

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 16, 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 16, 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 August 9, 2023, County Board meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain, 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 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 being done on County roads and bridges the past few weeks.

He presented a brush complaint to the Board for further action. It was reported that motor grader operators are out on the roads, repairs are being made to a bridge on a road east of Stella and that a new employee will be starting on Monday. Mr. Darveau also reported that some crew members will be working on Friday to catch-up on the road grading after the recent wet weather.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week and that currently there were 18 inmates in the jail.

The Board also reviewed the letter addressed to Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer Schools to notify them of the County's intention due to unforeseen circumstances to terminate the agreement to provide a school resource officer, which was signed by the Chairman and Sheriff Hardesty.

PAM SCOTT, CLERK OF DIST COURT

Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court and the Secretary for the Richardson County Visitor's Committee reviewed with the Board the current agreement with Pam Scott to provide secretary services to the County Visitor's Committee. Changes to the agreement are being considered with the fee amount paid for the secretarial services currently at \$125 per meeting to \$100 annual payment. The Board requested that Mrs. Scott review this agreement and proposed change with the County Attorney to prepare a revised agreement to submit to the Board at a later date for consideration.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director updated the Board on a water problem in the floor of the EMA Office. The contractor that laid the flooring will be contacted to assist in removing an area of the floor to determine the exact cause of the water pooling. A representative from B-Dry Systems will also visit the Courthouse in mid-September to inspect the drain system that was installed in the lower level of the Courthouse in 1993 that included a non-expiring full warranty to determine if the system is contributing to the cause of the moisture area on the interior floor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:37 a.m. with Jerry Piglsey, special legal counsel for the County to review litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL

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EXECUTIVE SESSION (Cont.)

CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 10:50 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE ROOF REPLACEMENT

The Board held a conference call with Bill Huey of Prochaska & Associates regarding the Courthouse roof replacement project. The tentative date to begin the project is August 21, 2023, and should be completed within a 3 week period.

BUDGET FY2023-2024 REVIEW

The Board reviewed with County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff the budget for the County Clerk Office and the Elections.

The Board also reviewed the complete budget as requested by County Officials and discussed changes that have been recommended to make certain reductions from the proposed budgets to maintain the tax levy at or below last year's rate.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Quitclaim Deed

Motion was made by Karas to authorize the Chairman to sign a quitclaim deed to transfer the county owned property that was sold at last week's meeting to Francis V. Rosse Trust. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Richardson County Historical Society

The Board reviewed the annual report and funding request letter from the Richardson County Historical Society, Austin Duerfeldt, Treasurer. Motion was made by Karas to approve the funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the FY2023-2024 budget to the Richardson County Historical Society. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

Amazon, supp	30.85
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	68.12
AT&T, serv	1073.91
City of Beatrice, serv	47740.50
Clerk of District Court, fee	531.00
Comfort Inn, lodg	196.00
Community Medical Center, serv	67.00
Consolidated Management Company, serv	103.75
County Treasurer, tax	2027.42
DAS State Accounting, serv	705.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	23.98
Falls City Mercantile, supp	347.06
Farm & City Supply, supp	67.12
Hamilton County Sheriff, serv	6.00
Hillyard, supp	357.95
Johnson County Sheriff's Office, serv	1690.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Meyer Home Center, serv	80.00
OPD, supp	144.06
Physician's Laboratory, serv	2621.00
Postmaster, supp	264.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	146.41
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1017.31
Wolfe's Printing, supp	1536.95
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$60,893.39

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Diversified Drug Testing, serv	430.00
Hullman's Ford, supp	547.30
Martin-Marietta Materials, rock	14168.55
NPPD, serv	63.16
Norris Quarries, rock	2164.78
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	25.95
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	184.59
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Unifirst, supp	52.56
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$17,661.89

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, reimb	220.08
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, reimb	160.61
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$380.69

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Humboldt Shares, funding	5000.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$5,000.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 noon. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 23, 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