

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OCTOBER 11, 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 11, 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 October 4, 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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://www.co.richardson.ne.us).

**COUNTY TREASURER**

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the release of pledge security receipts #421058302, #421054876, #421064498 from Frontier Bank and to approve an ICS Account at Frontier Bank for funds deposited by the County Treasurer. 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. The motor grader that was being repaired has been returned and will be back in service later this week.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center. It was reported that for the month of September there were 629 total calls (423 traffic stops, 46 bookings of which 39 were done by Sheriff's office and 7 from other agencies). There are currently 15 inmates being housed in the Jail. The Sheriff reported that a Nebraska certified officer will begin employment with Richardson County on October 23, 2023 as a deputy.

A report for Sheriff Hardesty was approved for fees collected during the month of September, 2023 totaling \$3,429.49.

**EMA DIRECTOR**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director reported to the Board that the building located at the tower site north of Barada, is in need of a roof replacement. The Board recommended that Mr. Kirkendall try to get in contact with a local contractor to do this job.

Mr. Kirkendall also reported that there is a vacancy position in the office and he would request that approval be given to fill this. The salary is 50% funded by grant funds received from the NE Emergency Management Program Grant. Commissioner Karas questioned why Nemaha County only had 1 staff person for EMA and why Richardson County would need to have 3 staff members. The duties of this job position were discussed and it was determined that in addition to the regular duties of this position that further duties would also be required to assist the Sheriff's Department with monitoring the metal detector with District Court security and assist with the maintenance of the ORION software program which is kept in order for the coordinated and comprehensive disaster pre-planning & damage assessment to report disaster damages immediately to FEMA. With no actual vote being taken, approval to retain this position was given from Chairman Caverzagie and Commissioner Sickel.

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**Appoint Public Defender Policy Review Board**

Motion was made by Sickel to appoint Dylan Handley and Allen Fankhauser to the Public Defender Policy Review Board as practicing attorneys and to reaffirm the appointment of Merle Veigel as the lay person. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Former members on the Policy Review Board were Richard Halbert and Neal Parsons.

**Agreement with Village of Stella**

Motion was made by Sickel to approve an agreement with the Village of Stella regarding the Help America Vote Act HAVA grant funding for improvement to Stella Village Hall as a polling place. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 47)

**Sub-Division**

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a sub-division for Matthew McCann located in S18, T3, R16 and to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-15. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 46)

**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**

A Better Hood Cleaning, serv	600.00
Consolidated Management Company, serv	267.50
Detectachem, supp	119.77
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	71.75
Falls City Mercantile, supp	76.34
Farm & City Supply, supp	21.46
Hullman’s Ford, serv	693.86
Lancaster County Sheriff, serv	38.06
Memorial Community Hospital, serv	1727.20
Microfilm Imaging System, serv	110.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
Motorola, serv	19542.00
NACO, supp	4009.45
Region V Services, serv	3721.50
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	17.12
SumnerOne, serv	113.00
Weaver & Merz, reimb	875.18
Wolfe’s Printing, supp	78.05
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$32,112.24</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Falls City Auto Supply, supp	106.85
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	439.02
Home Lumber, supp	32.83
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	11897.08
NPPD, serv	31.58

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ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)

NMC, supp	282.80
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	124.65
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	79.04
Salem, Village of, serv	22.85
Sapp Bros., fuel	2576.37
Tri State Truck & Tractor, supp	71.51
Truck Center Companies, supp	676.04
Verdon, Village of, serv	33.52
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$16,374.14</b>

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Richardson County Historical Society, funding	10000.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, October 18, 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