Mac Assessment, LLC to provide professional services for appraisal training and assistance, GIS mapping and analyzing data including reviewing sales with new residential depreciation table—quality & condition, build outbuilding depreciation tables, commercial land reappraisal and build commercial depreciation tables. Motion was made by Karas to enter into the contract as presented with Lake Mac Assessment, LLC for the cost of \$6,400.00 with the above to be completed by March 19, 2024. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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**PAM SCOTT, CLERK OF DIST COURT**

Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court reviewed the FY2023-2024 budgets for this department with the Board.

**ROB TICHY, COUNTY SURVEYOR**

Rob Tichy, County Surveyor reviewed the FY2023-2024 County Surveyor budget with the Board.

**MONA GODEMANN, VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER**

Mona Godemann and Odis Fields of the Veterans Service Office met with the Board to review the FY2023-2024 budget for the department.

The Board was also informed that the Veterans Service Office had sent notice to all the recognized veteran's organizations within the County requesting nominations for the appointment to the Veterans Service Committee. No nominations were received back to the Veterans Service Office. Current member, Jim Owings, whose term expired on June 30, 2023, has agreed to serve another term on the Veterans Service Committee. Motion was made by Caverzagie to reappoint Jim Owings to the Veterans Service Committee for a term of 5 years beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2028. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR/WEED SUPT.**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director and Noxious Weed Supt. reviewed with the Board the FY23-24 budget for these departments.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a purchase order for a Matrice 30T Combo with DJI Care Enterprise Basic drone and batteries for \$11,829. Chairman called for a second to the motion two times. Motion died for a lack of second. The drone would be utilized with the Road & Bridge Department, Emergency Management Agency and the Sheriff's Department.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**On the Job Training Program**

Motion was made by Karas to approve the application for the On-the-Job Training program through the Nebraska Department of Labor and to authorize the Chairman to sign the Contract and Assurances document. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**Levy Allocation Resolution**

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-4 pursuant to NE Revised State Statute 77-3443 to set the tax levy allocation for the rural fire districts and the agriculture society for 2023 at .02. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 33)

**Monthly Operating Statement**

The Board review the monthly operating statement for July, 2023.

**Fee Reports**

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

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 159.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$ 1,465.00
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$11,615.00

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## 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-ays, 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

BuckIT, serv	6373.52
CharmTex, supp	3726.32
CMC, serv	976.14
DAS State Accounting, serv	163.18
Detectachem, supp	96.22
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	309.19
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	17.51
Falls City Mercantile, supp	193.00
Falls City Sanitation, serv	60.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	83.16
Harmon's, serv	30.00
Kawre's, supp	140.00
Koch's Auto Service, serv	1533.38
Merz Ink, supp	328.97
Meyer Laboratory, supp	39.95
N&N, serv	325.05
NE Public Health Environmental, serv	105.00
OPD Business Solutions, supp	249.15
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	104.99
Quill, supp	335.76
Radiology Associates, serv	70.00
Richardson County Court, reimb	82.41
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	549.56
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1112.84
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	440.00
Secretary of State, fee	60.00
SNC, serv	1054.51
Stalker Radio, supp	3714.20
Weaver & Merz, reimb	883.63
Wolfe's Printing, supp	81.30
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$23,238.94</b>

### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan, supp	47.50
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	46.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	13081.29
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	68.93
Salem, Village of, serv	22.00
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$13,265.72</b>

### FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUND

Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	20.00
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUND</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

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**INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

County Treasurer, funding (SE Adult Drug Court)	8368.75
Falls City Edge, funding	7500.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$15,868.75</b>

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND**

CPC, serv	259.54
SNC, serv	145.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$404.54</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 9, 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