

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OCTOBER 4, 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, October 4, 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 27, 2023, County Board meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://www.co.richardson.ne.us).

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this past week. The report from Big Iron Auctions was received with a net amount received of \$48,286.95 for the sale of the following surplus vehicles: Sheriff Dept.--\$14,017.50 for 2017 Ram Pickup Model 1500 SSV VIN# 1C6RR7XT8HS734575; Road Dept.--\$14,733.95 for 1987 Ford Truck 8 Ton VIN# 1FDYT90A0HVA36403; \$7,654.00 for 2002 Ford Crew Flatbed F450 VIN# 1FDXW47F32ED14211; \$9,122.50 for 2005 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup 3500 VIN # 1GBJK39275E217631; \$2,759.00 for 2004 Ford Excursion XLT 4 Dr. Spt Utility VIN# 1FMNU41L94ED01039. Mr. Darveau also informed the Board that he would be taking the following vehicle to Smith Auto Salvage in Pawnee City: 2004 Ford F250 Pickup VIN# 1FDNX21L44ED91485.

A letter was prepared for the Board to send to the Nebraska Public Service Commission regarding a concern they had received on August 30, 2023 from a taxpayer regarding a telecommunications line that has been laying in the county road right-of-way on 712 Road between 632 and 633 Avenue that has not yet been buried by the provider, Windstream, who has been issued a permit by Richardson County to do so. The service line has been cut several times the past few months and it is causing an undue hardship to the residents in that service area.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that there were currently 16 inmates being housed. A brief discussion was also held on the maintenance of patrol units.

**Advertise for Public Defender Proposals**

The Board reviewed the notice to request proposals for a contract to serve as the Public Defender from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2027, with County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve that a notice be released for advertisement for the receipt of proposals to by October 30, 2023, from qualified applicants for the position of Richardson County Public Defender for a contract period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2027. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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## NAPE/AFSCME LOCAL 61

The Board met with members of the NAPE/AFSCME Local 61, Justin Hubly, Executive Director and Eddie Schooler and members of the Road Department, Ron Ramer, Wyatt Martin and Bryan Dettmann to begin negotiations for an agreement. A proposal was submitted to the County Board by NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 and the County Board submitted a proposal to the Union. No action was taken. Jerry Pigsley of Woods & Aitken, legal counsel for Richardson County was also in attendance.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Monthly Operating Statement

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

### Fee Reports

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

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk      | \$ 266.00  |
| Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds | \$6,195.75 |
| Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court  | \$ 784.00  |

## 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.

*(The claims listed below are available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.)*

## GENERAL FUND

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Amazon Capital Services, supp   | 201.98   |
| Armbruster Motor Company, serv  | 66.00    |
| Blue Valley Behavioral Health, serv   | 8000.00  |
| BuckIT, serv  | 6747.94  |
| Charm-Tex, supp   | 96.90    |
| Consolidated Management Co., supp   | 168.75   |
| Country Inn & Suites, serv  | 384.00   |
| Department Correctional Services, serv  | 2968.59  |
| East Richardson Rural Water Dist #2, serv   | 377.11   |
| Falls City Mercantile, supp   | 63.81    |
| Falls City Utilities, serv  | 7720.17  |
| Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv  | 21039.13 |
| CR23-393 S. Bachman, CR23-36 J. Rosado, CR23-441 R. Reuter,<br>CR22-172 R. Feldkamp, CR22-170 R. Feldkamp, CR22-171 R. Feldkamp,<br>CR23-68 A. Minner, JV22-38, JV22-14, JV23-20, JV21-17, JV21-20, JV21-19 |          |
| Farm & City Supply, supp  | 958.77   |
| Fields, Odis, reimb   | 211.48   |
| Handley Law Office, serv  | 2365.50  |
| CR21-159 S. Fritts, CR22-54 S. Fritts, CR23-61 A. Hidalgo, CR23-60 K. Black   |          |
| Hillyard, Angie, serv   | 382.50   |
| Humboldt Standard, ads  | 34.29    |
| Hy-Vee, supp  | 75.97    |
| Karas, Rick, reimb  | 306.01   |
| Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb   | 586.88   |
| Koch's Auto Service, serv   | 677.96   |
| Lemerond, Debbie, serv  | 112.50   |

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

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| Merz Ink, serv   | 398.00              |
| Meyer Laboratory Inc., serv                            | 290.45              |
| Miller-Monroe Co., bond                                | 40.00               |
| MIPS Inc, serv   | 3218.84             |
| NCEA, dues   | 450.00              |
| Nemaha County, serv                                    | 5849.43             |
| Olowolafe Law Firm, LLC, serv<br>(CR23-414 & CR23-437) | 1482.00             |
| OneNeck IT Solutions, LLC, serv                        | 588.00              |
| Otoe County Sheriff's Office, reimb                    | 74.50               |
| ProServ Business Systems, serv                         | 272.87              |
| Quill, supp  | 138.01              |
| Region V Systems, serv                                 | 4382.50             |
| Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb              | 18.65               |
| Richardson County Court, fees                          | 715.68              |
| Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb                | 59.99               |
| Richardson County Sheriff, reimb                       | 779.85              |
| Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb            | 154.57              |
| Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc              | 24042.42            |
| Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv                          | 265.00              |
| Secretary of State, fee                                | 30.00               |
| Shafer, Ann, serv                                      | 544.00              |
| Southeast Nebraska Telephone Co., serv                 | 2216.76             |
| SumnerOne, serv  | 51.79               |
| TK Elevator Corporation, serv                          | 402.87              |
| True Value Hardware, supp                              | 75.58               |
| Unifirst, serv   | 73.22               |
| Verizon Wireless, serv                                 | 303.56              |
| Wolfe's Printing, supp                                 | 643.43              |
| Payroll Expense  | 107885.07           |
| <b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>                              | <b>\$208,993.28</b> |

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| CapitalOne Trade Credit, supp                 | 342.99             |
| Culligan of Percival, serv                    | 38.00              |
| East Richardson Rural Water District #2, serv | 46.00              |
| Inland Truck Parts & Service, supp            | 136.83             |
| KS HCI Haug Communications Inc, serv          | 900.00             |
| Martin Marietta Materials, rock               | 22982.27           |
| NMC, Inc., supp                               | 2293.28            |
| Omaha Public Power District, serv             | 39.16              |
| Richardson County Vendor, fuel tax            | 2059.00            |
| Southeast Nebraska Telephone Co., serv        | 102.15             |
| UniFirst Corporation, supp                    | 70.78              |
| Woods & Aitken LLP, serv                      | 2517.30            |
| Payroll Expense                               | 32708.25           |
| <b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>           | <b>\$64,236.01</b> |

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVE

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|---|-----------------|
| Mips Ins., serv                         | 315.57          |
| <b>TOTAL REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVE</b> | <b>\$315.57</b> |

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS

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| Southeast Nebraska Telephone Co., serv | 145.00 |
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**TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS                      \$145.00**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, October 11, 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