

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 20, 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, September 20, 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 September 13, 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 Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the public budget hearing held on September 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. 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 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.

COUNTY TREASURER

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer presented to the Board pledge security receipts to be replaced. Motion was made by Karas to approve the replacement of receipts #792005258 for \$65,000 and #392205995 for \$20,000 with receipt #799017340 for \$85,000 from F&M Bank. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this past week. He reported on the repairs being made by Nebraska Machinery to the 2013 CAT motor grader and that they have recommended that a tandem on the machine be repaired at this time also at a cost of \$5,700.00 and the Board concurred with this recommendation.

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-13 to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with the State of NE Dept. of Transportation for the Statewide Stop Sign Program Project #HSIP-STWD(203). Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 42)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-12 to authorize the Chairman to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance for 2023. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 43)

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty was unable to meet with the Board today due to staff shortage.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the purchase order for a 2023 Ford Police Interceptor for a purchase price of \$44,709.00 from Hullman's Ford of Falls City through a Nebraska Contract #15778 OC through AFL, LLC DBA Anderson Ford Lincoln of Lincoln, NE. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

MIDWEST ENGINEERING, INC.

Dan Alexander from Midwest Engineering, Inc. was available for this session to visit with the Board regarding plans to correct a problem with the lower level entry area of the Courthouse to stop a water leak in the roof area of the tunnel entrance in the lower level. Brandon Schawang was also in attendance for this meeting.

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BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director informed the Board that FEMA will now be requiring members of the political subdivision governing boards to receive training to be in compliance with the National Incident Management System, NIMS, compliance requirements. This training will most likely be held within the next year and will take about one week to complete. Mr. Kirkendall will keep the Board updated on this requirement as more information will be received.

COMMITTEE FOR 100-YEAR RECOGNITION OF COURTHOUSE

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the formation of a committee to make plans for the 100-Year Recognition of the Richardson County Courthouse to begin sometime in 2024 and end in 2025 with those appointed to represent Richardson County being Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court to serve as the Chairman; Kim Riggs, County Assessor; Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer; Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk and 2 additional members to represent the community which shall be appointed by this Committee. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Discuss Implementing a Hiring Restriction

The Board continued the discussion and reviewed a draft of a resolution to implement a hiring restriction with-out prior approval from the County Board of Commissioners on all new-hires which would also include a review of that job description to be filled in all County Departments. No action was taken.

Courthouse Roof Replacement

The Board held a conference call with Bill Huey of Prochaska & Associates regarding the progress on the roof replacement project on the Courthouse.

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the operating statement for the month end of July, 2023.

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-aye, 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

Ankrom, Jami, reimb	298.68
AT&T Mobility, serv	1073.91
Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimb	269.86
Clerk of District Court, reimb	324.00
Community Medical Center, serv	5000.00
Consolidated Management Co., serv	10524.77
Culligan of Percival, serv	126.40
CVSOAN, reg	120.00
DAS State Accounting, fee	485.50
Dollar General, supp	19.20
Fairfield Inn & Suites, fee	344.85
Falls City Mercantile, supp	268.05

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Farm & City Supply, supp	203.95
First Concord Benefits, fee	220.00
Generators for Sale, supp	12846.00
Lincoln National Life Ins., ins	1171.51
Medica, ins	46633.01
Mercure, Steven, serv	5916.66
Merz Ink, supp	571.50
Miller-Monroe, fee	40.00
ODP Business Solutions, LLC, supp	155.96
OPPD, serv	75.82
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	1748.25
Postmaster, supp	660.00
Precision Aerial Ag, LLC, serv	1259.50
Quill.com, supp	119.47
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash Acct, reimb	2.04
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	28933.66
Sapp Bros Petroleum Inc, serv	13664.10
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.55
Scott, Pamela, reimb	154.58
SumnerOne, supp	113.00
True Value Hardware, supp	39.12
Weaver & Merz Law Office, reimb	11.65
Wolfe's Printing, supp	26.93
Payroll Expense	147846.26
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$281,385.74

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	42.13
Falls City Journal, ad	15.23
Home Lumber Company, supp	376.99
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	25839.66
Midwest Engineering, Inc., inspec	38550.00
Myers Tire Supply, supp	145.00
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	63.46
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	4301.69
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	113.39
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc., serv	18645.67
UniFirst Corporation, serv	74.44
Payroll Expense	31722.33
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$119,889.99

DRUG COURT FUND

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, September 27, 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