

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 30, 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 30, 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 Caverzaige announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2023, County Board meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Sickel. 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 several weeks. A brief discussion was held regarding the type of road rock that is currently being put on county roads. Mr. Darveau also updated the Board on the conference he attended last week in Kearney regarding the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Grant Programs through the US Department of Transportation.

Jim Rush requested to meet with the Board regarding his concerns of a Windstream telecommunications cable laying in the county road right-of-way on 712 Road and that while he is required to mow the roadside and maintain the ditch along the road on his property he has cut the wire with his mower. This cuts off phone service to neighbors in the area with some whose only communication is the landline telephone. He has been in contact with the NE Public Service Commission regarding this matter. The County Highway Superintendent indicated that he would make another effort to contact Windstream to get this cable buried as soon as possible as the permit for this project was approved several months ago. Mr. Rush also recommended that if the matter was not corrected within the near future that the County should consider contacting the Public Service Commission. Mark Gonnella was also in attendance with a concern about this matter as well on the county road right-of-way on his property located on 710 Trail.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week and reported currently there are 20 inmates. A letter was submitted to the Sheriff from Chief Deputy Stonebarger who will be resigning from his position with his last day being Thursday, September 14, 2023.

Kristen Morehead, Jail Supervisor provided information to the Board regarding the agreement with ChartMeds, Inc. that has been used for inmate health care records. After the review, motion was made by Sickel to send Chart Meds, Inc. a 30-day notice that Richardson County will terminate the agreement. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Sheriff Hardesty reviewed with the Board the possibility of submitting a letter to the U.S. Dept. of the Army Kansas National Guard explaining that Richardson County Sheriff's Office has been faced with the reduction of adequate staffing of deputies the past several years due to the lack of properly trained and experienced applicants and that the absence of Sheriff Deputy Dutcher would prove to be a hardship for Richardson County. Motion was made by Karas to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter describing the hardship that will be placed on Richardson County while Deputy Justin Dutcher is on military leave this next year. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

BUDGET FY2023-2024 REVIEW

The Board continued to review the FY2023-2024 budget to finalize for advertisement for

the public hearing. The public hearing notice will be published in the Wednesday, September 6, 2023 publication of the Falls City Journal and can be found on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Courthouse Roof Replacement

Skyline Construction, Inc. began the Courthouse roof replacement project this week.

Inventories

Pursuant to NE Revised State Statute 23-347 the Board reviewed and approved the annual inventory reports filed by the following departments: County Board members, County Clerk, Register of Deeds, Election Commissioner, Clerk of District Court, County Treasurer, County Judge, County Sheriff, County Assessor, County Attorney, Emergency Management Agency, Noxious Weed Dept., Road and Bridge Department, Veterans Service Officer, Extension Educator, Probation Office and Courthouse Maintenance. An inventory report of the County Owned Real Estate was also reviewed and approved.

Other

Motion was made by Sickel to authorize the sale of a utility trailer used by the Emergency Management Agency which has been determined to be surplus to be sold on a Big Iron Auction, 2001 Continental, VIN#4X4TSEZ231N022839. Motion seconded by Karas. 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

Charm-Tex, supp	188.60
CMC, serv	5008.40
DAS State Accounting, serv	163.18
Dept. of Correctional Services, serv	5874.53
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	385.60
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	43.08
Falls City Journal, adv	147.38
Farm & City Supply, supp	29.98
Frederick, Keia, reimb	319.45
Galls, supp	160.00
Koch's Auto Service, serv	54.86
Malcolm, Terry, serv	85.00
Meyer Home Center, serv	230.00
Microfilm Imaging System, serv	110.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	289.38
Olowolafe Law Firm, serv	2498.50
CR22-186 N. Wagner, CR22-246 E. Davidson	
OPD Business Solutions, supp	109.31
Pitney Bowes, supp	3655.82
Quill, supp	157.75
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	25.45
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	792.14
Riggs, Kim, reimb	320.95

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	950.00
SumnerOne, supp	108.00
Verizon, serv	303.32
Weaver & Merz, reimb	51.80
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$22,062.48

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Falls City Auto Supply, supp	41.62
Farm & City Supply, supp	52.26
Home Lumber, supp	110.29
Hullman's Ford, supp	45.43
Jim Hill's, supp	375.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	8482.96
Midwest Engineering, serv	11971.75
NMC, supp	4914.41
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	393.99
OPPD, serv	40.19
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	14.56
Stateline Propane, serv	414.00
Unifirst, supp	59.38
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$26,915.84

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, September 6, 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.

David Sickel, Vice-Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk