

# Richardson County Board Minutes



## RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JANUARY 3, 2023

### CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sickel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. Roll call was answered by Karas, Caverzagie and Sickel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sickel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Caverzagie. Chairman Sickel 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 December 27, 2022, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting of December 27, 2022, as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-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. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. The 1 & 6 Year Road plan public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. Highway Superintendent will be preparing specifications to receive sealed bids for the replacement of the County Shop in Rulo.

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-26 to authorize the Chairman to sign an Agreement between Richardson County and Felsburg Holt & Ullevig for Stella Southwest Environmental Services Project NO. BRRO-7074(26) Control #13526. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 110)

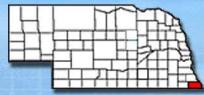
Mr. Darveau also informed the Board that he will be soliciting quotes for the purchase of culvert materials and consider purchasing a mini-excavator for the department.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center. He gave a report on the services that have been provided by the Law Enforcement Center this past year, 2022. It was also reported that the patrol vehicles that have deemed to be surplus will be offered for sale on the Big Iron auction to be held on January 25, 2023: 1) 2015 Dodge Ram 1500 ST Crew Cab Pickup, VIN 3C6RR7KT3FG668867; 2) 2017 Dodge Charger, VIN 2C3CDXKT6HH564085 and 3) 2008 Pontiac Grand Prix, VIN 2G2WP552081156296.

Commissioner Karas and Sheriff Hardesty reported that they had met with the Mayor of Humboldt at the building that the county leases from the City of Humboldt for Emergency Management Agency and that the City is going to utilize the building in a different manner and that the County would be possibly be receiving a letter to terminate the lease.

A discussion was also held regarding the medical and mental health services of the inmates at the County Jail and the services that will be discontinued by the Community Medical Center. The Sheriff is researching alternatives to find these services for the inmates.



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## COUNTY TREASURER

Motion was made by Karas to approve the replacement of pledge securities from F&M Bank as presented by County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey: replace receipt #392209222 \$1,185,000.00 with receipts #392218535 for \$540,000, #392219906 for \$490,000, #392219091 for \$155,000. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALLVOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

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## PAUL DOWNEY, DEFERRED COMP PLAN

Paul Downey of Blue Stone Wealth who has assisted with the current Richardson County Deferred Compensation Plan requested to meet with the Board regarding the deferred compensation plan currently being utilized and current government regulations with these plans.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-27 to voluntary request participation in the State of Nebraska Deferred Compensation Plan for the employees of Richardson County and that as of January 1, 2023, Richardson County will not offer any other deferred compensation plan (457). Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 111)

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Pledge Security Receipts for County Clerk

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the replacement of a pledge securities from F&M Bank for the accounts of the Richardson County Clerk, receipt #392209222 for \$200,000 to be replaced with receipt #751011520 for \$200,000; and to approve the additional receipts as stated #392220962 for \$230,000; #799014957 for \$250,000; #392210030 for \$260,000. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

### County Depositories for 2023

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-25 to approve the applications for the appointment as County Depositories for the year 2023. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 109)

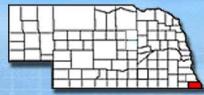
### Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the December, 2022 monthly operating statement.

## 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, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

*(The claims listed below are available for public inspection)*



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*at the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.)*

## GENERAL FUND

Auburn Dental Center, serv	340.00
BuckIt, serv	3000.00
Burt County Sheriff, serv	18.50
Charm-Tex, supp	1048.50
Culligan, serv	48.00
DAS State, subs	163.18
Datashield, serv	2.24
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	334.58
F&M Bank, pymnt	46625.30
Falls City Mercantile, supp	76.26
Family Medicine, serv	602.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	11.18
Lynn Peavey Corp, supp	47.38
Nemaha County, exp	5128.58
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	8.79
Pest Control Services, serv	45.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

## GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Quill Corporation, supp	362.46
RC Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	35.55
Spartan Stores, supp	8.00
Sumnerone, supp	70.00
TK Elevator Corp, serv	389.25
Wolfes Printing, supp	64.94
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$58,429.69</b>

## ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Lawson Products Inc, supp	93.28
Omaha Public Power District, serv	56.34
Unifirst Corp, supp	48.12
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$197.74</b>

## ADJOURNMENT

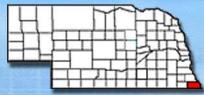
Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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David D. Sickel, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk



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## RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 10, 2023

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### BOARD REORGANIZATION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reappoint David Sickel as the Chairman of the Board for 2023. Motion died for a lack of a second.

Motion was made by Karas to appoint John Caverzagie as Chairman of the Board for 2023. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-nay, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to appoint David Sickel as the Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2023. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

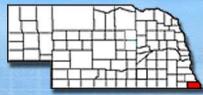
Motion was made by Sickel that the listed duties be designated to the following commissioners:

Commissioner Karas: County Roads, Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) and 5 Rivers Economic Development District, Southeast Nebraska Community Action Council (SENCA)

Commissioner Caverzagie: Courthouse Building and Grounds and Law Enforcement Center, Region V Systems & Services, member of the Product Development & Public Policy Committee of the Greater Falls City Economic and Development Growth Enterprise (EDGE) and alternate to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC),

Commissioner Sickel: County Roads, alternate to the Five Rivers Resource Conservation & Development Committee (RC&D), The Greater Falls City Economic and Development Growth Enterprise (EDGE), Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Falls City Airport Road Committee and the Southeast Nebraska Health Board

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



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## APPOINTMENT OF BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Motion was made by Sickel to reaffirm the appointment of Steve Darveau, Jr. as the Richardson County Highway Superintendent, License #S-1660 Class A with an annual salary for 2023 approved at \$67,500.00 (12.1% increase). Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

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### APPOINTMENTS (Cont.)

Motion was made by Sickel to reappoint Mona Godemann as the Richardson County Veterans Service Officer for 2023 with a salary of \$25.08/hour (20% increase). Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reappoint Brian Kirkendall as the Richardson County Emergency Manager and the Noxious Weed Control Superintendent with an annual total salary for 2023 approved \$62,776 (12.1% increase). Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

## SPECIAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Sickel to reaffirm the appointment of Dr. Allan W. Tramp to the County Health Board for the year 2023 pursuant to Nebraska State Statute 71-501. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to reappoint Mark Jones, Charles Duryea and Dana Rathje to the Richardson County Planning Commission for a term of 3 years which expires December 31, 2025. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week.

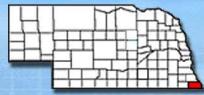
## ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week. He reported that specifications will be completed and presented at next week's meeting for the replacement of the County shop in Rulo to advertise for sealed bids. Equipment repairs were reviewed. Repairs are being made to the County shop in Humboldt.

## OPEN SEALED BIDS FOR FC NORTHEAST C-74(2022-9)

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof publication for the opening of sealed bids for the construction of the FC Northeast C-74(2022-9) project. Bids were received from the following: Vogtscapes, Inc. of Bennett, NE for \$860,831.00 and Gus Construction Co., Inc. of Casey, Iowa for \$645,620.00.

Motion was made by Sickel to accept the bids received only for the purpose of further review by the engineer and the Highway Superintendent. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.



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## COUNTY TREASURER

Rachel Jean, Deputy County Treasurer presented to the Board the Semi-Annual Treasurer's Report for the period ending, December 31, 2022.

Motion was made by Sickel to accept the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual report of December 31, 2022, as submitted by the County Treasurer. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## Omaha Public Power District

Michaela Valentin, JD Government & Community Relations Manager Public Affairs with OPPD introduced to the Board Dustin Marvel who has been recently been hired as the

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Omaha Public Power District (Cont.)

Government and Community Relations Strategist Public Affairs with OPPD. He will assist Michaela Valentin with the 13-county territory keeping citizens informed of operations with OPPD.

## SARAH BANGERT

Sarah Bangert met with the Board to review the possibility of providing medical services to the inmates at the Richardson County Jail. Mrs. Bangert, Sheriff Hardesty and the County Board will continue to review this idea.

Sheriff Hardesty and Kristin Morehead, Jail Administrator were also in attendance at this meeting.

## STEVE MERCURE AND LINDY MAHONEY, PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT

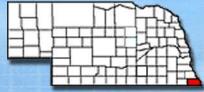
Steve Mercure and Lindy Mahoney, contracted public defenders for Richardson County requested to meet with the Board regarding the current contract and the number of cases being filed. While the contract does not expire until the end of 2023, they wanted to inform the Board that they will be submitting a proposal for the new contract period that will reflect an increase in the cost which is primarily due to the significant increase in the number of cases being filed since the inception of the current contract.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of December, 2022:

Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist. Court	\$ 1,276.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 149.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$45,742.25
Sheriff Hardesty	\$ 4,394.59



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## Mileage Reimbursement

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-28 to set the mileage reimbursement rate for county employees at 66.5 cents per mile pursuant to NE Revised State Statute 23-1112. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 112)

## Cancel Check

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-29 to cancel a check that was issued in error. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 113)

## CLAIMS

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

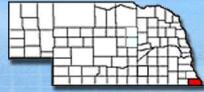
*(The claims listed below are available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.)*

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

## GENERAL FUND

Amazon, supp	67.86
Buethe, Cassie, reimb	34.39
Charm-Tex, supp	139.80
Clerk of District Court, fee	471.00
CMC, serv	650.00
Consolidated Mgmt Co, serv	10532.29
Culligan, serv	89.60
Datashield Corp., serv	40.25
Falls City Journal, adv	3311.99
Falls City Mercantile, supp	76.26
Falls City Sanitation, serv	60.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	8044.59
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin JV22-38, JV22-14, JV22-30, JV21-17, JV21-20, JV21-19	1643.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	108.66
First Concord Benefits, serv	400.00
Fritz, Kerry, reimb	45.20
Frontier Bank, supp	144.18
Galls Inc, supp	179.58
Garcia Clinical Laboratory, supp	30.00



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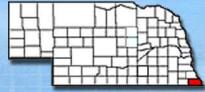
Handley Law Office, serv CR21-71, CR22-65	665.00
Hullman's Ford, serv	879.40
Humboldt Co. Sheriff, serv	40.00
Johnson County Hospital, serv	3509.25
Johnson County Sheriff, serv	104.54
Koch's Auto Service, supp	31.00
Lynn Peavey Co., supp	47.38
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
MIPS, serv	3477.46
NACO, reg	215.00
NE Assoc of Dist Court Clerk, fees	125.00
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	70.00
Physicians Laboratory, serv	2050.00
PIP Marketing, supp	651.59
Postmaster, supp	175.00
Quill, supp	21.78
Region V Systems, serv	6914.00
Richardson County Court, fees	740.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	473.25
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	1121.60
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1094.94
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	57994.91
Riverstone Bank, pmt	16622.28
SE District Assessor Assoc., dues	50.00
SNC, serv	2246.57
Spartan Nash, supp	56.44
St. Joseph Plumbing, serv	4288.51
SumnerOne, serv	154.48
Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters, serv	143.13
Verizon Wireless, serv	345.88
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1496.18
Wolfe's Printing, supp	264.58
Payroll Expense	111457.58
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$243,735.38</b>

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

## ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Bennett Htg Clg & Refrig, serv	100.00
Culligan of Percival, serv	38.00
Falls City Utility Dept, serv	783.53
Martin Marietta Materials, supp	14311.13
NE Dept of Revenue, tax	540.06



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NE Public Power District, serv	31.58
NMC, Inc, supp	5980.40
Operation & Expense Acct, reimb	94.40
Powerplan, serv	666.55
Richardson County Vendor, tax	1399.00
Salem, Village of, serv	46.60
SNC, serv	102.72
Unifirst, supp	25.84
Verdon, Village of, serv	25.73
Payroll Expense	32824.78
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$56,970.32</b>

## REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	308.82
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$308.82</b>

## DRUG COURT FUND

Wiltse, Sarah, reimb	278.75
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$278.75</b>

## ARPA FUNDS

Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	4.09
Payroll Expense	28.44
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Austin Duerfeldt	28.44
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<b>TOTAL ARPA FUNDS</b>	<b>\$32.53</b>

## SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

SNC, serv	141.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$141.00</b>

## ADJOURNMENT

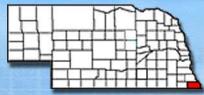
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John Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk



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Motion was made by Sickel to award the bid that was received at last week's meeting for the Falls City Northeast C-74 (2022-9) concrete culvert project to Gus Construction Co., Inc of Casey, Iowa. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### LAW ENFORCMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty and Kristen Morehead, Jail Supervisor updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center. Discussion was held regarding the need for additional space for evidence storage and medical services for the inmates.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the purchase of a digital fingerprint machine at a cost of approximately \$25,000 with \$5,000 of the expense possibly being donated through grant funds awarded to Falls City Public Schools by Communities for Kids (C4K). Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-nay, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The digital finger print machine will assist to expedite a quicker turn around for approval of finger prints for service workers in the community to include day care providers and employees of the medical field.

### BRIAN KIRKENDALL, NOX WEED SUPT.

Brian Kirkendall, Noxious Weed Supt. presented to the Board the Annual Report of the Noxious Weed for Richardson County.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the report as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Kirkendall also reviewed with the Board the salary for the Emergency Management Agency/Noxious Weed Supt position. Motion was made by Sickel to increase the annual salary for the EMA Director and Noxious Weed Supt. from the amount of \$62,776 approved at last week's meeting to \$64,100 for the year 2023. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye.



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Motion carried.

## FC EDGE

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of the Falls City Economic Development and Growth Enterprise presented the quarterly report of the organization.

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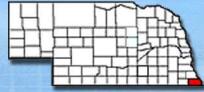
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Culligan, serv	48.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	335.00
Dodge County Sheriff, serv	8.62
Donahue & Sisco, serv	432.00
JV20-15	
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	22.74
Falls City Mercantile, supp	217.72
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	2128.00
CR22-140 S. Marano, CR22-229 S. Marano, CR22-163 G. Pochoema	
Farm & City Supply, supp	16.18
Farm & Home Publishers, supp	1375.00
Franzen, Linda, prior serv	23.08
Harring, Barbara, prior serv	37.50
Midwest Card and ID, sub	1750.00
NE Sheriff's Assn., sub	410.00
NE Supreme Court, supp	100.35
Nemaha County Sheriff's Office, serv	1828.04
911 Custom, serv	750.00
Norris, Dan, prior serv	156.00
OPPD, serv	83.72
Petersen Reporting, serv	193.75
Pitney Bowes, rent	90.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	220.30
Quill, supp	270.36
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Riggs, Kim, reimb	126.42
Road & Bridge Fund, tax	342413.34



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Stevicks, Billy, prior serv	208.80
Thomas, Frank, prior serv	195.00
Unifirst, serv	60.08
Wolfe's Printing, supp	44.05
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$354,065.15</b>

## ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	406.82
Capital One Trade Credit, supp	159.92
City of Humboldt, serv	89.50
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	830.99
Falls City Sanitation Service, serv	20.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	659.65
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	20871.71
Mr. Automotive, supp	122.74
NPPD, serv	106.27
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	44.73
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Truck Center Companies, supp	3668.57
Unifirst, supp	48.12
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$27,054.02</b>

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

## ARPA FUND

East Richardson Rural Water District #2, funding	36945.00
<b>TOTAL ARPA FUNDS</b>	<b>\$36,945.00</b>

## SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

Combined Public Communications, supp	627.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$627.00</b>

## ADJOURNMENT

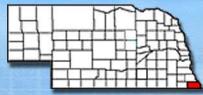
Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk



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## RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JANUARY 24, 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 Tuesday, January 24, 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 Vice-Chairman Sickel. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting from January 17, 2023, as presented. 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 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. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. Discussion was held the snow removal from county roads during the past weekend snow storm and also the snow removal around the Courthouse and at the Law Enforcement Center. Mr. Darveau also informed the Board of equipment that is available at the Federal Surplus Center that he is inquiring on for possible purchase.

### LAW ENFORCMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center. The Sheriff reported that the heat in the Jail area is not working and a part that is needed to repair will not be available for approximately 30 days. St. Joseph Plumbing & Heating is seeking an alternative solution so that the system can produce heat possibly by the end of next week. The Sheriff reported that some inmates will have to be housed to another facility.

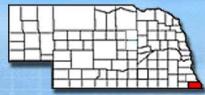
Motion was made by Karas to authorize the advertisement for a position as building maintenance technician at the Law Enforcement Center. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a purchase order for an in-car camera system for a patrol vehicle. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER

**Ryan Larsen, CEO**

The Board had requested to meet with Ryan Larsen, CEO of the Community Medical Center (CMC) to review the current Inmate Medical Services Agreement. Mr. Larsen explained to the Board that due to staffing shortages and the increased need for services that pertain to behavioral and mental health issues, that it has become difficult for the current staff to provide the health services to the inmates at the Law Enforcement



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Center. He expressed that the Community Medical Center is willing to work with the County to come to a solution in order to keep providing services to the inmates and believes that a solution is maybe on the horizon. It was also concurred that while the medical staff provides services to the inmates at the Law Enforcement Center, it also decreases the number of times that inmates are seen at the ER. Also announced is that there is a possibility of an additional nurse practitioner to be joining the staff at CMC in the next few months which might help with the situation. The Sheriff also mentioned that even if the staff at CMC could do a video visit with inmates that the Law Enforcement Center is set-up for this. The Board and Mr. Larsen concurred that it would be in the best interest of the entire community to keep the relationship between the County and CMC to provide the health services to the inmates and realize that with so many expenses increasing that

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## COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER (Cont.)

the cost to provide the service will most likely be increased. Sheriff Hardesty was also in attendance.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:34 a.m. with Jerry Pigsley, Woods & Aitken, appointed legal counsel to review pending litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 10:45 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## COURTHOUSE ROOF

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the opening of sealed bids for the replacement of the Courthouse roof. Bids were received from the following: 1) Skyline Construction, Inc. of Roca, NE for \$178,850.00 with an alternate bid for painting of penthouse area, window frames/mullions at Jail/Courtroom and elevator penthouse walls and the fire escape of \$47,600; 2) R. L. Craft Co., Inc. d/b/a Elevate Roofing of Denison, IA for \$204,785.00.

Motion was made by Sickel to accept the bids received only for the purpose of further review by the architect, Prochaska & Assoc. of Omaha, NE. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Cancel Check

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-30 to cancel a check issued in error. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 114)

### Transfer of Funds

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-31 to transfer funds from the ARPA fund to the Road & Bridge Fund in the amount of \$596,545.00 for the purchase of 2 motor graders. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 115)



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## Discussion to Change Day of Week for Meeting

The Board held a discussion to consider changing the day of the week to hold the County Board meeting. It has been suggested to have the County Board meetings on Wednesday in order for the County Attorney or a representative from that office be able to be in attendance as they are in Court hearings on Monday and Tuesday each week. The Board will review this matter further at the January 31 meeting.

## 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.

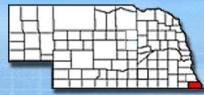
*(The claims listed below are available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.)*

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

## GENERAL FUND

Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimb	429.02
Consolidated Management Co., supp	71.25
DAS State Accounting, serv	30.88
Falls City Journal, adv	116.25
Falls City Mercantile, supp	76.30
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv CR22-138 A. Karel	969.00
First Concord, fees	226.00
Galls, supp	369.99
High Plains Power Systems, serv	1360.00
Holiday Inn, lodg	259.90
Johnson County Sheriff Office, serv	5070.00
KexRx, supp	2101.24
Koch's Auto Service, serv	417.72
Kollasch Law Office, serv CR22-185 K. Simpson, CR22-225 K. Wissler	2441.50
Lincoln National, life ins	1107.00
Mary's Appliance, supp	135.84
Medica, ins	44905.12
Nestor & Mercure, serv	5916.66
NE Dept. of Revenue, serv	10.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	291.50
Postmaster, supp	144.00
Prochaska & Associates, serv	2623.12
Radiology Associates, serv	64.00
Richardson County Clerk, reimb	9.84



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Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	460.18
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	22215.79
St. Joseph Plumbing & Heating, serv	784.46
Summit Fire Protection, serv	737.90
Townsend, Joshua, reimb	216.50
Umarex USA, supp	2214.19
Wolfe's Printing, supp	116.13
Payroll Expense	109424.08
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$205,315.36</b>

## ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Bruna Implement, supp	1373.50
Martin Marietta, rock	3362.30
Murphy Tractor & Equipment, graders	308941.00
NPPD, serv	115.60
OPPD, serv	69.10
Sapp Bros., fuel	2207.71
Unifirst, supp	24.58
Woods & Aitken, serv	6144.00
Payroll Expense	33188.31
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$355,426.10</b>

## DRUG COURT FUND

Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1100.00
Wiltse, Sarah, serv	1100.00
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,200.00</b>

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

## ARPA FUND

County Treasurer, transfer	596545.00
<b>TOTAL ARPA FUNDS</b>	<b>\$596,545.00</b>

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, January 31, 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.

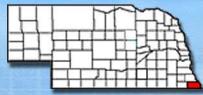


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John Caverzagie, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk



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## RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JANUARY 31, 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 Tuesday, January 31, 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 Vice-Chairman Sickel. Chairman Caverzaige 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 January 24, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. **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 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. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. Equipment repairs and department building maintenance items were discussed. Discussion was also held on the quality of rock that should be used in different conditions of county roads. The specifications for the replacement and construction of a County shop building in Rulo were presented to the Board. The summary of projects to be included on the Richardson County 1 & 6 Year Road Plan were presented with a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Darveau also presented a notice to advertise for sealed bids for the 2023 Armor Coat project to cover 10.6 miles beginning at the intersection of 712 Road and Hwy 73, thence east, along 712 Road to 656 Ave, thence south, along 656 Ave, ending at Hwy 159; and .8 miles beginning at Hwy 8 on 633 Ave, thence south, approx. 4.1 miles to the state line, and from the intersection of 703 Trail and 633 Ave east along 703 Trail; .6 miles in the Unincorporated Village of Preston and .7 miles in the Village of Barada.

Motion was made by Karas to authorize the Chairman to sign the statement to approve the National Functional Classification System routes that run through Richardson County to be submitted to the NE Dept of Transportation. Motion seconded by Sickel. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 3)

### LAW ENFORCMENT CENTER

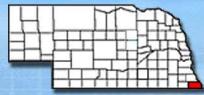
Sheriff Hardesty was unable to meet with the Board this week.

### AMANDA BARTEK-RAMSEY, COUNTY TREASURER

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer presented to the Board information regarding the new settlement with the National Opioid Settlements with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart.

Motion was made by Sickel to authorize the County Treasurer to sign the documents required for Richardson County to participate in each of the National Opioid Settlements with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart. Motion seconded by Karas. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### CLERK OF DIST COURT AND COUNTY COURT



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Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court and Cassie Buethe, Clerk Magistrate of the County Court presented to the Board information on the technical equipment for the Courts.

Motion was made by Sickel to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Nebraska Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation (AOCP) to facilitate transfer of audio-visual components, equipment, or full systems (equipment) to be used in courtrooms located in the Richardson County Courthouse. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 2)

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## SKYLINE CONSTRUCTION, INC

Dave Manes of Skyline Construction, Inc. requested to meet with the Board regarding the bid that presented at last week's meeting for the replacement of the Courthouse roof. He presented some options that he would recommend submitting to the architect for consideration to replace some materials that were listed to be used in the bid specifications.

Motion was made by Karas to award the bid for the Courthouse roof replacement to Skyline Construction, Inc. for the bid price of \$178,850.00 and to approve the alternate bid for the painting of the fire escape, etc. for \$47,600.00. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Resolution 2022-2023-32 Subdivision

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a subdivision of real estate located in part of SE1/4 S19 & part of SW1/4 S20, T1, R17 for Kenneth L. Bippes and Glenda M. Bippes as Trustees of the Kenneth L. Bippes and Glenda M. Bippes Revocable Trust, or any successors acting thereunder pursuant to Agreement dated January 28, 2014, and to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-32. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 1)

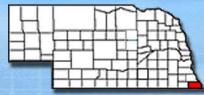
### Change Meeting Date

Motion was made by Karas to change the weekly meeting day of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners from every Tuesday to every Wednesday beginning March 8, 2023. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### Other

Commissioner Karas reported that the surplus patrol vehicles were sold on the Big Iron Auctions and the net proceeds from the sales are as follows: 1) 2015 Ram 1500 VIN #3C6RR7KT3FG668867 for \$9,527.50; 2) 2017 Dodge Charger Police Edition Sedan VIN #2C3CDXKT6HH564085 for \$5,478.00; 3) 2008 Pontiac Grand Prix VIN #2G2WP552081156296 for \$1,651.00; and 4) Carry-on 16' enclosed trailer for \$5,037.40.

### CLAIMS



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Motion was made by Caverzagie 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

DAS State Accounting, serv	163.18
ES&S, supp	154.55
Falls City Mercantile, supp	81.59
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziske & Merwin, serv CR22-230 D. Hasley	380.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	917.98
Humboldt Standard, adv	182.00
Koch's Auto Service, serv	1197.75
LaQuinta, lodg	216.00
Mid-States Organized Crime Info, dues	100.00
NE Assoc. of County Treasurers, dues	50.00
ODP Business Solutions, supp	197.37
Pest Control Services of SE NE, serv	45.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

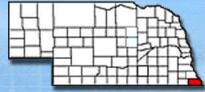
## GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Postmaster, supp	308.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	86.25
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	179.03
St. Joseph Plumbing & Heating, serv	846.89
Tichy Land Survey, serv	617.30
UNL, reimb	4285.50
Wolfe's Printing, supp	139.98
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$10,148.37</b>

## ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Bahr Welding, serv	220.00
Culligan, serv	47.50
Haug Communications, supp	422.00
Lemkau Service Solutions, serv	255.55
OPPD, serv	92.09
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	116.47
Stella, Village of, serv	61.60
Unifirst, supp	52.56
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$1,267.77</b>

## VETERAN'S AID FUND



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Richardson County Veteran's Aid Fund  
**TOTAL VETERAN'S AID FUND**

522.00  
**\$522.00**

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, February 7, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**FEBRUARY 7, 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 Tuesday, February 7, 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 Vice-Chairman 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 January 31, 2023, 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 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. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the contract for the bid awarded to Gus Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$645,620.00 for the Falls City Northeast C-74 (2022-9). Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to authorize the advertisement for sealed bids for the 2023 Armor Coat project to be received and opened on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to advertise for the construction of a county shop building to replace the current building in the Village of Rulo to be received and opened on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week.

**QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION**

The Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection and found the facility to be in good order.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Monthly Operating Statement**

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for January, 2023.

**Fee Reports**

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

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 177.50
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$26,084.50
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist. Court	\$ 1,247.00

February 7, 2023

## CLAIMS

Motion was made by Sickel to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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

BuckIT, serv	3211.12
Culligan, serv	118.10
Curtis, Jordyn, reimb	9.70
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	355.55
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	199.99
Falls City Mercantile, supp	183.59
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	4871.56
Farm & City Supply, supp	459.60
Handley Law Office, serv	5130.00
CR22-27 E. Hestermann, CR22-161 C. Johnson, CR21-197 J. Scheele, CR22-203 J. Stuart, CR22-164 J. Stuart, CR22-165 J. Stuart, CR22-222 C. Williams, CR22-203 B. Wyatt, JV21-20, JV21-19	
Kollasch Law Office, serv	2213.50
CR22-487 Z. White, CR22-206 N. Johnson, CR22-208 T. Dowd, JV22-16	
Lancaster County Youth Services, serv	414.00
Meyer Laboratories, supp	430.10
Microfilm Imaging System, serv	110.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
MIPS, serv	3142.82
Nebraska.gov, fee	100.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, fee	75.00
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	1595.44
Postmaster, supp	1185.00
Quill, supp	99.24
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	9.00
Richardson County Court, fees	905.78
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	71.98
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	675.33
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	758.24
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	21511.97
Riggs, Kim, reimb	199.12
Sapp Bros., fuel	143.91
Scott, Pamela, reimb	22.90
Security Equipment, serv	251.70
SNC, serv	1014.50
SumnerOne, serv	470.46
Verizon, serv	346.19
Weaver & Merz, reimb	907.56
Wolfe's Printing, supp	135.45
Payroll Expense	103509.74
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$154,908.14</b>

### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Agco Finance, supp	3465.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	76.08
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	1803.65

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)

Farm & City Supply, supp	589.04
Farmers Repair, supp	284.91
Harmon's OK Tire, supp	8180.16
Home Lumber, supp	559.05
Hullman's, supp	45.43
Inland Truck Parts, supp	115.99
Lawson Products, supp	38.70
Mr. Automotive, supp	177.16
NE Assoc. of Co. Eng., Hwy. Super. & Surveyors, dues	50.00
NMC, supp	1849.85
NPPD, serv	31.58
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	123.59
Powerplan, supp	97.25
Salem, Village of, serv	21.90
Sapp Bros., fuel	18837.37
Unifirst, supp	74.47
Verdon, Village of, serv	27.19
Payroll Expense	34500.57
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$70,948.94</b>

COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND

Omaha Publications, adv	315.00
<b>TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND</b>	<b>\$315.00</b>

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	308.82
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$308.82</b>

ARPA FUND

East Richardson Rural Water District #2, funding	1781.68
<b>TOTAL ARPA FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,781.68</b>

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

SNC, serv	145.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$145.00</b>

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, February 14, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**FEBRUARY 14, 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 Tuesday, February 14, 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 Vice-Chairman 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 February 7, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2023, Board of Equalization 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).

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the purchase of a 2012 Ford F450 diesel with 18,642 miles from the Federal Surplus Center located in Lincoln for a price of \$49,900.00. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that 3 more AED units had been received through grant funding. The Sheriff also reported that some staffing and duties have been rearranged at the Law Enforcement Center.

A fee report was approved for Sheriff Hardesty for fees collected during the month of January, 2023 totaling \$3,597.89.

A settlement report from Big Iron on the sale of the surplus vehicles was reviewed and it was reported that the 2017 Dodge Charger Police Sedan had a collapsed sale and will be put on the next Big Iron sale March 8, 2023.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve 2 purchase orders that were presented: 1) Stalker Radar for 2 DSR 2 Antenna Radar for a total cost of \$5,990.00 which \$2,400 will be paid by the NE Dept of Transportation Highway Safety Office and the County to contribute \$3,590.00; and 2) Brite Upstate Wholesale Supply, Inc. for an In Car Video DVR w/Blackbox Recording with extended warranties and cloud storage for a total cost of \$4,598.00 which \$3,448.50 will be paid by the NE Dept of Transportation Highway Safety Office and the County to contribute \$1,149.50; and to rescind the approval of a purchase order presented at the January 24, 2023 meeting for the similar equipment in the amount of \$5,731.00. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The Board also discussed the purchase of 2 patrol units, 2022 Ford for the price of \$38,863.00/each which will be paid for through the awarded USDA grant funds. The Board will review this matter further at next week's meeting.

**BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall, reviewed with the Board the installation of the NRIN equipment which will be placed on the Rural Water District 1 tower near Humboldt. There will be additional expenses with the placement of this NRIN equipment specifically electricity costs. He suggested that the County meet with the Rural Water District #1 Board to develop an interlocal agreement that would clarify the responsibilities of all the expenses between the Rural

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Water District #1 and Richardson County. He also explained that there is an app available which will help in monitoring the generator at the site to help with eliminating any problems with providing service. Mr. Kirkendall indicated that he would contact the Rural Water District #1 to get on their next meeting agenda with him and Commissioner Karas attending to represent the County.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Resolution 2022-2023-33 Subdivision**

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a subdivision of real estate located in S8, T1, R16 for Dennis L and Cheryl A Hullman and to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-33. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 4)

### **Resolution 2022-2023-34 Subdivision**

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a subdivision of real estate located in S35, T1, R16 for Charles M and Betty L Maze and to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-34. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 5)

## **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	455.00
City of Beatrice, serv	46350.00
Clerk of District Court, fee	360.00
CMC, serv	400.00
Consolidated Management Co., serv	10434.29
Culligan, serv	57.50
DAS State Accounting, serv	335.00
F&M Bank, supp	40.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	298.11
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	6669.52
Farm & City Supply, supp	160.24
Gage County Sheriff, serv	38.62
Hullmans, serv	76.55
HyVee, supp	24.60
Jim Hill's, supp	174.17
Johnson County Hospital, serv	102.00
Johnson County Sheriff, serv	1585.88
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	1206.50
KexRx, supp	1208.49
Koch's Auto, serv	3957.04
Microtel, lodg	387.00
MIPS, supp	200.22
Nussbaum, Emily, reimb	288.89
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Region V Systems, serv	1284.00

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**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	10.82
Riggs, Kim, reimb	127.07
Sapp Bros., fuel	5899.95
Scott, Pam, reimb	302.99
Secretary of State, supp	10.00
Smith, Richard, reimb	174.95
SNC, serv	1157.73
Spartan Stores, supp	33.74
SumnerOne, serv	197.20
True Value, supp	28.48
Unifirst, serv	63.45
Wolfe's Printing, supp	244.96
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$84,412.96</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

AgHeaters, supp	320.25
Capital One Trade Credit, supp	39.99
Cornhusker International Trucks, supp	346.54
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	15923.94
SNC, serv	103.82
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$16,754.54</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, February 21, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**FEBRUARY 21, 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 Tuesday, February 21, 2023. Roll call was answered by Sickel and Caverzagie. Commissioner Karas was absent. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman 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 February 14, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, 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).

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. A purchase approved at last week's meeting was reviewed with clarification that the patrol car video and recording equipment to be purchased from Brite will require the County to pay the total costs of \$4,598.00 and then the County will be reimbursed \$3,448.50 through grant funds received from the NE Dept of Transportation Highway Safety Office making the County's contribution for the equipment purchase \$1,149.50.

Sheriff Hardesty also presented a letter from Community Medical Center, Inc. regarding the continued health care service they will provide to inmates at the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center. The letter stated that a new proposal is being drafted and will be completed in the next few weeks.

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-34 to determine the number of deputies to be appointed by the Sheriff with a change from the previous Resolution 2022-2023-4 eliminating 1 full-time lieutenant and changing the sergeants from 1 to 2. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 6)

Motion was made by Caverzagie in pursuant to NE Revised State Statute 23-3115 (1), to authorize the Sheriff to sell patrol vehicle computer equipment that has been determined to be surplus to another Nebraska county. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALLVOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING 1 & 6 YEAR ROAD PLAN**

At 9:30 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan and declared that the public hearing be opened.

There were four persons from the public in attendance and one with the media.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. presented the plan to the Board and the audience in attendance.

Robert Storant requested to speak at the hearing regarding the condition and future status of a bridge on 707 Road, C007402805 and requested that it be included in the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. He stated that the bridge affects more than just him as a landowner and mentioned that it affects about 5 different landowners in that vicinity who all have an interest in this bridge being replaced for the future. Mr. Darveau presented a report from the engineer regarding the condition of the bridge and preliminary bridge repair and replacement options. Mike Farwell also requested to speak. Mrs. Farwell also requested to speak.

Gayle Swisegood was given time to speak on the condition of 706 Road, which improvements are included on the 1&6 Year Road Plan. He stated that there are driveway entrances on the road that do not meet the standard requirements and water is drained from them

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1&6 YEAR ROAD PLAN (Cont.)

onto the roadway which causes damage to the road.

Chairman Caverzagie closed the public hearing at 10:25 a.m.

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-35 to approve the One & Six Year Road Plan as presented by the Highway Superintendent during the public hearing. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 7)

## ROAD DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week.

A request has been made from Midwest Engineering, Inc. to rent the hydra platform machine from Richardson County and a rental agreement which was developed and approved by the County Board in 2011 for the rental to other counties was reviewed with County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel. The same agreement was approved to be used for rental to the engineering firm. Motion was made by Sickel to approve the rental of the hydra platform equipment to Midwest Engineering, Inc. for a price of \$8,625.00 per month. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## JOE BUCKMINSTER, buckIT

Joe Buckminster with buckIT, who is contracted with Richardson County to perform all IT matters, presented to the Board information on the backup programs for the county computer server(s) and a proposal to implement the program. Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the backup solution as presented and to approve the purchase of the equipment and system at \$3,151.60/month. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## CLAIMS

Motion was made by Sickel to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, 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, supp	97.93
DAS State Accounting, serv	30.88
Falls City Journal, adv	660.46
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv CR22-101 M. Luna	427.50
Farm & City Supply, supp	288.67
First Concord, fees	226.00
Galls, supp	62.60
Hy-Vee, supp	65.09
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, supp	343.99
Lincoln National, life ins	1092.90
Medica, ins	44905.12
Nestor & Mercure, serv	5916.66
NE Association of County Clerks, dues	50.00
OPPD, serv	101.38
Petersen Reporting, serv	261.88
ProServ Business Systems, serv	133.10
Quill, supp	676.45
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	7.50

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	253.35
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1.01
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	22724.13
Wolfe's Printing, supp	93.35
Payroll Expense	113393.45
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$191,813.40</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Black Hills Energy, serv	373.27
Dept. of Correctional Services, truck	49900.00
Hamm, rock	6985.67
Koch's Auto Service, supp	31393.00
Mainelli Wagner & Associates, serv	295.00
NPPD, serv	155.25
OPPD, serv	38.19
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	53.99
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	1887.85
Unifirst, supp	24.58
Payroll Expense	32921.32
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$124,053.12</b>

**DRUG COURT FUND**

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

**ARPA FUND**

Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	11.10
Payroll Expense	77.04
<b>TOTAL ARPA FUND</b>	<b>\$88.14</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, February 28, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:02 a.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 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 Vice-Chairman 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 February 21, 2023, 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 minutes of the February 21, 2023, Board of Equalization 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 minutes of the Quarterly Safety Committee meeting held on February 21, 2023. 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 Caverzagie. 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).

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that a trainee has completed the training at the academy and will begin duties as a deputy on March 18 and a contract for the school resource officer at Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer Schools in Humboldt for the next school year is being prepared.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the request from C4K (Communities for Kids) and Sixpence CCP (Childcare Partnership) who contributed to the purchase of the digital fingerprinting equipment in the amount of \$4,999.99, no fee for digital fingerprinting for one year beginning on the day the equipment will be accessible for childcare providers, assistants, preschool teachers and staff. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**FALLS CITY SD#56 BUS BARN**

Tyler Bek representing the Falls City School District #56 Bus Barn presented to the Board concerns that he has with the amount of brush and overgrowth on 2 different railroad track crossings. He indicated that he had contacted the Union Pacific RR regarding this concern and that the railroad stated the County is responsible for maintaining the brush on the county road right-of-way at the railroad crossings.

Mr. Bek also wanted to bring to the Board's attention of concerns he has with the condition of county roads and that more rock needed to be placed in areas as some of the school buses have been "plowing a lot of mud". He indicated that the "crown" on the roads has been deteriorating and that maybe road graders are traveling at too high of speed when dragging roads.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. The agreement that was approved at last week's meeting for the rental of the hydra-platform to Midwest Infrastructure, Inc. at a price to be paid to the County of \$8,625.00/month was signed by Chairman Caverzagie

**2023 ARMOR COAT PROJECT SEALED BID OPENING**

Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the opening of sealed bids for the Armor Coat project. Bids were received from the following: Sta-Bilt Construction Company, Harlan, Iowa; Midwest Coatings Company, Inc., Modale, Iowa and Hall Brothers,

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ARMOR COAT BIDS (Cont.)

Inc. of Marysville, KS. Bids are available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office.

Motion was made by Sickel to accept all the awards received only for the purpose of further review by the engineer and Highway Superintendent. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## HOUSE OF HOPE

Jerry Yount, Jerry Duerfeldt and Eugene Rowell requested to meet with the Board for an update on the House of Hope organization and also requested the County Board of Commissioners consider allocating the funds received through the Opioid Settlement to the House of Hope. If the Opioid Settlement funds are allocated for the House of Hope, the group also presented to the Board a resolution for their consideration to adopt.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Resolution 2022-2023-37 Cancel Check

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-37 to cancel a check issued in error. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 8)

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a Return-to-Work Policy for departments to follow when an employee has been away from work due to a work comp injury or illness. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, page 9)

## CLAIMS

Motion was made by Caverzagie 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

AT&T Mobility, serv	422.56
Boarders Inn & Suites, lodg	288.00
Brite, supp	409.00
BuckIT, serv	650.00
Bud Sewer Service, serv	445.00
Cass County Jail, serv	2633.85
Clerk of District Court, fees	252.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	163.18
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	355.55
Falls City Journal, adv	2212.48
Falls City Mercantile, supp	265.56
Family Medicine, serv	507.10
Farm & City Supply, supp	21.17
Galls, supp	93.75
Gravatt, Jere, serv	80.00
Hillyard, supp	267.46
Karas, Rick, reimb	431.78
Kollasch Law Office, serv	1482.00
CR21-103 C. Simon	
Lake Mac Assessment, serv	2000.00
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	568.11
OPD Business Solutions, supp	328.93

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

Pest Control Services of SE NE, serv	45.00
Professional Form & Supplies, supp	205.70
Quill, supp	427.96
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	42.94
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1373.19
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	2215.00
Wolfe's Printing, supp	419.94
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$18,607.21</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Diversified Drug Testing, serv	325.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	3950.00
Hamm Inc., rock	1915.57
Koch's Auto, supp	10088.88
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	15605.76
Midwest Sales & Service, supp	6825.00
NPPD, serv	71.17
OPPD, serv	104.73
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	19.73
Sapp Bros., fuel	6395.96
Unifirst, supp	48.12
Woods & Aitken, serv	1462.50
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$46,812.42</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, March 8, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MARCH 8, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:02 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 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 Vice-Chairman 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 February 28, 2023, meeting as presented. 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 Caverzagie. 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 & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. Maintenance at the county garages at Barada and Rulo were reviewed and future plans to remove and prepare for construction of new buildings.

Motion was made by Sickel to award the bid for the Armor Coat project (Site 1-656 Ave and 712 Road--\$279,131.14; and Site 2-633 Ave and 703 Trail--\$127,289.56; Site 3-Village of Preston--\$12,507.28; Site 4-Village of Barada--\$14,828.02) to Sta-Bilt Construction Co. of Harlan, Iowa for a grand total of \$433,756. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to notify by letter to Rural Water Dist #2 that a portion of the waterline that was installed needs to be corrected to meet the guidelines of the county's utility placement. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. The kitchen facility for the Jail is needing to replace the dishwasher and the refrigerator and quotes are being obtained for consideration.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the purchase of 2 patrol vehicles, 2022 Ford Explorers from Hullman's Ford Linc Merc of Falls City at a price of \$38,863.00/each in which one of the vehicles will be funded through grant funds from USDA and, which will replace the prior approved purchase of two 2023 patrol units that were to be purchased from Hullman's Ford Linc Merc that were approved at the September 27, 2022 meeting for a price of \$45,011.00/each, which those were to replace the purchase of the 2 units that were approved at the August 23, 2022, meeting to be obtained from Defender Supply, Argyle, Texas which were discovered then to no longer be available. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Sheriff also reported on a meeting that he had with representatives from the Southeast Communications 911 at Beatrice last week that Commissioner Karas also attended.

**SE NE Community Action Partnership, Inc.**

Representatives from Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc. (SENCA) Vicky McNealy and Kay Wissmann to present the continued funding plans for the Richardson County Transit for FY2023-2025.

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-39 to authorize SENCA to apply for the NE Public Transportation Act Funds for the Richardson County Transit for Fiscal Years 2023-2025. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 11)

Motion was made by Karas to enter into an agreement with SENCA to provide a local

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SENCA (Cont.)

match in the amount of \$19,117 of the 2 year grant funding for the Richardson County Transit program and authorize SENCA to administer the transportation program. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 12)

## CORRESPONDENE/OTHER

### Fee Reports

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

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 88.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$11,247.50
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist. Court	\$ 1,054.50
Sheriff Hardesty	\$ 5,164.34

### Subdivision

Motion was made by Karas to approve a subdivision for Heim Farms, Inc. located in S10, T2, R14 and to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-38. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 10)

## CLAIMS

Motion was made by Sickel to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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	262.50
BuckIT, serv	6373.52
Burt County Sheriff, serv	36.00
Clay County Sheriff, serv	48.00
Consolidated Management Co., serv	9988.02
Detectachem, supp	59.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	412.75
Falls City Mercantile, supp	76.33
Falls City Sanitation, serv	60.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	5251.50
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziske & Merwin, serv	5890.00
CR22-146 T. Taiclet, CR22-571 S. Harmon, CR22-570 T. Harmon, JV15-26, JV22-38, JV22-14, JV22-30, JV21-17, JV21-20, JV21-19	
Farm & City Supply, supp	12.20
Ferebee, Elizabeth, serv	7853.00
Hullmans, vehicles	77726.00
Isoclima Specialty Glass, supp	3264.85
Kawres, supp	120.00
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	432.01
Meyer Laboratory, supp	215.75
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
MIPS, serv	3142.82
NACO, fees	320.00
NE Assoc. of County Boards, dues	100.00

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GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	568.11
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	70.00
Pictometry International, serv	32162.67
Quill, supp	263.05
Richardson County Court, fees	1096.41
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	264.62
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	871.19
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	237.69
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	21861.34
Senca, funding	19718.00
SNC, serv	2269.77
SumnerOne, serv	219.00
Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters, serv	238.13
Townsend, Joshua, reimb	236.50
Unifirst, supp	60.08
Verizon, supp	2270.08
Washington County Sheriff, serv	2535.00
Weaver & Merz, serv	905.68
Payroll Expense	107692.40
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$315,323.97</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Bahr Welding, supp	61.27
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	563.03
Falls City Journal, adv	147.32
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	1128.65
Farm & City Supply, supp	518.78
Home Lumber, supp	215.00
Hullman's Ford, supp	1556.39
Inland Truck Parts, supp	86.62
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	24105.02
Mr. Automotive, supp	214.90
NPPD, serv	31.58
NMC, supp	424.94
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	168.79
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	342.96
Patriot Sales & Service, supp	1185.50
Pinnacle Propane, supp	82.50
Salem, Village of, serv	21.20
Sojka's Plumbing, supp	828.10
SNC, serv	104.03
Tri State Truck & Tractor, supp	84.98
Truck Center Co., serv	14378.20
Unifirst, supp	72.70
Verdon, Village of, serv	26.46
Wolfe's Printing, supp	318.65
Payroll Expense	32809.06
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$79,496.63</b>

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	308.82
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$308.82</b>

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**ARPA FUND**

Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	7.67
Payroll Expense	53.28
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$60.95</b>

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND**

SNC, serv	145.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$145.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, March 15, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MARCH 15, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:03 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 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 Vice-Chairman 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 March 8, 2023, 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 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).

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that there are currently 18 inmates in the Jail.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve purchase orders to KaTom Restaurant Supply of Koda, TN for the replacement of a cooler/refrigerator for \$3,687.64 and a dishwasher system for \$5,806.44 in the kitchen of the Law Enforcement Center. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A review of the current condition of the patrol units was reviewed and consideration to purchase an additional 2022 Ford Explorer and selling a surplus 2017 Dodge Ram pickup was held. Motion was made by Caverzagie to authorize the sale of a 2017 Dodge Ram pickup patrol unit VIN#1C6RR7XT8HS734575 that has been deemed to be surplus property at a Big Iron auction. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week.

Representatives of the Rural Water District #2, Paul Benitz and Gayle Swisegood met with the Board to discuss the placement of a portion of waterline under county road right-of-way. There is an area where the water line was placed at a culvert location where the line was not placed in accordance with the requirements of the County. The Rural Water District is agreeable to reinstalling the line to meet the requirements of the County but indicated that it most likely could not be corrected before the May 1, 2023 deadline. The Rural Water District #2 will be reviewing the matter with the contractor as well as researching other options to make the correction and plan to meet and report back to the County Board.

**OPEN SEALED BIDS RULO COUNTY SHOP**

Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the opening of sealed bids for the purchase and construction of a building to replace the County Garage located in Rulo. Bids were received from Mezger Construction, Inc., Table Rock, NE--\$113,265/steel bldg. or \$92,860/wood frame bldg.; Conn Construction, Auburn, NE--\$172,850/steel bldg.; and Skyline Construction of Roca, NE--\$198,795/steel bldg.

Motion was made by Sickel to accept the bids that were received only for the purpose of further review by the Highway Superintendent. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director requested authorization from the County Board to sell on social media sites 3 Apple Iphone 12 cellular phones that have been deemed to be surplus

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EMA DIRECTOR (Cont.)

property. Motion was made by Sickel pursuant to NE §23-3115 to approve the request from Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director to offer for sale 3 surplus Apple Iphone 12 cellular phones on the social media sites and to record all bids and the sale then remit the funds to the Richardson County Treasurer with a report to the County Board. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **SE NE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP, INC.**

Sherry Huddleston of the Falls City Outreach Office for SENCA reported on the activity of the organization.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 11:06 a.m. with Mona Godemann, Veterans Service Officer; Odis Fields, Asst. Veterans Service Officer and Sheriff Hardesty to discuss possible litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to close the executive session at 11:35 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 11:40 a.m. with special legal counsel Jerry Pigsley to discuss pending litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to close the executive session at 11:48 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

#### **Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Extension Services**

Motion was made by Sickel to approve and enter into an Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Cooperative Extension Services in Richardson County and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye. Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 14)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the Addendum to the Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Cooperative Extension Services for the funding of an Extension Assistant 4-H. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 15)

#### **Petty Cash County Attorney**

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-40 to approve a petty cash amount for the County Attorney's Office of \$250.00. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 16)

#### **Other**

The Board also reviewed the report from the County Treasurer of the tax certificate sale that was held on March 6, 2023.

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## CLAIMS

Motion was made by Sickel to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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

Cass County Jail, serv	1287.66
Clerk of District Court, fee	108.00
Culligan, serv	162.50
DAS State Accounting, serv	335.00
Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, serv	450.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	190.13
Falls City Mercantile, supp	219.83
Family Medicine, serv	873.60
Farm & City Supply, supp	141.12
Handley Law Office, serv	3230.00
CR22-81 J. Blackburn, CR22-232 M. Gaede, CR22-62 B. King, JV22-26	
Harmon's, supp	20.00
Hullman's, serv	493.06
Johnson County Sheriff, serv	260.00
Kex Rx, supp	619.25
Koch's Auto Service, serv	73.45
KSI Haug, supp	5655.50
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, serv	200.00
OPPD, serv	116.44
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	49.99
Phillips Plumbing, supp	480.00
Prochaska & Assoc., serv	3623.15
Ramada, lodg	192.00
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County Attorney Trust Account,reimb	4.70
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	100.62
St. Joseph Plumbing & Heating, serv	495.00
Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters, serv	72.54
True Value, supp	35.97
Unifirst, serv	63.45
Wolfe's Printing, supp	6.04
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$19,607.00</b>

### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

City of Humboldt, serv	89.83
Feniex Industries, supp	182.02
Hamm, rock	11424.47
Martin Marietta, rock	21330.54
RDO Centers, supp	817.32
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Woods & Aitken, serv	1527.50
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$35,396.68</b>

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, March 22, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MARCH 22, 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 Tuesday, March 22, 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 Vice-Chairman 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 March 15, 2023, 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 minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting of March 15, 2023 as presented. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://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 this past week.

Motion was made by Sickel to award the bid for the construction of the County Shop building in Rulo to Mezger Construction, Inc. of Table Rock, NE for a 30'x50'x16' All Steel building at a price of \$113,265.00. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. An oral report on the activity performed by the Sheriff's Department was given to the Board.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a First Addendum to a Service Agreement for Inmate Health Services with the Community Medical Center, Inc. a Nebraska nonprofit corporation dated May, 2020, in which the annual cost shall be increased to \$60,000 (\$5,000/month). Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 17)

A discussion was held on the possibility of obtaining an additional drug dog. Motion was made by Karas to approve the purchase of a drug dog for approximately \$9,000 from I-80 K-9, Atlantic, Iowa. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director was unable to meet with the Board this week and has rescheduled for next week.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Roof Contract**

The contract with Skyline Construction, Inc. will be considered at next week's meeting.

**CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Caverzagie 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.

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

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

#### **GENERAL FUND**

American Legion Emblem Sales, supp	82.85
AT&T Mobility, serv	1497.17
BuckIT, serv	849.99
DAS State Accounting, serv	30.88
Datashield, serv	4.96
Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, serv	1000.00
Dutcher, Justin, reimb	161.35
Eickhoff, Mary, reimb	571.16
Falls City Mercantile, supp	76.34
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziske & Merwin, serv CR22-191 E. Love	1159.00
First Concord, fees	224.00
Humboldt Standard, adv	413.45
KaTom Restaurant Supply, supp	8826.41
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1092.90
Medica, ins	43646.88
Mercure, Steven, serv	5916.66
Merz Inc., serv	742.00
NE Assoc. of County Treasurers, supp	265.00
NE Assoc. of District Clerks, fee	75.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	265.00
Postmaster, supp	315.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	133.10
Register of Deeds, fee	48.00
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	21,495.91
Riggs, Kim, reimb	146.98
Sickel, David, reimb	137.55
SE District Assessor Assoc., dues	60.00
Summit Fire Protection, serv	502.50
SumnerOne, serv	16.78
Weaver & Merz, reimb	28.56
Wolfe's Printing, supp	43.20
Payroll Expense	104867.81
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$194,696.39</b>

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Black Hills Energy, serv	247.52
Hamm, rock	13044.32
Martin Marietta, rock	16443.12
NPPD, serv	152.30
OPPD, serv	39.03
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	34.98
Sapp Bros., fuel	8239.99
Stateline Propane, supp	106.80
Unifirst, supp	78.91
Payroll Expense	33504.82
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$71,891.79</b>

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**DRUG COURT FUND**

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1265.06
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1100.00
Redwood Toxicology Lab, serv	36.50
<b>TOTAL DRUG FUND</b>	<b>\$2,401.56</b>

**ARPA FUND**

Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	5.23
Payroll Expense	36.36
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$41.59</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, March 29, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MARCH 29, 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 Tuesday, March 29, 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 Vice-Chairman 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 March 22, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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).

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. A discussion on rock placement was held. Also presented to the Board was a roadside brush complaint that will be processed according to NE §39-1813. Mr. Darveau is also considering to work a 4-10 hour day work week beginning the week of June 5, 2023 through the week of August 28, 2023 with the week of the holiday of July 4 to work 4 8 hour days. He will present this for further discussion at a later meeting.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a permit to operate an overweight/oversize vehicle on county roads for Barnhart Crane. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

Kristy Richardson, Deputy EMA Director presented to the Board a proposed contract between Richardson County and Rural Water District #1 for the installation of equipment for the NRIN system for the state radio and 911.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a proposed contract with Rural Water District #1 for the installation of equipment for the NRIN system and the County to install a generator at this site in lieu of paying a rental fee. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. A check was received from BigIron Auctions for the sale of the 2017 Dodge Charger Police Edition Sedan for \$5,789.50.

Motion was made by Karas to approve a purchase order for \$9,500.00 and a contract for a drug dog from I80 K9 Training Services LLC. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A purchase order to Idemia of Anaheim, CA was approved for the digital fingerprint equipment in the amount of \$26,447.00.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Sickel to go into an executive session at 9:55 a.m. with Sheriff Hardesty; Kristen Morehead, Jail Supervisor and County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel to discuss personnel positions and possible restructure of department and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION (Cont.)

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 10:20 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Roof Contract

The contract with Skyline Construction, Inc. will be considered at next week's meeting.

### Cancel Check

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-41 to cancel a check issued in error. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 18)

### Sub-Division

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a sub-division for Sheryl E. Hunzeker, Successor Trustee of the J. Howard Grush Trust located in NW ¼ of S15, T2, R16 and to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-42. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 19)

## 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

Amazon, supp	63.72
CMC, serv	10000.00
CVSOAN, dues	320.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	163.18
Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, serv	1000.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	76.34
Farm & City Supply, supp	6.59
First Wireless, supp	39250.34
Galls, supp	1409.50
Hardesty, Rick, reimb	35.00
Koch's Auto Service, serv	496.05
Kollasch, Keith, serv	5880.50
CR22-235 J. Carpenter, CR22-259 M. Koeneke, CR22-225 K. Wissler, CR22-206 N. Johnson, CR22-61 G. Simon, CR22-185 K. Simpson, JV22-38	
Midwest Radar & Equipment, supp	480.00
NE Association of County Treasurers, fees	150.00
Nemaha County Sheriff, serv	440.00
Pest Control Services of SE NE, serv	45.00
Postmaster, supp	630.00
Quill, supp	225.99
Radiology Associates, serv	210.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	66.76
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	978.69
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	46.51
Safe Line Defense, supp	633.60
Sapp Bros., fuel	10281.59

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

SumnerOne, serv	111.07
Verizon, supp	3653.35
Washington County Sheriff, serv	390.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$77,043.78</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Hamm, rock	5740.05
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	11408.86
NPPD, serv	70.46
Northern Safety Co., supp	70.34
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	103.58
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	36.81
Sapp Bros., fuel	12165.77
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$29,595.87</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, April 5, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**APRIL 5, 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, April 5, 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 Vice-Chairman 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 March 29, 2023, 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 & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. He reported that the Falls City Northeast project C74 (2022-9) located on 655 Ave 1800 feet south of 710 Road and the project on Pony Creek Road STWD-CBMP (5) C007423425 located approximately 4.75 miles west of Hwy 73 on 703 Road are both projected to start construction in June.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with Sta-Bilt for the 2023 Armor Coat project, C-74 (2023-1). Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The contractor is expected to begin this project in June.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the re-hire of a previous employee, Steve Darveau, Sr. to work temporary part-time for the Road and Bridge Department. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**COUNTY TREASURER**

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer presented to the Board the 2021 tax certificates that were not purchased at the public sale in March.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the transfer of unpurchased tax certificates to hold as tax certificates for Richardson County. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**FC EDGE**

Lucas Froeschl, Administrator of the Falls City Economic Development and Growth Enterprise presented to the Board the quarterly report of the organization.

**NEXTLINK INTERNET**

Ebony Cooksey, Market Development Manager of Nextlink Internet presented information to the Board regarding the expansion into unserved rural areas within Richardson County under the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program (NBBP) Grant application. A project specifically being planned is for the Village of Dawson which will bring much needed FTTH fiber to the home for Dawson residents.

Motion was made by Karas to approve a letter of support for Nextlink's NBBP Grant Application/Dawson Fiber Project to be submitted with the grant application. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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## **ARPA FUNDS ADMINISTRATOR**

The Board held a teleconference call with Austin Duerfeldt, ARPA Funds Administrator to review with him the stipulations of expending funds from the OPIOID Settlement funds that the County has received.

## **SE COMMUNICATIONS 911 BEATRICE**

Carla Zarybnicky, Communications Director of Southeast Communications 911 Beatrice presented to the Board an annual report of the services provided to Richardson County Sheriff's Department.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that the newly purchased patrol vehicles are being equipped and prepared for operation.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a purchase order with First Wireless for a FLASHPORT system for a total price of \$5,768.00. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## **QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION**

The Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection and found the facility to be in good order.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Transfer of Funds**

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-43 to transfer funds from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$250,000.00 as provided for in the 2022-2023 budget document. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 20)

### **Fee Reports**

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

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 243.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$13,309.25
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$ 1,322.00

## **Monthly Operating Statement**

The Board reviewed the March, 2023 monthly operating statement.

## **CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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.)*

April 5, 2023  
CLAIMS (Cont.)

#### GENERAL FUND

BuckIT, serv	6373.52
CMC, serv	800.00
Consolidated Management Company, serv	10010.50
County Treasurer, tax	2027.42
Datashield, serv	109.25
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	243.71
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	11.82
Falls City Sanitation, serv	60.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	7189.39
Farm & City Supply, supp	188.78
First Wireless, supp	275.62
Franks, Jeremiah, reimb	43.45
I80 K9 Training Services, dog	9500.00
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	49.52
Meyer Laboratory, supp	127.30
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
MIPS, serv	3142.82
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	7.99
Petersen Reporting, serv	1397.01
Postmaster, supp	240.00
Quill, supp	83.73
Region V Systems, serv	5202.00
Richardson County Sheriff, reimb	1553.63
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	22010.95
Road & Bridge Fund, tax	285535.08
SNC, serv	2158.17
St. Joseph Plumbing, serv	8337.86
TK Elevator, serv	402.87
Payroll Expense	107759.40
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$474,951.79</b>

#### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Agco, supp	275.92
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv	41.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	67.73
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	1012.11
Farm & City Supply, supp	1301.20
Farmers Repair, supp	32.48
Hamm, rock	4904.37
Hullman's Ford, supp	45.43
Martin Marietta, rock	22222.83
Midwest Engineering, serv	18649.75
NMC, supp	263.54
NPPD, serv	31.58
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	4.50
OPPD, serv	83.72
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	59.10
Powerplan, supp	214.43
Quill, supp	92.97
Richardson County Vendor, tax	2495.00
Salem, Village of, serv	20.50
SNC, serv	105.68
Truck Center Companies, supp	99.90
Unifirst, supp	77.14
Verdon, Village of, serv	25.73

April 5, 2023  
CLAIMS (Cont.)

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)**

Payroll Expense	34167.72
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$86,314.33</b>

**REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND**

MIPS, serv	308.82
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$308.82</b>

**ARPA FUND**

Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	5.44
Payroll Expense	33.21
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$38.65</b>

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

County Treasurer, transfer	250000.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$250,000.00</b>

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND**

SNC, serv	145.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$145.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, April 12, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**APRIL 12, 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, April 12, 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 Vice-Chairman 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 April 5, 2023, meeting as presented. 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 Caverzagie. 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**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty was unable to meet with the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week.

Motion was made by Karas to approve a purchase order for a fan assembly for a K9 Unit for a cost of \$1,723.04 from Ace K9 Radiotronics, Inc. of Stuart, FL. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A report was approved for Sheriff Hardesty for fees collected during the month of March, 2023, totaling \$2,771.74. Donations totaling \$600 have been received for the recently approved purchase for the K-9 Drug Dog.

**JERAD REIMERS, District Coordinator**  
**Congressman Adrian Smith's Office**

Jerad Reimers, District Coordinator at the Grand Island office of Congressman Adrian Smith met with the Board to update them on the legislative work that Congressman Smith is involved with in Washington, D.C.

**BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director was unable to meet with the Board this week due to his assistance at the wildfire in Jefferson County. He will be rescheduled for next week.

**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**

Amazon, supp	547.99
Axon, serv	8280.00
Charm-Tex, supp	775.96
Clerk of District Court, fee	399.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

Falls City Auto Supply, supp	86.84
Falls City Mercantile, supp	415.94
Farm & City Supply, supp	168.98
Galls, supp	257.96
Handley Law Office, serv	209.00
Harmon's, serv	15.00
Hullman's Ford, serv	237.95
KexRx, supp	594.38
NE State Fire Marshal, fee	72.00
Nemaha County, reimb	5973.30
Nestor & Mercure, reimb	500.00
OPD Business Solutions, supp	64.94
Physicians Laboratory, serv	2350.00
Positive Concepts, supp	450.00
Post Office, supp	945.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	505.74
Quill, supp	489.26
Region V Services, serv	7443.08
Richardson County Court, fees	878.50
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	442.08
Spartan Nash, supp	20.05
TK Elevator Company, serv	2585.93
True Value, supp	36.95
Unifirst, serv	63.45
Weaver & Merz, reimb	881.48
Wolfe's Printing, supp	36.87
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$35,727.63</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Bruna Implement, supp	1040.00
Contech Engineered Solutions, supp	6947.50
Diversified Drug Testing, serv	350.00
Martin-Marietta Materials, rock	12447.78
Metal Culverts, supp	18590.00
Norris Quarries, rock	7931.76
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$47,332.04</b>

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

Jim Hills, serv	2000.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, April 19, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**APRIL 19, 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, April 19, 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 Vice-Chairman 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 April 12, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2023, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. 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 Caverzagie. 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).

**HUMBOLDT SHARES**

Mark Joy, President of Humboldt Shares, Inc. presented to the Board the quarterly report of the organization. Dr. George Griffith, a member of the Board of Directors was also in attendance.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. Mr. Darveau presented to the Board the 2023 price chart for the sale of culverts for driveways which was approved by the Board. He also informed the Board that the Department will be compiling a listing of vehicles and equipment that have deemed to be surplus to offer for sale at a public auction with BigIron in the near future.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that the Department has received 2 grants from the NE Department of Transportation and provided a report on the activity for January 1 thru March 31, 2023 for the department with regards to arrests and bookings into the Jail.

The Sheriff was informed that the K-9 dog that was to be purchased did not pass the training and that they are now reviewing the purchase for a K-9 from a different source. The Department also learned of grant funding available to assist with the purchase of a K-9 and have submitted the application to be considered for the grant funds.

The Sheriff also reported on a meeting that he attended with Falls City representatives regarding the 911 dispatch and the possibility of moving to the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairman Caverzagie declared that a public hearing be opened at 10:00 a.m. to receive public comments for the issuance of a Class I Liquor License for the Falls City Country Club, Inc. dba Falls City Golf Course.

No persons spoke at the public hearing

Chairman Caverzagie declared the public hearing closed at 10:03 a.m.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recommend the issuance of a Class I Liquor License to the Falls City Country Club, Inc. dba Falls City Golf Course. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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**BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR and  
NOXIOUS WEED SUPT.**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director met with the Board regarding the request from Pawnee County for the consolidation of services for the EMA Director position due to the resignation of the EMA Director serving both Pawnee and Johnson counties. A joint meeting will be planned for a member of each county board to meet to review this proposal further.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to accept the report received from the NE Dept of Agriculture Bureau of Plant Industry of the 2022 Noxious Weed Control program and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Conflict Waiver**

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the Chairman to sign a conflict waiver with Baylor Evnen Wolfe and Tannehill, L.L.P., special legal counsel for Rick Hill v. Election Systems & Software, et. al. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**Sub-division**

A sub-division was reviewed for Ag Partners, Inc. for a parcel located in S17-T1-R17 which will be held for further review and considered at next week's meeting.

**Courthouse Roof**

The contract with Skyline for the replacement of the Courthouse roof has still not been finalized so this will be considered again at next week's meeting.

**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**

Animal Health Center, supp	88.08
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	252.84
Bailey, Stacey, reimb	129.69
Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimb	134.93
CMC, serv	5000.00
Culligan, supp	181.50
DAS, serv	30.88
Falls City Mercantile, supp	76.34
Farm & City Supply, supp	113.95
First Concord Benefits Group, fees	224.00
Glathar, Carol, reimb	135.03
Government Forms & Supplies, supp	192.75
Kollasch Law Office, serv	1320.50
CR22-231 S. Fritts, CR23-90 R. Schawang	
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1101.78
Malcolm, Terry, serv	280.00
Medica, ins	44999.11
Mercure, Steven, serv	5916.66

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

NACO, fee	25.00
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	2166.32
OPPD, serv	118.37
Pitney Bowes, supp	90.00
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	87.10
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	22464.02
Riggs, Kim, reimb	136.24
SumnerOne, serv	111.00
Weaver & Merz, reimb	20.56
Payroll Expense	110769.01
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$196,213.66</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Black Hills Energy, serv	137.30
Brazos Trailers, supp	711.82
Contech Engineered Solutions, supp	9049.45
Culligan, serv	86.33
Egger Bros., supp	38.55
Falls City Journal, adv	66.00
Fenix Industries, supp	196.00
Mainelli Wagner & Associates, serv	1590.63
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	10558.43
NPPD, serv	92.81
Norris Quarries, rock	2115.50
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	311.10
OPPD, serv	37.02
Safety-Kleen Systems, supp	387.52
Sapp Bros., fuel	2408.51
Stella, Village of, serv	61.60
Unifirst, supp	78.91
Payroll Expense	34427.59
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$62,355.07</b>

**DRUG COURT FUND**

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1100.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv/reimb	1617.19
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,717.19</b>

**ARPA FUND**

City of Humboldt, funding	130000.00
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	2.44
Payroll Expense	16.92
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$130,019.36</b>

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	3291.25
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$3,291.25</b>

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, April 26, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**APRIL 26, 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, April 26, 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 Vice-Chairman Sickel. Chairman Caverzagie 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 April 19, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. 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 Caverzagie. 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**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. He reported on the plans to repair and improve 706 Road west of Falls City (W 14<sup>th</sup> Street). Also reviewed was the task that the Department is doing to revamp the application form for a special operating permit to operate oversize or overweight vehicle or load over Richardson County Nebraska roads and bridges which will include some additional requirements.

**COUNTY TREASURER**

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer presented to the Board the report of the collection of 2021 distress warrants in which all have been collected by the County Sheriff. The Sheriff also presented his final report on the 2021 distress warrant collection

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that a grant had been received from the NE Dept. of Transportation for a "Click-It or Ticket" which will be done May 22 through June 4; that one of the new patrol vehicles will be out of service for a few weeks for warranty repairs; a patrol vehicle received some minor hail damage with the storm that passed through last week; another donation was received for the Drug Dog in the amount of \$1,000 and that the electronic fingerprinting equipment should arrive on or about May 23.

Kristen Morehead, Jail Supervisor was also in attendance for the meeting and presented to the Board information regarding a service provided by ChartMeds, Inc. a Missouri corporation which will provide services to the Jail to assist with administering prescription medications and ancillary treatments of the inmates at a cost of \$264.00/month.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve an agreement with ChartMeds, Inc. a Missouri corporation of Lee's Summit, MO and authorize the Jail Administrator and the Chairman of the County Board to sign. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**SE NE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP**

Representative from SENCA, Susan Keholm, CCAP-Development Director presented the 2022 Annual Report of the Agency and explained the different programs that the agency provides.

Debbie Green with the SENCA Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) presented the activity of the agency. She also relayed to the Board their thanks for the successful work that the Sheriff's Department is doing and also for their assistance with helping CASA when requested.

Amanda Palmerton, Housing Development Director of SENCA reviewed with the Board

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SENCA (Cont.)

the different programs available to assist residents in becoming homeowners and providing affordable housing.

Sherry Huddleston of the Falls City Outreach Office also gave a brief update on the activity at this office.

Motion was made by Sickel that the County Board declare and proclaim that May, 2023, be designated as Community Action Month in Richardson County. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Cooperative Extension Service Report**

The Board reviewed the 2022 Annual Report of the Richardson County Cooperative Extension Service.

### **Sub-division**

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a sub-division Ag Partners, Inc. located in S17, T1, R17 and to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-43. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 20)

### **Courthouse Roof**

Motion was made by Karas to enter into a contract with Skyline for the courthouse roof replacement. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Caverzagie 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**

Ace K-9, supp	1723.04
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	272.48
Armbruster Motor Co., supp	1076.08
Brite, supp	136.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	163.18
Falls City Mercantile, supp	76.34
Farm & City Supply, supp	139.92
Harmon's, serv	15.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	382.50
Karas, Rick, reimb	426.93
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	379.77
Koch's Auto Service, serv	2627.13
Kollasch Law Office, serv	2299.00
CR22-246 E. Davidson, CR22-148 T. Ross	
Malcolm, Terry, serv	140.00
Meyer Home Center, serv	91.35
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	1331.19
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	21.99
Pest Control Services of SE NE, serv	45.00
Pitney Bowes, supp	2018.50
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	595.42

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

Sapp Bros., fuel	186.51
SatPhone City, serv	765.00
Summit Fire Protection, serv	169.50
SumnerOne, serv	262.10
Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters, serv	740.02
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$16,083.95</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Contech Engineered Solutions, supp	8710.50
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	18947.25
NPPD, serv	102.39
Norris Quarries, rock	4513.73
Sapp Bros., fuel	23773.60
Woods & Aitken, serv	6895.36
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$62,942.83</b>

**DRUG COURT FUND**

Glenn's Corner Market, incentive cards	300.00
McDonald's, incentive cards	100.00
Pizza Hut, incentive cards	300.00
Quill, supp	421.65
Redwood Toxicology Lab, serv	123.00
Runza, incentive cards	50.00
Sonic, incentive cards	150.00
Walmart, incentive cards	300.00
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$1,744.65</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, May 3, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MAY 3, 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, May 3, 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 Vice-Chairman 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 April 26, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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 Caverzagie. 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).

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported on grant funding that is being sought for the assistance with the purchase of the 2<sup>nd</sup> drug dog and what donations have been received from the community. The availability of patrol vehicles and the increase in pricing was also reported for any future plans for replacing patrol units.

**JOE BUCKMINSTER, COUNTY IT MANAGER**

The Board met with Joe Buckminster, Richardson County IT Manager regarding some needed updates to the server system to operate the networking of county government operations and for updated security and backup capabilities.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the purchase of equipment as included within Quote #147695-2 from OneNeck IT Solutions in the amount of \$54,161.46 to upgrade the computer infrastructure for the county government operations of Richardson County. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Monthly Operating Statement**

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for April, 2023.

**Fee Reports**

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

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 207.50
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$21,979.25
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$ 1,131.00

**Other**

A letter was received from the City of Humboldt to formally notify Richardson County that they have elected to terminate the agreement with the County for the rent of the Humboldt Meeting Hall effective June 1, 2023.

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

## 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

Animal Health Center, serv	399.73
Boarders Inn & Suites, lodg	570.00
BuckIT, serv	6373.52
Clerk of District Court, fees	291.00
CMC, serv	322.50
Culligan, supp	114.50
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	283.72
El Camino Electric, serv	3734.90
Fairfield Inn & Suites, lodg	329.85
Falls City Sanitation, serv	60.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	6858.34
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziske & Merwin, serv	11175.31
CR22-134 D. Moore, CR22-175 M. Timothy, CR23-35 G. Young, JV22-38, JV22-14, JV22-30, JV21-17, JV21-20, JV21-19	
Farm & City Supply, supp	377.51
Harmon's, serv	25.00
Kawres, supp	35.00
Meyer Laboratory, supp	186.95
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
MIPS, serv	3142.82
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	70.00
Pritchard & Abbott, serv	2080.00
Quill, supp	392.42
Richardson County Court, fees	740.31
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	820.85
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24857.55
Sapp Bros., fuel	6356.55
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	535.00
SNC, serv	961.50
University of Lincoln, reimb	8780.83
Payroll Expense	119947.43
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$199,933.09</b>

### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Constructors, serv	12787.23
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	92.04
Farm & City Supply, supp	87.51
Grainger, supp	20.10
Home Lumber, supp	130.69
Hullman's, supp	20.69
Inland Truck Parts, supp	54.40
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	10066.33
Metal Culverts, supp	8761.20

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)**

Mr. Automotive, supp	165.87
NMC, supp	783.37
Norris Quarries, rock	3434.36
Northern Safety Co., supp	141.36
OPPD, serv	66.65
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	67.95
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	14.38
Truck Center Companies, supp	2437.78
Unifirst, supp	28.13
Payroll Expense	33980.15
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$73,186.19</b>

**REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND**

MIPS, serv	308.82
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$308.82</b>

**ARPA FUND**

Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	25.34
Payroll	176.04
<b>TOTAL ARPA FUND</b>	<b>\$201.38</b>

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND**

SNC, serv	145.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$145.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, May 10, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MAY 10, 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, May 10, 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 Vice-Chairman 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 May 3, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2023, Board of Equalization 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 & 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 reported that the Department will begin summer hours on June 5 and ending on September 1 working four 10-hour days (6 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Monday thru Thursday with the exception of the week of July 3 when crews will work 8-hour days July 3 thru July 7 and observing the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. A notice was received from Hamm Companies that there will be a price increase effective June 5, 2023, additional \$1.00/ton for base/fines and additional \$1.50/ton for clean rock.

He presented to the Board a report on a road and bridge to consider closing described as the south ½ mile of 640 Avenue between 716 Road and 717 Road which also includes a bridge that has been closed. The Board will consider this at next week's meeting and a resolution to set a public hearing date and time to receive public input on possible closure.

Mr. Darveau also reminded the Board that the project on Pony Creek Road STWD-CBMP (5) C007423425 located approximately 4.75 miles west of Hwy 73 on 703 Road is expected to begin in June with anticipation from the contractor that it will be completed in mid-late August, before harvest.

**SE NE ADULT DRUG COURT**

Chris Reece, SE Adult Drug Court Coordinator and Melanie Stormer, District #1 Chief Probation Officer presented an update to the Board on the progress, accomplishments and statistical data of the SE NE Adult Drug Court.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve and enter into an interlocal agreement regarding funding for the SE NE Adult Drug Court with Pawnee, Johnson, Nemaha and Otoe Counties for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The cost for Richardson County for FY2023-2024 will be \$8,368.75.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board and provided an update on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week.

He reported on the grant application he is completing for the assistance with the purchase of a drug dog. Sheriff Hardesty received notification from K9 Working Dogs International, LLC that they are working with United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) to submit a grant application and are awaiting approval for the grant award for Richardson County in the amount of \$7,500.00 from the AKC Reunite grant in which Richardson County will be providing \$2,500 to the purchase of the drug dog.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER (Cont.)

A report was approved for Sheriff Hardesty for fees collected during the month of April, 2023, totaling \$2,189.12 and a contribution was received in the amount of \$500 to assist in the purchase of the additional drug dog.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Letter from Richardson County House of Hope**

The Board received a letter from the House of Hope respectfully requesting the monies from the Opioid Settlement Funds that Richardson County will be receiving to be used for the following estimated expenses associated with the Transitional Housing of Richardson County House of Hope: One home for approximately 4-6 persons: \$1200 per month rent, \$250 per month utilities, \$1,200 per month for food, \$350 for other incidentals, insurance \$100 for a total of \$3,100 per month.

The letter was reviewed with no action taken at this time.

**Other**

Receipts were reviewed from the sale of the surplus cellular phones that were offered from the Emergency Management Agency Office which totaled \$500.00.

**CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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	204.36
BuckIT, serv	600.00
City of Beatrice, serv	46350.00
Dana Safety Supply, supp	418.34
DAS State Accounting, serv	335.00
Donahue & Sisco, serv	536.75
Falls City Mercantile, supp	368.37
Farm & City Supply, supp	70.06
Galls, supp	1959.24
Handley Law Office, serv	3695.50
CR22-81 J. Blackburn, CR23-25 L. Ferris, CR22-232 M. Gaede, CR22-27 E. Hestermann, CR22-47 N. Riggins, CR22-245 J. Roberts, CR22-189 J. Roberts, CR22-164 J. Stuart, CR22-222 C. Williams	
JT Farm Service, supp	1750.00
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	706.09
Weaver & Merz Law Office, reimb	25.38
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
NACO, fees	500.00
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	50.00
Physicians Laboratory, serv	200.00
Postmaster, supp	315.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	133.10
Quill, supp	276.86
Richardson County Court, fees	8.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	820.36
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	235.00
SNC, serv	1196.85
SumnerOne, serv	187.50

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

Thomas & Thomas Reporting, serv	448.63
True Value, supp	178.64
Unifirst, serv	62.70
Verizon, serv	303.29
Weaver & Merz, reimb	890.32
Wolfe's Printing, supp	261.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$63,116.34</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Culligan, serv	70.10
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	609.55
Farmers Repair, serv	216.72
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	299.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	10699.56
NMC, supp	294.42
NPPD, serv	31.58
Norris Quarries, rock	775.24
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	81.51
PowerPlan, supp	3133.77
Salem, Village of, serv	20.50
Sapp Bros., fuel	503.33
SNC, serv	103.31
Unifirst, supp	52.56
Verdon, Village of, serv	28.65
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$16,919.80</b>

**COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND**

Falls City Chamber of Commerce, funding	6000.00
Humboldt Chamber of Commerce, funding	1500.00
Library & Community Foundation, funding	2425.00
Richardson County, serv	25.00
<b>TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND</b>	<b>\$9,950.00</b>

**DRUG COURT FUND**

Hawkins, Seth, reimb	192.57
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$192.57</b>

**ARPA FUND**

East Richardson Rural Water #2, funding	1751.27
<b>TOTAL ARPA FUND</b>	<b>\$1,751.27</b>

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

Falls City Edge, funding	7500.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>

**HIGHWAY BOND REPAY FUND**

BOK Financial Corp, pmt	112367.50
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY BOND REPAY FUND</b>	<b>\$112,367.50</b>

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, May 17, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**  
**MAY 10, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2023. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie; Assessor Riggs, County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey and Clerk Eickhoff. 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 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).

**MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION**

Motion was made by Karas to approve a motor vehicle tax exemption application for the SE NE Community Action Partnership, Inc. for a 2023 Chevrolet Traverse. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**TAX LIST CORRECTION**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve 1 tax list correction as presented by Assessor Riggs and to authorize the issuance of 1 County Board of Equalization Notice of Valuation Change. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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John Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MAY 17, 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, May 17, 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 Vice-Chairman 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 May 10, 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 Quarterly Safety Committee held on May 10, 2023, as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2023, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. 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 Caverzagie. 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 & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance on County roads and bridges the past few weeks.

Motion was made by Karas to approve a property damage release from Southern Freight Lines, LLC for damages that were done to a county road on or about April 15, 2023. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Darveau presented to the Board the quotes received from dealerships for the purchase of a mini-excavator and skid-steer with a trade-in of a Komatsu excavator with all quotes being based on contracts through Sourcewell which serves government, education & nonprofit organizations with a cooperative purchasing program. Motion was made by Karas to approve the purchase of a Bobcat E60 R2 with tamper/jackhammer/bucket, \$98,919.72 and a Bobcat T770 T4, \$74,802.06 both prices contained in contract #040319-CEC from Sourcewell, less trade-in of the Komatsu NPK Excavator for \$70,000 from Merz Farm Equipment, Falls City, making the total amount for purchase \$103,721.78. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. It was reported that the "Click-It or Ticket" grant period is from May 15 through June 4 instead of previously reported May 22 through June 4.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the purchase of the previously approved (March 29, 2023) second drug dog from I80 K9 Training Services LLC. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A check was received from the insurance company for damages done to a patrol unit, 2019 Ford Explorer for hail damages and a windshield break totaling \$3,488.10.

**COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER, INC.**

Jina Santo, Director of Clinic Services of the Community Medical Center, Inc. presented to the Board information regarding their intention to make application for grant funds through the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program—Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health. Richardson County (Sheriff Department) would be listed as a consortium member along with Falls City Public Schools District 56, Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer Schools District 70, Sacred Heart Parochial Schools, Blue Valley Mental Health and the City of Falls City (Police

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COMMUNITY MED CENTER, INC (Cont.)

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Motion was made by Caverzaige to support the grant application being made by Community Medical Center, Inc. through the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program—Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

The Board requested that EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall meet with them to review the different systems of “Page My Cell” or “Im Responding” that are or would be used by the rural fire departments. The rural fire departments are currently using “Page My Cell” and will be given the opportunity to use for a 2-month trial basis the “Im Responding” system.

It is anticipated that SE Nebraska Communications 911 will be able to receive all 911 calls for dispatch outside the boundaries of Falls City on June 1.

A review was also held regarding the storm that passed through the northwest part of Richardson County on Friday evening. There was some concern regarding the Kirkman’s Cove and the Quad County Golf Course area with no outdoor warning siren available. Mr. Kirkendall informed the Board that they have applied for grant funding a few different times to place a siren in this area but have not ever been approved. It was discussed to make contact with the Nemaha Natural Resources District to work together in an effort to get grant funding for a siren for this area. Commissioner Karas indicated that he would make contact with the NRD regarding this matter.

**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**

Amazon, supp	24.52
Brite, supp	5743.50
Charm-Tex, supp	429.66
CMC, serv	58.80
DAS State Accounting, serv	365.88
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv JV15-26, JV22-38, JV22-14, JV22-30, JV23-1	4227.50
Farm & City Supply, supp	123.93
First Concord, fees	229.00
Fleming, Alexandra, reimb	343.11
Holiday Inn, lodg	353.85
Hullman’s, serv	567.58
Humboldt Standard, adv	64.45
KexRx, supp	691.96
Koch’s Auto Service, serv	1110.33
Lincoln National Life Ins., ins	1158.51
Malcolm, Terry, serv	140.00
Medica, ins	44182.01
Mercure, Steven, serv	5916.66
Midwest Special Services, serv	492.10
Miller-Monroe, ins	40.00
MIPS, supp	861.42
Nemaha County Sheriff’s Office, serv	6.00
OPPD, serv	114.27
O’Reilly Automotive, supp	15.98

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

Petersen Reporting, serv	108.75
Postmaster, supp	154.40
Quill, supp	462.99
Radiology Associates, serv	42.00
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	373.94
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	23332.29
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	123.14
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	155.00
Spartan Nash, supp	60.82
SumnerOne, serv	392.85
True Value, supp	233.64
Wolfe's Printing, supp	248.84
Payroll Expense	109874.60
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$201,872.28</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Bahr Welding, serv	120.00
Binder Bros., rock	1704.25
Black Hills Energy, serv	44.92
City of Humboldt, serv	88.92
Martin-Marietta Materials, rock	16472.02
Metal Culverts, supp	17467.20
NPPD, serv	63.16
Norris Quarries, rock	5291.74
Quill, supp	46.40
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Safety-Kleen Systems, supp	389.16
Sapp Bros., fuel	1887.85
Unifirst, supp	22.68
Payroll Expense	34382.01
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$78,005.31</b>

**DRUG COURT FUND**

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

**FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUND**

Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	40.00
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUND</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, May 24, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MAY 24, 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, May 24, 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 Vice-Chairman 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 May 17, 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 May 17, 2023, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://www.co.richardson.ne.us).

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance on County roads and bridges the past few weeks. Equipment maintenance and the problem with staff shortages were some of the items that were discussed.

**LAW ENFORCMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He informed the Board that Deputy Jeff Frederick will be resigning effective June 2, 2023.

A discussion was held regarding the costs that have been incurred for the School Resource Officer for the Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer Public Schools and that the actual costs have exceeded the contractual amount by approximately \$7,000. Sheriff Hardesty will be meeting with the representatives from the Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer Public Schools to request that the school district consider approving an increase that would cover the actual costs of the school resource officer for the 2023-2024 year in the renewal agreement.

A brief discussion was also held regarding the actual costs of providing law enforcement for the City of Humboldt.

**HOUSE OF HOPE**

Jerry Yount and Sherry Huddleston representing the House of Hope requested to meet with the Board regarding the possibility of the OPIOID Settlement funds to be obligated to the organization.

The Board relayed to Mr. Yount and Mrs. Huddleston that the funds of the OPIOID Settlement are being considered for the House of Hope and that if the organization would need a letter of commitment from the County for acquiring grant funding for the start-up of the project, the County Board would at that time designate and make a future obligation of the funds to the Richardson County House of Hope.

**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.)*

May 24, 2023  
CLAIMS (Cont.)

#### GENERAL FUND

Amazon, supp	19.56
BuckIT, supp	2850.00
Clerk of District Court, fees	36.00
CMC, serv	5000.00
Dana Safety Supply, supp	418.34
Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, serv	450.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	305.36
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv CR22-175 M. Timothy, CR23-97 M. Timothy, CR22-181 R. Merryman	3572.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	27.96
Frontier County Sheriff's Office, serv	91.80
Goldsmith Abstract & Title Company, serv	450.00
Gworks, sub	18505.00
Hall Funeral Chapel, serv	365.00
Jake's Paint & Body, serv	3988.10
Johnson County Sheriff's Office, serv	18.66
Kollasch Law Office, serv CR22-147 T. Ross	1149.50
Post Office, supp	1110.00
Quill, supp	137.98
Region V Systems, serv	642.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	5.47
Riggs, Kim, reimb	136.24
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	265.00
Wolfe's Printing, supp	912.28
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$40,456.25</b>

#### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Binder Bros., supp	1596.18
Ed's Wire Rope & Rigging, supp	629.59
Martin-Marietta Materials, rock	11504.95
Metal Culverts, supp	6402.18
Midwest Unlimited, supp	312.48
NPPD, serv	73.28
Norris Quarries, rock	2685.74
OPPD, serv	34.34
Quill, supp	130.85
Sapp Bros., fuel	5920.52
Sta-Bilt Construction Company, serv	431004.63
Thomas & Thomas, serv	609.49
Unifirst, supp	48.12
Woods & Aitken, serv	12365.57
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$473,317.92</b>

#### INHERITANCE TAX FUND

St. Joseph Plumbing & Heating, serv	37387.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$37,387.00</b>

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, May 31, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MAY 31, 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, May 31, 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 Vice-Chairman 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 May 24, 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 & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance on County roads and bridges the past few weeks.

The Board will consider the amendment of the FY2022-2023 Natural Disaster Budget to increase the budget of expenditures to allow for the expenditure of funds received from FEMA for Disaster Declaration #4420 (December 2019 storm) to reimburse the Road and Bridge Fund where the expenses for the repairs were incurred. A public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2023 at 10:15 a.m. to receive comments from the public in opposition or in support of the amendment to the budget.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that for the month of May that the Sheriff Department answered 762 calls for service, did 47 bookings into the Jail with 37 of those from Richardson County Sheriff's Deputy arrests and that currently there were 24 inmates in jail and 1 at the NE Diagnostic & Evaluation Center.

A proposed contract with School District #70 was presented to the Board for review for the School Resource Officer at Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer Schools for the 2023/2024 school year at \$55,651.82 and for the 2024/2025 school year at \$58,791.07. The Board will consider the approval of this contract after it has been considered and if approved by the Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer School Board of Education on June 12.

**KAREN MURPHY**

Karen Murphy requested to meet with the Board regarding access to a parcel of real estate (1.6A) located in the SW1/4 SW1/4 of S8, T1, R18. Others present for this discussion were Donnie Simmonds, Francis Simmonds, Deanna Beblaeheimer, Karen Murphy and Mike Shea. Deputy County Attorney, Doug Merz was also in attendance.

Deputy County Attorney, Doug Merz has requested that the County Board contact the County Surveyor to review the area and determine where the corporate limits of the Village of Rulo are located and if a village street provides some access to this property. The County will be reviewing the matter further.

**DOUG MERZ, DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a sub-division for Stephen and Rita Johansen located in S25, T1, R17 and to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-44. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 21)

May 31, 2023  
COUNTY ATTORNEY (Cont.)

Motion was made by Sickel to authorize the County Attorney to proceed with 3 real estate tax foreclosures. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Authorize Sale of Surplus Vehicles

Motion was made by Karas to authorize the sale of the following vehicles which have been deemed as surplus by the County and to advertise to be on the next auction conducted by Big Iron: **Sheriff Dept.**--2017 Ram Pickup Model 1500 SSV VIN# 1C6RR7XT8HS734575; **Road Dept.**--1987 Ford Truck 8 Ton VIN# 1FDYT90A0HVA36403; 2004 Ford F250 Pickup VIN# 1FDNX21L44ED91485; 2002 Ford Crew Flatbed F450 VIN# 1FDXW47F32ED14211; 2005 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup 3500 VIN # 1GJK39275E217631; 2004 Ford Excursion XLT 4 Dr. Spt Utility VIN# 1FMNU41L94ED01039; 1973 Linkbelt Truck Crane HC48A VIN# 3HA593; 1974 Linkbelt Truck Crane HC48A no vin showing. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### Other

Notice was received from the County's health insurance carrier, Arthur J. Gallagher of Aurora, NE that there will be an average rate increase in premiums of all plans that are offered of 7.02% beginning July 1, 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

Consolidated Management Company, serv	9479.00
Culligan, serv	328.10
Dunn Greenery, supp	457.50
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv	317.68
ES&S, fee	100.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	94.28
Falls City Journal, adv	1309.69
Farm & City Supply, supp	432.25
Galls, supp	375.82
Great Plains Uniforms, supp	2016.10
Holiday Inn, lodg	196.00
Hy-Vee, supp	136.66
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	71.74
Koch's Auto Service, serv	2076.87
Meyer Laboratory, supp	102.00
Midwest Auto Fire Sprinkler, serv	375.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	558.09
Pest Control Services of SE NE, serv	45.00
Petersen Reporting, serv	168.01
Pitney Bowes, supp	402.50
Quill, supp	117.55
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	197.44
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	21634.60

May 31, 2023  
CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Richardson, Kristy, reimb	236.50
Riggs, Kim, reimb	48.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	8013.28
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	525.00
SNC, serv	2120.23
SumnerOne, serv	108.00
US Postal Services, supp	1519.40
Verizon, serv	303.29
Payroll Expense	114290.85
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$168,186.43</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan, supp	32.10
East Richardson Rural Water District #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	11.66
Farm & City Supply, supp	455.23
Harmon's, supp	75.00
Helena, supp	389.00
Home Lumber, supp	281.09
Inland Truck Parts, supp	1786.71
Martin-Marietta, rock	27426.79
Mezger Construction, serv	47490.00
Midwest Service & Sales, supp	8371.35
Newman Signs, supp	5235.13
Norris Quarries, rock	4497.71
Northern Safety, supp	66.78
NPPD, serv	31.58
OPPD, serv	43.38
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	71.12
Sapp Bros., fuel	14335.62
SNC, serv	104.64
Sta-Bilt Construction, serv	8686.00
Truck Center Companies, supp	5194.62
Unifirst, serv	73.34
Payroll Expense	33833.47
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$158,538.32</b>

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

SNC, serv	145.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$145.00</b>

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will not meet on Wednesday, June 7 due to the NE Association of County Officials County Board Workshop to be held in Kearney June 7-8. They will meet again on Wednesday, June 14, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**JUNE 14, 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, June 14, 2023. Roll call was answered by Sickel and Caverzagie. Commissioner Karas was absent. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman 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 May 31, 2023, County Board meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, 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-absent, 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 & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance on County roads and bridges the past few weeks.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve temporary and permanent easement documents for Project #C-74(2022-9) located in S30, T2, R17 with Robert L and Lana M Georges, Darren D and Donna K Eickhoff and Carol J Duerfeldt and Philip C Michel. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week.

Consideration for salary increases for the jailers and office administrator was requested by the Sheriff. Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the increase in salaries as requested by Sheriff Hardesty with an effective date of July 1, 2023: Administrative Assistant--\$23.00/hr (+21%); Office Position--\$22.00/hr (new position); Jail Administrator--\$25.00/hr (+13.6%); Jail Supervisor--\$22.00/hr (10.9%); Jailers-- \$17.00 to \$20.00/hr (raising the top from \$19 to \$20); Maintenance--\$22.00/hr (+15.7%); and a 3% increase for the following positions: Sergeant--\$31.93/hr; deputy w/3+ years of experience--\$30.90/hr; deputy with 2 years of experience--\$29.87/hr; deputy w/1 year experience--\$28.84/hr. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The salary increase of the Chief Deputy Sheriff is effective on January 1, 2023, at \$33.19/hour based at 85% of the Sheriff annual salary of \$81,228.75 for 2024 (2% increase).

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the re-hiring of a former employee, Annie Frederick as a jailer as requested by Sheriff Hardesty. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**BLUE VALLEY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

John Day, Executive Director presented to the Board an annual report on the organization and a request for continued funding for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$8,000.00 to continue with the services provided for substance abuse to adults and children in Richardson County.

Motion was made by Sickel to provide continued funding in the amount of \$8,000.00 to Blue Valley Behavioral Health. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

June 14, 2023 (Cont.)

## **PUBLIC HEARING to AMEND BUDGET**

At 10:15 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication to hold a public hearing to receive input for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed additional budget of expenditures of \$28,225.24 that will be needed in FY2022-2023 to meet the expenses that will be incurred by the Natural Disaster Fund for the reimbursement to the Road and Bridge Fund for expenses that were paid for damages done during the storms from March, 2019 through July 14, 2019 as described in Disaster Declaration #4420-DR-NE.

No one from the public appeared at the hearing. Chairman Caverzagie declared the public hearing closed at 10:20 a.m.

## **RESOLUTION 2022-2023-48**

### **Adopt Amended Budget for Natural Disaster Fund**

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-48 to amend the FY2022-2023 budget for the Natural Disaster Fund with adding an additional \$28,225.24 in expenditures. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 23, Page 24)

## **BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

Kristy Richardson, Deputy EMA Director, met with the Board in the absence of Brian Kirkendall to present information on a maintenance contract, battery replacement and a mobile app for operation of the emergency outdoor warning sirens.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve three purchase orders: 1) batteries for emergency outdoor sirens from BVPS Complete Solutions Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc., Grain Valley, MO for \$7,710.00 which includes installation; 2) maintenance contract for emergency outdoor sirens and equipment from BVPS Complete Solutions Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc., Grain Valley, MO for \$13,293.00; 3) application program to operate emergency outdoor sirens and equipment, Commander from Federal Signal Corporation, University Park, IL for \$5,250.00. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Review was also held on the recent demonstration of the drone equipment on May 17 and more discussion will be held at a later date to consider purchasing.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Fee Reports**

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

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 332.50
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$9,172.25
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$ 588.00

## **Operating Statement**

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for May, 2023.

## **Transfer of Funds**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-46 to transfer funds in the amount of \$200,000 from the ARPA Fund to the Road & Bridge Fund. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 22)

June 14, 2023 (Cont.)  
CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER (Cont.)

**Cancel Check**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-47 to cancel checks issued in error. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 23)

**Pledge Security Replacement**

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the replacement of the following pledge security receipts from F&M Bank: 1) \$230,000 Pledge Security Receipt #392220963 to replace Receipt #392220962 and 2) \$410,000 Pledge Security Receipt #392205249 to replace Receipt #392209031. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**Child Advocacy Center**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the payment of \$1,100.00 for the funding of Annual Service Agreement with BraveBe Child Advocacy Center with the Richardson County Attorney and Richardson County Sheriff. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

BraveBe Child Advocacy Center was formerly known as the Lincoln/Lancaster Child Advocacy Center, Inc.

**CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Sickel to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND**

Amazon, supp	26.25
Ankrom, Jami, mileage	136.24
BuckIT, serv	6373.52
Child Advocacy Center, serv	1100.00
Clerk of District Court, fees	216.00
Comfort Inn, lodg	392.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	163.18
Datashield, serv	1.60
Des Moines Stamp Co., supp	71.00
Falls City Journal, adv	77.50
Falls City Mercantile, supp	364.08
Falls City Sanitation, serv	70.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	5457.37
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziske & Merwin, serv CR23-22 L. Jones	494.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	78.62
Harmon's OK Tire, supp	20.00
Holiday Inn Express, lodg	196.00
Hullman's, serv	469.82
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	211.42
Koch's Auto Service, serv	90.11
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, serv	8.06
Ligouri, Angelo, serv CR21-67 B. Smith, CR23-137 B. Smith, Special Prosecutor	1333.15
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
Miller-Farrell Ins., ins	69.00
MIPS, serv	3142.82
Nebraska.gov, fee	49.00

June 14, 2023 (Cont.)  
CLAIMS (Cont.)

**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

Otoe County Sheriff's Office, serv	18.50
Petersen Reporting, serv	503.76
Physicians Laboratory, serv	2380.00
Postmaster, supp	630.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	133.10
Quill, supp	490.96
Relentless LLC, serv	649.00
Richardson County Court, fees	1403.09
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	1174.78
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1086.73
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	28266.82
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	96.94
Riggs, Kim, reimb	140.17
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	420.00
Scott, Pamela, reimb	303.92
Spartan Nash, supp	95.02
Summit Fire Protection, serv	340.00
SumnerOne, serv	113.00
Unifirst, serv	63.45
W&D Auto Care, serv	45.00
Weaver & Merz, reimb	988.56
Payroll Expense	141021.05
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$201,114.59</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Cornhusker International Trucks, supp	7982.46
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	179.64
Falls City Journal, adv	31.99
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	419.55
Farm & City Supply, supp	526.77
Farmer Repair, supp	54.77
Grainger, supp	74.72
Martin-Marietta Materials, rock	30972.32
Midwest Engineering, serv	3152.24
Miller-Farrell Ins., ins	717.00
Northern Safety, supp	110.46
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	418.96
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Salem, Village of, serv	22.85
Unifirst, supp	19.94
Verdon, Village of, serv	30.88
Payroll Expense	35001.45
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$79,761.00</b>

**REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND**

MIPS, serv	308.82
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$308.82</b>

**DRUG COURT FUND**

Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, reimb	185.48
Reece, Christina, reimb	150.00
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$335.48</b>

## ARPA FUND

County Treasurer, transfer	200,000.00
<b>TOTAL ARPA FUND</b>	<b>\$200,000.00</b>

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, June 21, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**JUNE 21, 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, June 21, 2023. Roll call was answered by Karas and Caverzagie. Commissioner Sickel was absent. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Karas. Chairman Caverzagie 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 June 14, 2023, County Board meeting as presented. Motion died for lack of a second. The approval of these minutes will be considered at next week's meeting.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2023, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion died for lack of a second. The approval of these minutes will be considered at next week's meeting.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, 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).

**REGION V SYSTEMS,**

**Patrick Kreifels, Regional Administrator**

Patrick Kreifels, Regional Administrator of Region V Systems presented to the Board the annual report of the organization. Funding requests from Richardson County for FY2023-2024 will be in the amount of \$19,674.00 for mental health services and substance abuse disorder services which is a decrease from the FY2022-2023 amount of \$24,551.00.

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance on County roads and bridges the past few weeks.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week.

Superintendent, George Griffith from Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer Schools presented to the Board the signed agreement for a school resource officer for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years. The Board will consider approval of this agreement at next week's meeting.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the purchase of a new engine at a cost of \$9,193.33 for the 2020 Ford Explorer patrol unit, VIN#1FM5K8AB0LGB23643. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye.

A quote from OneNeck IT Solutions prepared through the State of NE NASPO ValuePoint Contract #14314 OC and the Hewlett Packard Enterprise NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement Number MNNVP-134 for the purchase of an HPE Apollo Storage/Server and also a quote from buckIT, LLC, Falls City, for the purchase of video cameras and installation of the video camera surveillance and storage system for the Law Enforcement Center at a total estimated quote of \$72,661.99. No action was taken at this time.

**MILLER-MONROE INSURANCE**

Scott Miller and Steve Simon from Miller-Monroe Insurance Agency presented to the Board the renewal for the County general liability, work comp, property, error & omission, law enforcement, auto, umbrella, cyber, crime/public bond and inland marine coverages. The total premium for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 is \$286,463.00 which is a 10.45% increase from the prior year. The property coverage shows the biggest increase of the premium.

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## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Sub-Division

Motion was made by Karas to approve a sub-division for Daniel B. Hill located in S15, T3, R15 and to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-49. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 25)

## CLAIMS

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, 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

ABK Fire & Safety, serv	256.50
AT&T, serv	273.70
Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimb	1069.00
Blue Valley Public Safety, supp	25083.00
BuckIT, serv	3000.00
Buethe, Cassie, reimb	16.15
Caverzagie, John, reimb	305.89
Clerk of District Court, fees	360.00
CMC, serv	5000.00
Consolidated Management Co., serv	109.00
Crowne Plaza, lodg	559.80
DAS State Accounting, serv	30.88
Dollar General, supp	52.40
Eickhoff, Mary L., reimb	302.61
Falls City Mercantile, supp	907.30
Farm & City Supply, supp	340.01
Fields, Odis, reimb	85.00
Godemann, Mona, reimb	1232.04
Holliday, Dexter, reimb	34.15
KexRx, supp	1766.86
Koch's Auto Service, serv	1053.71
Ligouri Law Office, serv	323.00
Meyer Home Center, serv	302.55
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	1032.00
Morehead, Amanda, reimb	54.37
NE Health & Human Services, serv	397.50
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, supp	19.55
NE State Patrol, fees	663.00
Office Depot, supp	80.19
OPPD, serv	120.53
Pawnee County Sheriff's Office, serv	18.50
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	197.57
Road & Bridge Fund, levy tax	643071.97
Sayler Screenprinting, supp	65.00
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	375.00
Spartan Stores, supp	8.39
Stehlik Law Office, serv	420.95
True Value, supp	138.99
Weaver & Merz, reimb	26.98
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$689,202.04</b>

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**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Black Hills Energy, serv	42.13
Cornhusker International, supp	1652.24
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	29710.62
Merz Farm Equipment, loader/excavator	103721.78
MINK, fee	65.00
NPPD, serv	94.74
Northern Safety Co., supp	10.35
OPPD, serv	34.94
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	65.67
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	116.35
Sapp Bros., fuel	6139.31
Tri-State Truck & Tractor, supp	68.81
Unifirst, supp	52.56
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$141,774.50</b>

**VETERAN'S AID FUND**

Richardson County Veteran's Aid, transfer	2000.00
<b>TOTAL VETERAN'S AID FUND</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, June 28, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**JUNE 28, 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, June 28, 2023. Roll call was answered by Sickel, Karas and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Sickel. Chairman Caverzagie 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 June 14, 2023, County Board meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2023, County Board meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-abstain, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2023, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-abstain, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2023, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. 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 Caverzagie. 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 & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance on County roads and bridges the past few weeks.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the advertisement for a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. to receive input from the public in support of or opposition to the vacation and abandonment of a portion of county road and bridge structure C007402110 located between S22 and S23, T3, R14 also known as ½ mile south of the 717 Road on 640 Avenue thence running south to 716 Road and to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-52. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 28)

Motion was made by Karas to advertise for sale by sealed bids to be received and opened on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 9:20 a.m. a bridge structure #C007402110 located on a road beginning at a point approximately 2,640 feet or ½ mile south of the intersection of 717 Road and 640 Avenue or beginning approximately 2,640 feet south of the northeast corner of Section 22, Township 3, North, Range 14 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Richardson County, Nebraska and running approximately 2,640 feet or ½ mile south to the intersection of 716 Road and 640 Ave or the Southeast corner of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 16 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Richardson County, Nebraska, or on 640 Avenue located approximately ¾ mile south of 717 Road between S22 and S23, T3, R14. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week.

Motion was made by Karas to enter into an agreement with Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer Schools to provide for School Resource Officer for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school year. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 29)

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### **EMA DIRECTOR, BRIAN KIRKENDALL**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director informed the Board that a grant application was denied for the purchase and installation of a generator at the Humboldt Rural Water tower. He has thence contacted a company to come and give a quote for a generator which needs to be installed to support and accommodate the NRIN equipment that will be installed in the near future.

### **BRIAN HILL, LAKEMAC**

The Board held a teleconference call with Brian Hill of LakeMAC who assists the County Assessor with the valuation process.

### **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

#### **Advertise for Public Hearing for Fair Market Value**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the advertisement for a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. to determine the fair market value of the following real estate as described: commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 22, Thence N02 55'10"W (assumed bearing) on the east line of the SE ¼ of said section 22, 1,425.89 feet; thence N87 04'50"E, 33.00 feet to the west county right-of-way line and also being the point of beginning; thence N80 46'24"W, 46.32 feet; thence N14 54'32"W, 154.43 feet; thence N05 06'41"W, 90.05 feet; thence N11"46'08"E, 145.23 feet; thence N18 35'35"E, 119.94 feet to said west county right of way line; thence S02"55'10"E on the east line of said SE ¼, 502.87 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.64 acres. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **Agreement with Region V for EPC**

Motion was made by Sickel to approve and enter into an agreement with Region V Systems for Emergency Protective Custody Services from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, at a cost of \$214.00/day. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **Overspent Budgets and Unencumbered Funds**

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-51 to approve the use of unencumbered funds to cover expense in the FY2022-2023 budgets of the Building and Grounds--\$6,959.13; Communication Dispatch--\$2,002.18; Humboldt Law Agrmnt--\$9,596.43 and Jail--\$80,675.24. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 27)

#### **Budget-Making Authority**

As per Resolution 2021-2022-25 a motion was made by Sickel to designate County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff, as the budget-making authority for years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **Change Meeting Dates**

The Board held a discussion to consider changing the meeting dates from Wednesday to Tuesday. Sheriff Hardesty read a message that he had received electronically from Samantha Scheitel, County Attorney which was addressed to the County Board regarding the consideration of this change. No action was taken.

#### **Transfer of Funds**

Motion was made by Karas to approve and adopt Resolution 2022-2023-50 regarding the transfer of funds from the Natural Disaster Fund in the amount of \$178,225.24 to the Road and

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TRANSFER OF FUNDS (Cont.)

Bridge Fund to reimburse for the expenses incurred for the repairs completed for the damages done during the FEMA—4420-DR-NE Disaster occurring March 9, 2019 through July 14, 2019. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 26)

**Special Designated Liquor License**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the following special designated liquor licenses for the Falls City Area Jaycees at the Falls City Area Jaycees Community Field: 1) Tractor Pull to be held on Friday, July 14, 2023 and 2) Demolition Derby to be held on Saturday, August 26, 2023. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**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**

Bennett, Pam, serv	900.00
Culligan, serv	114.50
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziske & Merwin, serv CR23-2, A. Debnam, CR23-33 J. Scroggins	1719.50
Farm & City Supply, supp	109.70
First Concord, fees	231.00
Gravatt, Jere, serv	100.00
Handley Law Office, serv JV23-3, JV23-4	1136.00
Hector, Amy, serv	200.00
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, serv	18.69
LaQuinta, lodg	393.36
Lincoln National Life Insurance, life ins	1137.10
Lynn Peavey, supp	95.25
Medica, ins	48027.40
Mercure, Steve, serv	5916.66
NE County Attorney Assoc., dues	1240.00
NE Law Enforcement Center, serv	500.00
Pest Control Services of SE NE, serv	45.00
Postmaster, supp	315.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1320.21
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	22619.39
SumnerOne, serv	109.98
Verizon, serv	303.29
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1242.00
Payroll Expense	108085.95
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$195,879.98</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Farm & City Supply, supp	92.47
Hullman's, supp	45.43
Martin-Marietta, rock	21876.00
Mr. Automotive, supp	44.90
NMC, supp	468.92
NPPD, serv	41.70

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**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)**

Newman Signs, supp	3429.96
OPPD, serv	38.59
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	52.97
PowerPlan, supp	1137.30
Sapp Bros., fuel	2206.33
Schendel Pest Control, serv	250.00
Truck Center Companies, supp	208.26
Unifirst, supp	71.60
Woods & Aitken, serv	21120.83
Payroll Expense	36121.30
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$87,206.56</b>

**DRUG COURT FUND**

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

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

Idemia, supp	26447.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$26,447.00</b>

**JAIL BOND REPAY FUND**

BOK Financial, pmt	291568.75
<b>TOTAL JAIL BOND REPAY FUND</b>	<b>\$291,568.75</b>

**NATURAL DISASTER FUND**

County Treasurer, transfer	178225.24
<b>TOTAL NATURAL DISASTER FUND</b>	<b>\$178,225.24</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 5, 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

**If RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**JULY 5, 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, July 5, 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 Vice-Chairman 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 June 28, 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 Karas to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2023, Board of Equalization 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 tell website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://www.co.richardson.ne.us).

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance on County roads and bridges the past few weeks.

Steve Hollens was present during this session to inquire on the status of the repairs to be done to the 14<sup>th</sup> Street road and dust control issues. He also presented a letter addressed to the County Board signed by 11 residents along the 14<sup>th</sup> Street regarding their concerns for the planned improvements.

**COUNTY TREASURER**

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer presented to the Board replacement pledge security receipt(s) from F&M Bank. Motion was made by Sickel to approve the replacement of receipt #392206925--\$835,000 for receipt #392219905--\$835,000. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week.

**FALLS CITY EDGE**

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of the Falls City Economic Development Growth Enterprise presented to the Board the quarterly report of the organization.

**BETH FARRELL, NACO LEGAL COUNSEL**

Beth Farrell, legal counsel with NE Assoc of County Officials updated the Board on the activity within the organization and provided an update on the legislation passed in the past session of the Nebraska Unicameral and possible legislation for the next session in 2024.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Resolution 2023-2024-1 Subdivision**

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a sub-division for Falls City Sacred Heart Catholic School Foundation located in S16, T2, R17 and to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-1. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 30)

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER (Cont.)

## Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for May, 2023.

## CLAIMS

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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, supp	109.95
Auditor of Public Accounts, serv	16000.84
BuckIT, serv	6373.52
Burt County Sheriff's Office, serv	18.00
CMC, serv	1797.26
Consolidated Management Co., serv	20,143.10
Culligan, supp	76.50
DAS State Accounting, serv	163.18
Datashield, serv	45.75
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	275.23
Falls City Journal, adv	38.75
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	7140.25
Farm & City Supply, supp	194.13
GWorks, serv	1575.00
Karas, Rick, reimb	267.76
Koch's Auto Service, serv	1047.19
Meyer Laboratory, supp	504.35
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
Miller Farrell Insurance, ins	142692.00
Miller Monroe, fee	40.00
MIPS, serv	3218.84
Morehead, Amanda, reimb	81.88
NASRO, serv	550.00
Nemaha County, reimb	5156.89
OneNeckIT Solutions, serv	54703.46
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	79.65
Postmaster, supp	630.00
Richardson County Court, fees	1151.28
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	63.00
Richardson County Mutual Aid, serv	178.36
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	621.04
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	94.32
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	375.00
Sickel, David, reimb	301.30
SNC, serv	1083.30
SumnerOne, serv	7.74
TK Elevator, serv	402.87
True Value, supp	13.99
Unifirst, serv	63.45
W&D Auto Care, serv	400.00
Weaver & Merz, reimb	29.65
Wolfe's Printing, supp	279.19
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$268,097.97</b>

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Culligan, supp	47.50
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	17138.19
Miller Farrell Insurance, ins	143771.00
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	109.99
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$161,066.68</b>

**REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND**

MIPS, serv	315.57
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$315.57</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 12, 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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Patricia Brown, Deputy

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

**If RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**JULY 12, 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, July 12, 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 Vice-Chairman 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 July 5, 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 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 tell website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://www.co.richardson.ne.us).

**COUNTY TREASURER**

Rachel Jean, Deputy County Treasurer presented to the Board the semi-annual report, January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023. Motion was made by Sickel to accept the Semi-Annual report as submitted by the County Treasurer. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance on County roads and bridges the past few weeks. Updates on several projects being done were also reviewed.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week.

Discussion was held regarding the installation of a HVAC unit on the rooftop of the Law Enforcement Center that was obtained for use during the outage of the unit that was out of service for a period this past winter. This extra unit would be installed and connected to be used as a back-up to avoid the problem of removing inmates from the jail and transported to another facility until repairs could be made. Sheriff Hardesty indicated that he would obtain a formal quote for the installation of this unit as he has reviewed this matter with local contractors.

A purchase order was presented for the replacement of 24 inmate mattresses for the jail cells to be purchased from Charm-Tex, Inc. for a total cost of \$3,261.60.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Fee Reports**

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

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 231.50
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$12,835.75
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$ 690.00
Sheriff Hardesty, May, 2023	\$ 2,995.57
Sheriff Hardesty, June, 2023	\$ 4,337.15

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER (Cont.)

### **Resolution 2023-2024-2 Cancel Checks**

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-2 to cancel 2 checks issued in error. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 31)

### **Resolution 2023-2024-3 Subdivision**

Motion was made by Karas to approve a sub-division for Falls City Sacred Heart Catholic School Foundation located in S35, T2, R17 and to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-3. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 32)

### **Four County Juvenile Services Interlocal Agreement**

Motion was made by Karas to enter in and approve an interlocal agreement with Johnson, Pawnee and Nemaha counties for the operation of the 4-County Juvenile Services program for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **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**

Amazon, supp	21.43
BuckIT, serv	1500.00
Canine Development Group, serv	280.00
City of Falls City, serv	1683.96
Clerk of District Court, fees	108.00
Delta Gloves, supp	1297.65
Dept. Correctional Services, serv	542.10
F&M Bank, equip lease	46625.30
Falls City Mercantile, supp	269.81
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	21.93
Jeremiah Franks, reimb	20.00
Government Forms & Supplies, supp	336.34
Home Again, sub	24.99
Hy-Vee, supp	20.09
Kawres, supp	80.70
KexRx, supp	2028.85
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, serv	18.69
Lexipol, serv	1003.20
Ligouri Law Office, serv	1225.50
Merz Ink, supp	44.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
Postmaster, supp	204.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	243.77
Quill, supp	233.98
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	1138.55
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	23101.57
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	96.94

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

Riverstone Bank, pmt	16622.28
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	990.00
SNC, serv	965.60
SumnerOne, serv	304.82
True Value, supp	17.98
Weaver & Merz, reimb	875.18
Wolfe's Printing, supp	165.66
Payroll Expense	108726.20
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$210,909.07</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

City of Humboldt, serv	91.67
East Richardson Rural Water District #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	4.60
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Falls City Utility Department, serv	477.12
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	7163.51
NPPD, serv	31.58
PowerPlan, supp	1220.14
Richardson County Vendor, tax	2331.00
Salem, Village of, serv	22.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	1753.28
SNC, serv	102.47
Superior Signals, supp	553.00
Truck Center Companies, supp	245.68
Unifirst, supp	70.18
Verdon, Village of, serv	30.88
Payroll Expense	34442.01
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$48,605.12</b>

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND**

SNC, serv	145.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$145.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 19, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**JULY 19, 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, July 19, 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 Vice-Chairman Sickel. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the July 12, 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 Karas to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2023, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. 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).

**COUNTY TREASURER**

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer presented to the Board replacement pledge security receipt(s) from F&M Bank. Motion was made Sickel by to approve the replacement of a pledge security from F&M Bank, receipt #751011940 for receipt #392225598. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**LUCAS FROESCHL, EDGE**

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of the Falls City EDGE presented to the Board information on the creation of a land bank by the City of Falls City along with the Village of Verdon. The requirements as set forth within the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act also require some specific duties of the County Assessor and the County Treasurer. The Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act is set forth in Nebraska Revised State Statutes 18-3401 through 18-3418.

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on County roads and bridges the past week. He reported that a motor grader will need some major repairs and after reviewing it was agreed that the repairs should be made to retain this machine as the spare at the Falls City shop.

**PUBLIC HEARING FAIR MARKET VALUE**

At 9:37 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication and declared that a public hearing was now open to determine the fair market value of the following described real estate: A parcel of land being part of the NE 1/4 SE1/4 of Section 2, Township 3 North, Range 14 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Richardson County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 22, Thence N02 55'10"W (assumed bearing) on the east line of the SE 1/4 of said section 22, 1,425.89 feet; thence N87 04'50"E, 33.00 feet to the west county right of way line and also being the point of beginning; thence N80 46'24"W, 46.32 feet; thence N14 54'32"W, 154.43 feet; thence N05 06'41"W, 90.05 feet; thence N11"46'08"E, 145.23 feet; thence N18 35'35"E, 119.94 feet to said west county right of way line; thence S02"55'10"E on the east line of said SE 1/4 , 502.87 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.64 acres.

No one from the public was in attendance at the hearing to speak on the determination of the fair market value.

Chairman Caverzagie closed the public hearing at 9:42 a.m.

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Pursuant to NE Revised State Statute 23-107.01 (b) the County will accept bids for this property as above described to be sold to the highest bidder on August 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week.

Sheriff Hardesty presented to the Board for filing a disclosure statement for the record of the hiring and employing of an immediate family member as required by the NE Accountability & Disclosure Commission, NADC Form C-4. Motion was made by Sickel to approve the Sheriff's request to hire an immediate family member, Chase Hardesty, at the Law Enforcement Center. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## **REGION V SERVICES**

Matt Kasik, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of Region V Services presented to the Board the Annual report of the organization. Also present were Brady Svendgard and from the Auburn location for Region V Services, Mike Jones.

## **BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director informed the Board that there will be some equipment exchanges with the Ham radio equipment that is housed in the upper floor areas of the Courthouse. There will be no costs to the County associated with these improvements.

## **QUAD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Sandy Stalder, President of the Quad County Historical & Research Society presented to the Board the annual report of the organization and current activities being planned. They also requested the continued funding from the County in the amount of \$5,000 for FY2023-2024.

## **SKYLINE CONSTRUCTION, INC.**

Anthony Thiner, Vice President of Operations for Skyline Construction, Inc. presented to the Board for consideration on the installation of the new roof covering an alternative product they would like to have the County consider rather than what was included within the bid award. They are proposing to use TPO or thermoplastic olefin instead of the bid specification of EPDM ethylene propylene diene terpolymer.

Bill Huey from Prochaska & Associates, the architect for the project was also in attendance at this meeting. He indicated that he would need to receive a "shop drawing" from the contractor regarding this proposal for him to review and then make a recommendation to the County Board on this proposal and to present a change order for their consideration.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Audit FY End June 30, 2023**

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the terms and conditions included with the audit engagement letter with the NE State Auditor of Public Accounts to perform the fiscal year end June 30, 2023 audit report and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **Medica Insurance Company**

Motion was made by Sickel to approve and enter into a Master Group Contract with Medica Insurance Company for the county employee health insurance coverage July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER (Cont.)

### **Village of Dawson**

The Village of Dawson, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §13-327, submitted to the County Board the recently adopted Village of Dawson Ordinance No 2022-006 and Ordinance No 2023-08 for the County Board's consideration for approval regarding the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction over land outside the area extending one mile from the corporate boundaries of the Village.

While the county has a formally adopted comprehensive development plan (adopted June 5, 2001) the County does not have formally adopted zoning regulations. Therefore, no action will be taken by the County Board.

These ordinances have been filed with the Richardson County Court and also with the County Clerk's Miscellaneous Book 1, Page 153-155.

### **Schendel Pest Control Proposal**

A proposal was received from Schendel Pest Control for service to be provided for the Richardson County Courthouse. The monthly fee to cover the entire building each month would be \$65.00. Motion was made by Karas to approve the proposal from Schendel Pest Control as presented and notify the current provider of this service, Pest Control Services of SE NE of the change and termination of service. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **LB644 Postcard**

Motion was made by Sickel to designate the Nebraska Print Shop to print the LB644 postcard tax information if required. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

### **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**

Amazon, supp	25.72
Armbruster Motor Co., serv	228.73
Brite, supp	12492.00
BuckIT, serv	4500.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	30.88
Desert Snow, serv	649.00
Douglas County Sheriff's Office, serv	22.74
Falls City Journal, adv	75.56
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Family Medicine, serv	164.30
Handley Law Office, serv	3049.50
CR23-15 B. Graves, CR22-211 H. Loyd, CR22-198 A. Scates, CR23-89 R. Schawang, CR23-90 R. Schawang	
Hullman's, serv	1696.04
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	1276.25
Miller-Monroe, ins	40.00
Nine-11 Custom, serv	5593.40
OPPD, serv	120.66
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	40.00
Physicians Laboratory, serv	655.00
Pitney Bowes, serv	247.68

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GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Region V Services, serv	3721.50
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	38.79
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire	24.48
Riggs, Kim, reimb	138.86
Sapp Bros., fuel	67.76
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	265.00
Secretary of State, supp	30.00
SumnerOne, serv	1.02
Wolfe's Printing, supp	52.25
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$35,267.12</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Black Hills Energy, serv	42.13
Martin-Marietta, rock	13209.48
NPPD, serv	31.58
Sapp Bros., fuel	14209.12
Stateline Propane, supp	1752.00
Payroll	146.20
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Matthew Bletscher	146.20
*****	*****
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$29,390.51</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 26, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**JULY 26, 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, July 26, 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 July 19, 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 Karas to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2023, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. 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 Caverzagie. 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 & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance on County roads and bridges the past few weeks. He informed the Board of a seminar that will be held on August 23 in Kearney regarding the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Grant Programs through the US Department of Transportation. The Board requested that Mr. Darveau attend this seminar.

**SEALED BIDS FOR SALE OF BRIDGE**

At 9:20 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented to the Board a proof of publication for the opening of sealed bids for the purchase of a bridge (structure C007402110) located on a road beginning at a point approximately 2,640 feet or ½ mile south of the intersection of 717 Road and 640 Avenue or beginning approximately 2,640 feet south of the northeast corner of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 14 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Richardson County, Nebraska and running approximately 2,640 feet or ½ mile south to the intersection of 716 Road and 640 Ave or the Southeast corner of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 14 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Richardson County, Nebraska.

No bids were received.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

At 9:30 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication and declared that a public hearing be opened to receive comments from the public in support of or in opposition to the vacation of said road and structure described as beginning at a point approximately 2,640 feet or ½ mile south of the intersection of 717 Road and 640 Avenue or beginning approximately 2,640 feet south of the northeast corner of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 14 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Richardson County, Nebraska and running approximately 2,640 feet or ½ mile south to the intersection of 716 Road and 640 Ave or the Southeast corner of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 14 East said road including Richardson County structure C007402110.

A letter from Eric Geiger on behalf of Francis Rosse, an adjacent landowner was presented and read. He is requesting that an additional 40 feet remain open south past the ½ mile section line to continue providing access to both landowners adjacent to the west and east side of the said road and that a dead-end or no-outlet sign be placed at this point. Dale James, landowner adjacent to said public road was in attendance and was in support of the closing and also made the same request as made in the letter presented by Eric Geiger.

Chairman Caverzagie declared the public hearing closed at 9:35 a.m.

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## **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that the certification and re-certification for the drug dogs has been completed. Grant funding is also being sought to assist with the expenses of the drug dogs.

It was also reported that a deputy will be attending an active shooter training in August, the Law Enforcement Center is currently fully staffed and that a grant program will be conducted in late August through September 4, "Drive Sober Get Pulled Over".

## **NE DEPT OF LABOR**

Nebraska Department of Labor representative, Tiffany Rasmussen presented to the Board information regarding the On-the-Job Training program the Department offers to employers to assist with the costs of training new hires. The program reimburses the employer 50% of the wages paid to the new hires while in training. The Board requested that the County Clerk complete the application and submit the contract documents to the County Attorney for review. The County Board will then consider the contract at the next meeting to participate in this program and sign the documents to be submitted to the NE Department of Labor to begin utilizing this program with new hires.

## **QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION**

The Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection and found the facility to be in good order.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Budget for FY2023-2024**

County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff presented to the Board the proposed budget as was submitted by all the department officials. The Board will hold budget hearings with all department officials and tentatively plan to hold the public budget hearing on September 13.

### **SENCA Request for CASA Funding**

The Board reviewed a request from SE NE Community Action Partnership, Inc. for funding assistance for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program. This matter will be tabled for further information and consideration.

### **Consider Change Order Courthouse Roof**

The Board reviewed with Bill Huey of Prochaska & Associates, the architect for the Courthouse roof replacement project, regarding the proposed change by Skyline Construction, Inc. in the materials that was originally specified in the bid documents. After last week's meeting, Skyline Construction, Inc. was to submit before today's meeting the information to Prochaska & Associates to review the proposed change and then to recommend to the Board a change order if required. Mr. Huey at Prochaska & Associates has not received the information from Skyline Construction, Inc. and recommended that the Board proceed with the project as specified within the bid document. Mr. Prochaska will contact Skyline Construction, Inc. to inform them to proceed with the project as included within the specifications.

## **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-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

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**GENERAL FUND**

Animal Health Center, serv	430.90
AT&T Mobility, serv	1073.91
Brite, supp	1274.00
BuckIT, supp	1400.00
CMC, serv	5000.00
Consolidated Management Company, serv	10425.71
Culligan, serv	137.60
DAS State Accounting, serv	335.00
Dept. of Correctional Services, serv	2891.20
Falls City Journal, adv	74.26
Falls City Mercantile, supp	610.45
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv JV22-38, JV22-30, JV23-20, JV21-17, JV21-20, JV21-19	4465.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	227.00
First Concord Benefits, fee	223.00
Franks, Jeremiah, reimb	25.45
Government Forms & Supplies, supp	1474.45
Hall Funeral Home, serv	1000.00
Humboldt Standard, adv	176.00
Johnson County Sheriff, serv	520.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	191.25
Kawres, supp	65.00
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1101.62
Medica, ins	44877.76
Mercure, Steven, serv	5916.66
NACO, dues	1656.13
NE Association of County clerks, fee	50.00
Nine-11 Custom, supp	6043.94
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	561.00
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	32.78
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	2.04
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	22090.70
Sapp Bros., fuel	13836.00
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	265.00
Security Equipment, supp	251.70
SumnerOne, serv	70.00
True Value, supp	30.48
Ultra Chem, supp	149.20
UnitedHealth Group, fee	550.00
Weaver & Merz, reimb	30.66
Wolfe's Printing, supp	598.18
Payroll Expense	106172.35
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$236,354.38</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Martin Marietta, rock	16315.09
NPPD, serv	106.36
NMC, supp	484.89
OPPD, serv	39.26
Quill, supp	29.18
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Unifirst, supp	67.86
Woods & Aitken, serv	7689.07
Payroll Expense	33470.78
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$58,227.49</b>

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**DRUG COURT FUND**

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

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS**

CPC, supp	1919.15
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,919.15</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 2, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**AUGUST 2, 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 2, 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 July 26, 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 Karas to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2023, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. 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 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 & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on County roads and bridges the past week. Mr. Darveau reported on the information he obtained since reporting at the July 19 meeting on the cost for repairs to an engine in the 2013 CAT motor grader is estimated to be \$55,785.35 which will require a new engine. Motion was made by Sickel to approve the replacement of the engine in the 2013 CAT motor grader with an estimated cost of \$55,785.35 at Nebraska Machinery Co. Motion seconded Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to accept the offer of \$5.00 from Dale E. James for the purchase of the bridge C007402110 located on a road beginning at a point approximately 2,640 feet or ½ mile south of the intersection of 717 Road and 640 Avenue or beginning approximately 2,640 feet south of the northeast corner of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 14 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Richardson County, Nebraska and running approximately 2,640 feet or ½ mile south to the intersection of 716 Road and 640 Ave or the Southeast corner of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 14 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Richardson County, Nebraska. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Cetner this past week. The Sheriff gave a report on the activity within the department this past month. Discussion was held regarding the purchase of patrol units and the purchase of a video camera system for the jail area.

A review of the FY2023-2024 budgets for the Sheriff, Jail, Humboldt Law Contract and Sheriff Commissary was held.

**KIM RIGGS, COUNTY ASSESSOR**

Kim Riggs, County Assessor presented to the Board an agreement for the Board's approval with Lake Mac Assessment, LLC to provide professional services for appraisal training and assistance, GIS mapping and analyzing data including reviewing sales with new residential depreciation table—quality & condition, build outbuilding depreciation tables, commercial land reappraisal and build commercial depreciation tables. Motion was made by Karas to enter into the contract as presented with Lake Mac Assessment, LLC for the cost of \$6,400.00 with the above to be completed by March 19, 2024. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

August 2, 2023

### **PAM SCOTT, CLERK OF DIST COURT**

Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court reviewed the FY2023-2024 budgets for this department with the Board.

### **ROB TICHY, COUNTY SURVEYOR**

Rob Tichy, County Surveyor reviewed the FY2023-2024 County Surveyor budget with the Board.

### **MONA GODEMANN, VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER**

Mona Godemann and Odis Fields of the Veterans Service Office met with the Board to review the FY2023-2024 budget for the department.

The Board was also informed that the Veterans Service Office had sent notice to all the recognized veteran's organizations within the County requesting nominations for the appointment to the Veterans Service Committee. No nominations were received back to the Veterans Service Office. Current member, Jim Owings, whose term expired on June 30, 2023, has agreed to serve another term on the Veterans Service Committee. Motion was made by Caverzagie to reappoint Jim Owings to the Veterans Service Committee for a term of 5 years beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2028. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR/WEED SUPT.**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director and Noxious Weed Supt. reviewed with the Board the FY23-24 budget for these departments.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a purchase order for a Matrice 30T Combo with DJI Care Enterprise Basic drone and batteries for \$11,829. Chairman called for a second to the motion two times. Motion died for a lack of second. The drone would be utilized with the Road & Bridge Department, Emergency Management Agency and the Sheriff's Department.

### **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

#### **On the Job Training Program**

Motion was made by Karas to approve the application for the On-the-Job Training program through the Nebraska Department of Labor and to authorize the Chairman to sign the Contract and Assurances document. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **Levy Allocation Resolution**

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-4 pursuant to NE Revised State Statute 77-3443 to set the tax levy allocation for the rural fire districts and the agriculture society for 2023 at .02. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 33)

#### **Monthly Operating Statement**

The Board review the monthly operating statement for July, 2023.

#### **Fee Reports**

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

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 159.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$ 1,465.00
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$11,615.00

August 2, 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-ays, 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

BuckIT, serv	6373.52
CharmTex, supp	3726.32
CMC, serv	976.14
DAS State Accounting, serv	163.18
Detectachem, supp	96.22
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	309.19
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	17.51
Falls City Mercantile, supp	193.00
Falls City Sanitation, serv	60.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	83.16
Harmon's, serv	30.00
Kawre's, supp	140.00
Koch's Auto Service, serv	1533.38
Merz Ink, supp	328.97
Meyer Laboratory, supp	39.95
N&N, serv	325.05
NE Public Health Environmental, serv	105.00
OPD Business Solutions, supp	249.15
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	104.99
Quill, supp	335.76
Radiology Associates, serv	70.00
Richardson County Court, reimb	82.41
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	549.56
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1112.84
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	440.00
Secretary of State, fee	60.00
SNC, serv	1054.51
Stalker Radio, supp	3714.20
Weaver & Merz, reimb	883.63
Wolfe's Printing, supp	81.30
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$23,238.94</b>

### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan, supp	47.50
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	46.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	13081.29
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	68.93
Salem, Village of, serv	22.00
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$13,265.72</b>

### FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUND

Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	20.00
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUND</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

County Treasurer, funding (SE Adult Drug Court)	8368.75
Falls City Edge, funding	7500.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$15,868.75</b>

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND**

CPC, serv	259.54
SNC, serv	145.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$404.54</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 9, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**AUGUST 9, 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 9, 2023. Roll call was answered by Sickel and Caverzagie. Commissioner Karas was absent. 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 2, 2023, County Board meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, 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-absent, 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).

**HUMBOLDT SHARES, INC.**

Deb Lewis of Humboldt Shares, Inc. presented to the Board a report from the organization's Annual Meeting held last week. Part of the report included the program they are implementing with regards to offering financial assistance with the demolition of uninhabitable houses and to recommend and offer assistance to the City of Humboldt to participate in the Land Bank program that FC EDGE is assisting with the organization of for the City of Falls City and the Village of Verdon.

**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.

**SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

At 9:30 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the sale of county owned real estate located in the NE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 14 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Richardson County, Nebraska

One bid was received from the Francis V. Rosse Trust in the amount of \$1.00.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to accept the bid received from the Francis V. Rosse Trust in the amount of \$1.00 for the parcel of county owned real estate located in the NE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 14 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Richardson County, Nebraska more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 22, Thence N02 55'10"W (assumed bearing) on the east line of the SE 1/4 of said section 22, 1,425.89 feet; thence N87 04'50"E, 33.00 feet to the west county right of way line and also being the point of beginning; thence N80 46'24"W, 46.32 feet; thence N14 54'32"W, 154.43 feet; thence N05 06'41"W, 90.05 feet; thence N11 46'08"E, 145.23 feet; thence N18 35'35"E, 119.94 feet to said west county right of way line; thence S02 55'10"E on the east line of said SE 1/4, 502.87 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.64 acres. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE ROAD**

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-5 to close a road described as the west thirty-three (33) feet of the Southwest (SW) 1/4 of Section 23 except the north forty (40) feet thereof, and the east thirty-three (33) feet of the Southeast (SE) 1/4 of Section 22 except the north forty (40) feet thereof, all being in Township 3 North, Range 14 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Richardson County, Nebraska. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 35)

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## **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Cetner this past week. A report was also approved for the Sheriff for fees that were collected during the month of July, 2023, totaling \$6,289.74.

The Sheriff reported that a deputy who serves in the reserves will be deployed later this year and that this will leave the department with a staffing shortage to fulfil the contract with Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer Schools to provide for a school resource officer. Motion was made by Sickel to send a notice to Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer Schools regarding the County's intention to terminate the agreement to provide a for school resource officer for the school years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 due to unforeseeable circumstances and a lack of adequate staffing of deputies. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The purchase of patrol cars was also discussed and will be reviewed further at next week's meeting.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the quote #149822-1 received from OneNeck for the purchase of a VMS Server, PoE switches and Microsoft licensing all priced through the Nebraska NASPO Value Point Contract #14314 OC and the Hewlett Packard Enterprise NASPO Value Point Master Agreement Number MNNVP-134 in the amount of \$47,361.99 and the estimate from buckIT for 40 8MP HD IR 2.8mm fixed eye NDAA Compliant Network Turret cameras, supplies and installation of \$25,300. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## **REVIEW BUDGET REQUESTS**

The Board reviewed the FY2023-2024 budget requests for the Cooperative Extension Service with Jamie Ankrom; County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey; County Assessor, Kim Riggs and County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Pledge Security Receipt**

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the replacement of a pledge security receipt #799014957 with receipt #392221285 from F&M Bank. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **Cancel Check**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-6 to cancel 2 checks issued in error. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 36)

### **Courthouse Roof Replacement**

The Board reviewed the Courthouse roof replacement project with the architect, Bill Huey of Prochaska & Assoc. The contractor has not been in contact with Prochaska & Associates or the County regarding the start date and Mr. Huey will make effort to confirm a start date to report back to the Board at next week's meeting.

## **CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Sickel to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## **GENERAL FUND**

Amazon, supp	80.77
Charm-Tex, supp	68.90
Detectachem, supp	96.32
Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, serv	475.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Falls City Journal, adv	1574.91
Falls City Mercantile, supp	78.31
Falls City Utility Department, serv	7586.03
Farm & City Supply, supp	215.49
Federal Signal Corp., sub	5250.00
Handley Law Office, serv	3923.50
CR21-183 T. Frederick, CR22-225 K. Wissler, CR22-239 A. Booth, JV23-29, JV23-20, JV22-5, JV21-16, JV23-2	
Hullman's, serv	9496.39
Humboldt Standard, adv	32.00
Jim Hills, serv	560.00
KexRx, supp	1702.83
Lancaster County Sheriff, serv	7.37
Malcolm, Terry, serv	280.00
Meyer Home Center, serv	390.00
Microfilm Imaging System, serv	110.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
Midwest Special Services, serv	492.10
MIPS, serv	3218.84
ODP Business Solutions, supp	359.99
Postmaster, supp	193.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	51.31
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	22850.62
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.55
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	265.00
SNC, serv	1139.38
SumnerOne, serv	397.38
Unifirst, serv	63.45
Verizon, serv	303.32
Weaver & Merz, reimb	16.28
Wolfe's Printing, supp	94.58
Payroll Expense	111552.60
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$173,025.22</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

AGCO Finance, supp	1907.18
Cornhusker International Trucks, supp	714.35
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	327.32
Falls City Utility Department, serv	414.65
Farm & City Supply, supp	321.58
Home Lumber, supp	35.96
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	4228.34
Mr. Automotive, supp	7.89
Myers Tire Supply, supp	118.27
NPPD, serv	31.58
NMC, supp	6843.82
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	56.05
Powerplan, supp	857.09
Safety-Kleen Systems, supp	375.16
SNC, serv	102.31
Tri-State Truck & Tractor, supp	30.45
Truck Center Companies, supp	406.47
Unifirst, serv	15.72
Verdon, Village of, serv	31.76
Payroll Expense	32713.73
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$49,539.68</b>

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND**

Richardson County, rent	25.00
SE NE Tourist Council, fees	200.00
<b>TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND</b>	<b>\$225.00</b>

**COUNTY VISITOR'S IMPROV FUND**

Humboldt Garden Foundation, funding	10000.00
<b>TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR'S IMPROV FUND</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

**REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND**

MIPS, serv	315.57
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$315.57</b>

**STOP PROGRAM DIVERSION FUND**

Intoximeters, supp	1262.25
<b>TOTAL STOP PROGRAM DIVERSION FUND</b>	<b>\$1,262.25</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 16, 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

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://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 Cetner 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

August 16, 2023  
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
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$60,893.39</b>

**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
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$17,661.89</b>

**DRUG COURT FUND**

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

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

Humboldt Shares, funding	5000.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

**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.

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John Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**AUGUST 23, 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 23, 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 16, 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 Sickel to approve the minutes of the Quarterly Safety Committee meeting from August 16, 2023 as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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 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 & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. was unable to meet with the Board this week due to his attendance at a conference in Kearney regarding the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Grant Programs through the US Department of Transportation.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Cetner this past week. An update was given on the shortage of staff that is likely to occur in the near future with upcoming retirements and resignations. The Board also reviewed further with the Sheriff the FY23-24 budget for this department with proposed changes of the County Board.

**BUDGET FY2023-2024 REVIEW**

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

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the 1% budget authority pursuant to Nebraska Revised State Statute 13-519(2). Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to set the public budget hearing date for Wednesday, 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 Caverzagie to set the public hearing to set the tax levy at a different rate than the prior year for Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 10:15 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**SE NE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The Board received the 2022 Annual Report of the Southeast Nebraska Development District and the 2023/24 Membership Packet. Also submitted to the Board was the Annual Membership and Housing statement for dues for FY 2023-2024 in the amount of \$6,634.00.

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## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Transfer

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-7 to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$200,000.00. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 37)

### Courthouse Roof Replacement

The Board held a conference call with Bill Huey, of Prochaska & Associates, architect for the Courthouse roof replacement project. Representatives from Skyline Construction, Inc. were also in attendance at this time and reported that they will make delivery of equipment and materials on Thursday, August 24 and will begin the project on Friday, August 25, with work to continue through the weekend and a projected completion date on or before September 5.

### 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

Amazon, supp	37.98
Bierman, Lauren, serv	4500.00
Charm-Tex, supp	79.20
Chart Meds, serv	228.80
Consolidated Management Company, serv	10360.05
Continental Fire Sprinkler, serv	345.00
Culligan, serv	185.10
Dollar General, supp	32.25
Donahue & Sisco, serv	4488.75
Fairfield, lodg	530.00
Falls City Journal, adv	69.65
Falls City Mercantile, supp	78.57
Farm & City Supply, supp	32.94
First Concord, fees	218.00
Godemann, Bethany, reimb	37.56
Koch's Auto Service, serv	1127.24
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1153.22
Medica, ins	42323.94
Mercure, Steve, serv	5916.66
Meyer Home Center, serv	120.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	634.00
Motorola Solutions, serv	5600.00
National Business Furniture, supp	3440.80
ODP Business Solutions, supp	449.90
OPPD, serv	94.19
Quill, supp	395.51
Region V Systems, serv	1926.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	241.36
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	23212.88
Sayler Screenprinting, supp	66.00
Secretary of State, fee	30.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Payroll Expense	114127.49
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$222,083.04</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Black Hills Energy, serv	42.13
Farmers Repair, supp	309.42
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	32725.71
Mezger Construction, serv	65775.00
NPPD, serv	73.28
Norris Quarries, rock	1943.32
Powerplan, supp	1797.60
Quill, supp	96.45
Sapp Bros., fuel	10186.13
Schendel Pest Control, serv	250.00
Stella, Village of, serv	61.60
Unifirst, supp	16.13
Payroll Expense	32390.31
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$145,667.08</b>

**DRUG COURT FUND**

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

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

County Treasurer, transfer	200000.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$200,000.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 30, 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

**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 Caverzagie 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://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

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BUDGET REVIEW (Cont.)

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](http://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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**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

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

**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
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$26,915.84</b>

**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.

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David Sickel, Vice-Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SEPTEMBER 6, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice-Chairman Sickel at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. Roll call was answered by Karas and Sickel. Chairman Caverzagie was absent. The Invocation was given by Vice-Chairman Sickel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Karas. Vice-Chairman Sickel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2023, County Board meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. 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-absent. 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 & 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. He reported that the road improvement project on 706 Road or known as W14<sup>th</sup> Street has begun. A report was also given on roadside brush complaints that have been received and progress that has been done by landowners.

A report was given on the concern that Tom Farwell had regarding a driveway tube and that a solution has been reached to correct the situation to replace the tube.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. It was reported that Deputy Roland Merwin submitted his letter of resignation with his last day being Friday, September 15, 2023. The Sheriff reported that during the past grant period August 16, 2023 through September 4, 2023 there were approximately 480 traffic stops with 22 arrests being made. For the month of August, the department had 56 arrests of which 52 were made by the Sheriff's department, 260 calls, 561 traffic stops and that currently there are 22 inmates in the jail.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the re-hire of Nick Hildebrand who will be working part-time as a deputy. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

**Dispatch Service with City of Beatrice**

James Allman with the NE Public Service Commission was in attendance at the meeting to review the services provided by Southeast Communications Center 911 at Beatrice.

Commissioner Karas reported that he and Sheriff Hardesty had met with the City of Beatrice City Administrator and the Chief of Police regarding the terms for the renewal of the contract in August of 2024. At that time, they indicated providing this service to Richardson County would require an increase in the rate for the new contract period, which was quoted as almost to be double the current amount. Commissioner Karas and Sheriff Hardesty requested another meeting with them to negotiate the costs but have not received any return calls or further correspondence.

Sheriff Hardesty has recommended that the County provide a notice to the City of Beatrice that Richardson County will not be renewing the contract. The Board will consider approval of sending a notice to the City of Beatrice regarding the non-renewal of the contract in August of 2024.

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## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Hiring Restriction**

The Board held a brief discussion on implementing a hiring restriction with-out prior approval from the County Board of Commissioners on all new hires with a review of that job description to be filled in all County Departments. This matter will be considered further at next week's meeting.

### **Courthouse Roof Replacement**

It was reported that the Skyline Construction, Inc. crew was still working on the roof and the anticipation of the completion is expected for next week.

### **County Visitor Agreement**

Motion was made by Karas to enter and approve an agreement with the Richardson County Visitor Committee and Pamela Scott to perform the duties of secretary to the Committee for a fee of \$100.00/year. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 37)

### **Fee Reports**

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

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 331.50
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$14,426.00
Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court	\$ 961.00

## **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-absent. Motion carried.

### **GENERAL FUND**

Clerk of District Court, fee	470.00
Comfort Inn, lodg	119.95
Consolidated Management, serv	71.50
Datashield, serv	69.10
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	7484.06
Farm & City Supply, supp	35.97
Galls, supp	31.32
Generators for Sale, serv	525.40
Jim Hill's, serv	285.00
Meyer Home Center, serv	1673.00
Meyer Laboratory, supp	563.93
Miller-Monroe, ins	740.00
MIPS, serv	3295.80
NACO, fee	135.00
Norfolk Lodge & Suites, lodg	344.85
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	70.00
Register of Deeds, fee	60.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	20.62
Richardson County Court, fees	2171.19
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	56.92
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	1109.92

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	81.94
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	26601.20
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	265.00
Secretary of State, fee	30.00
SNC, serv	2159.08
Unifirst, serv	73.22
Weaver & Merz, reimb	18.80
Payroll Expense	125715.86
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$174,318.63</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

CapitalOne Trade Credit, supp	24.98
Culligan, serv	38.00
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Journal, adv	33.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	16559.04
Norris Quarries, rock	5833.20
SNC, serv	101.74
Truck Center Companies, supp	1943.28
Payroll Expense	32654.00
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$57,233.24</b>

**REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND**

MIPS, serv	315.57
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$315.57</b>

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND**

CPC, serv	2709.44
SNC, serv	145.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$2,854.44</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, for the Public Budget Hearing and Special Hearing to Set the Tax Levy at 10:00 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 1:00 p.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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David Sickel, Vice-Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 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 6, 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).

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty via teleconference due to his assistance at Humboldt for the activities for the Richardson County Fair, updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. A fee report was approved for Sheriff Hardesty for fees collected during the month of August, 2023 totaling \$4,744.08.

Motion was made by Karas to approve sending a notice to the City of Beatrice and Southeast Communications Center 911 at Beatrice that Richardson County will not be renewing a contract for their services for dispatch. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the appointment of Jeremiah Franks as the Chief Deputy Sheriff effective September 15, 2023. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding possible hiring of a full-time deputy that is Nebraska Certified.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the purchase of a patrol unit from Hullman's Ford Linc Merc for the purchase price of \$44,709.00 for a 2023 Ford 308 with partial funds to be paid from the Sheriff's budget and the remainder to be paid from the Inheritance Tax Fund. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**ADOPT FY2023-2024-8 ADOPT FY2023-2024 BUDGET**

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-8 regarding the adoption of the FY2023-2024 budget as published and presented at the public hearing held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 38)

**RESOLUTION 2023-2024-9 ADOPT 2023 TAX LEVY FOR COUNTY**

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-9 to approve a tax levy of .349757 for tax year 2023 for Richardson County as published and presented at the public hearing held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 10:15 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 39)

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Discuss Implementing a Hiring Restriction**

The Board held a discussion to implement a hiring restriction with-out prior approval from the County Board of Commissioners on all new-hires with a review of that job description to be filled in all County Departments. A resolution for this matter will be considered at a later meeting.

## **Resolution 2023-2024-11 to Region V**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the Region V Community Human Services Program Interlocal Agreement First Amendment to formally change the name to Apace and authorize the Chairman to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-11 to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 41)

## **Courthouse Roof Replacement**

Motion was made by Sickel to authorize the Chairman to use his discretion in reviewing and approving a change order to be received by the architect in the next few days that will be needed for continued work to be completed by Skyline Construction, Inc. on the Courthouse roof in this following week. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## **Sub-Division**

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a sub-division for John M and Mary Sue Martin located in S25, T1, R15 and to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-10. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 40)

## **Other**

Motion was made by Karas to approve a purchase order to Generators for Sale of Omaha for a price of \$12,386.00 for a generator to be installed at the Humboldt Rural Water Tower to be used for the future installation of the NRIN equipment which was reviewed at the June 28, 2023 meeting. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## **CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Sickel to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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	35.42
BuckIT, serv	18490.66
Consolidated Management Company, serv	76.75
DAS State Accounting, serv	150.00
F&M Bank, supp	40.00
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv JV15-26, JV22-38, JV22-14, JV22-30, JV21-17, JV21-20, JV21-19, CR22-167 Y. Williams	5557.50
Farm & City Supply, supp	25.99
Gage County Treasurer, reimb	11917.06
Harmon, Leland, supp	80.00
Hillyard, supp	414.97
Hullman's Ford, serv	132.99
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	237.11
KexRx, supp	2994.88
Koch's Auto Service, serv	1493.02
Lancaster County Sheriff, serv	7.37
Merz Ink, supp	168.97
Meyer Home Center, serv	519.60
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
Miller-Monroe, fee	40.00
NACO, reg	120.00
NE Secretary of State, fee	30.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

NE State Fire Marshall, fee	120.00
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	591.71
Physicians Laboratory, serv	2350.00
Prochaska & Associates, serv	994.80
ProServ Business Systems, serv	146.41
Region V Systems, dues/cont/serv	7382.50
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	116.05
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	368.64
Road & Bridge Fund, levy tax	273356.86
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	265.00
SE NE Development District, dues	6634.00
True Value, supp	14.99
UNL, reg	95.00
Wherry Mortuary, serv	730.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$335,768.25</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

City of Humboldt, serv	93.90
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	185.83
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	429.66
Mary's Appliance, supp	628.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	18944.91
Mr. Automotive, supp	63.15
NPPD, serv	31.58
Norris Quarries, rock	2199.28
Salem, Village of, serv	22.85
Unifirst, supp	61.38
Verdon, Village of, serv	30.88
Woods & Aitken, serv	32.50
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$22,723.92</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 2:33 p.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, September 20, 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

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The public budget hearing of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2022. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws are posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda was posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby, 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). The Public Hearing notice was published in the Falls City Journal and the Humboldt Standard on Wednesday, September 6, 2023.

### **PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

Chairman Caverzagie declared the public budget hearing opened at 10:00 a.m. No persons from the public were in attendance.

### **SPECIAL HEARING TO SET TAX LEVY**

Chairman Caverzagie declared the special hearing to set the 2023 tax levy for Richardson County be opened at 10:17 a.m. No persons from the public were in attendance.

One person from the media was in attendance.

Chairman Caverzagie declared that both the public hearings be closed at 10:40 a.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again for the regular meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. 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

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://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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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
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$281,385.74</b>

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
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$119,889.99</b>

DRUG COURT FUND

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

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.

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John Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SEPTEMBER 27, 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 27, 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 20, 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).

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this past week.

Discussion was held regarding a bridge located on 712 Road between 654 and 655 Avenue has been reported to have an area where there is some irregularity on the surface and it was suggested that a "bump" sign be installed to give drivers a warning of it. Mr. Darveau indicated that the problem is being reviewed and a note has been made to correct.

It was reported that a snowplow and sander has been located to be added to a pickup with the Road Department for the price of \$17,998.27 which includes all installation and lighting. After reviewing 3 informal quotes that had been received, motion was made by Sickel to authorize the Highway Superintendent to proceed with the purchase of the snowplow and sander equipment from Nebraska Snow Equipment of Lincoln, NE for a total purchase price of \$17,998.27 which has been priced through a government pricing service, Sourcewell. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. A review of the current FY2023-2024 adopted budget for the Sheriff's Department was held.

He reported that the State Jail Standards annual inspection of the Jail was held this past week.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a purchase order for two Eagle 3 Dual Ka-Band w/eFork radar units to be partially funded by a NE Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office Radar Mini-Grant with Richardson County to be responsible for \$2,752.62 of the total cost of \$5,142.62. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS DISPATCH SERVICE FOR COUNTY SHERIFF**

The Board reviewed with Sheriff Hardesty the future plans to begin the County Sheriff dispatching at the Law Enforcement Center and future plans to perhaps combine the dispatching with the City of Falls City. Commissioner Karas reported that the City of Falls City Administrator and the Mayor of Falls City would be available to meet with a representative from the County Board on October 9 to review this matter.

**DISCUSS IMPLEMENTING A HIRING RESTRICTION**

The Board continued the discussion and reviewed with County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel, 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

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HIRING RESOLUTION (Cont.)

description to be filled in all County Departments.

County officials also present and speaking at this session were: Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer; Kim Riggs, County Assessor; Steve Darveau, Highway Superintendent; and Sheriff Hardesty.

At the conclusion of the discussion, it was summarized that the County Board would respectfully request that officials inform the County Board when there is a job vacancy within a department and who the new hire may be.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Public Defender authorize to advertise for 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. Mrs. Scheitel suggested that there are a few details with the process that she would like to review further and meet with the Board at next week's meeting to finalize the notice for advertisement.

### **Courthouse Roof Replacement**

Commissioner Caverzagie reported on a meeting that he had with the architect, Bill Huey of Prochaska & Associates on Monday 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 August, 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**

Consolidated Management Company, serv	88.00
DAS State Acctg, subs	163.18
Donahue & Sisco, PC LLO, serv	237.50
Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, serv	1475.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	117.90
Godemann, Bethany, reimb	5.36
Handley Law Office, CR23-7 & CR22-184	1301.50
Hullman's Ford Lincoln, Inc, vehicle	13000.00
Jake's Paint & Body, serv	665.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	106.25
KS HCI Haug Commincations, serv	100.00
Merz Ink, serv	42.98
Miller Farrell Ins. Ag, ins	919.00
Quill LLC, supp	233.98
Register of Deeds, fee	40.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	328.37
Scholl Lawn & Landscape LLC, serv	200.00
Secretary of State Election Division, reg	160.00
Sumner One, supp	79.41
True Value Hardware, supp	44.46

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**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

Unifirst, supp	73.22
Weaver & Merz Law Office, reimb	875.18
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$20,256.29</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

A1 Iron Corp, supp	1632.02
Falls City Auto Supply Inc., supp	319.35
Farm & City Supply, supp	91.56
Gus Construction Co., Inc, serv	573916.38
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	20419.22
Midwest Engineering, Inc, serv	612.90
Miller Farrell Ins. Ag, ins	217.00
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	73.28
NMC, Inc, supp	133.87
Norris Quarries LLC, rock	1069.68
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc, supp	231.13
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum Inc, serv	2499.05
Truck Center Companies, supp	810.21
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$602,050.65</b>

**INHERITANCE TAX**

Hullman's Ford Lincoln, Inc, vehicle	31709.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX</b>	<b>\$31,709.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 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 4, 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

**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 # 1GJK39275E217631; \$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,	
CR22-172 R. Feldkamp, CR22-170 R. Feldkamp, CR22-171 R. Feldkamp,	
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

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

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 (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**

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

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS**

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.

John Caverzagie, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

**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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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**OCTOBER 18, 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 18, 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 Karas to approve the minutes of the October 11, 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 Sickel to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting from October 11, 2023, as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty was unable to meet with the Board this week.

**FALLS CITY EDGE**

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of the Falls City EDGE presented the quarterly report of the organization to the Board.

**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**

Amazon, supp	70.43
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	272.48
Bahr, Dennis, serv	500.00
Brown, Patricia, reimb	347.01
Chaney Furniture, serv	2130.19
CMC, serv	3465.65
Consolidated Management Company, serv	9666.50
Culligan, serv	183.60
DAS State Accounting, serv	335.50
Falls City Mercantile, supp	534.72
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv CR23-30 P. Swimm	1358.50
Farm & City Supply, supp	34.96
First Concord Benefits Group, fees	220.00
First Wireless, supp	1512.00

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GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Frederick, Keia, reimb	36.74
Godemann, Bethany, reimb	10.74
Hillyard, supp	267.46
Hullman's Ford, serv	51.45
Humboldt Standard, adv	37.50
Jim Hill's, serv	65.00
KexRx, supp	1493.60
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1223.07
Medica, ins	43219.32
Mercure, Steven, serv	5916.66
Miller Farrell, ins	6549.00
Miller Monroe, ins	712.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	636.63
Nussbaum, Emily, reimb	372.43
OPPD, serv	90.80
Otoe County Sheriff's Office, serv	9.00
Physician's Laboratory, serv	5384.00
Pitney Bowes, serv	90.00
Quill, supp	175.97
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	281.15
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	525.70
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	23044.93
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.55
Summit Fire Protection, serv	711.00
Wolfe's Printing, supp	22.78
Payroll Expense	110188.32
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$221,864.34</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Capital Business Systems, supp	470.71
Capital One Trade Credit, supp	279.98
City of Falls City, fee	125.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	101.72
Hullman's Ford, serv	109.95
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	19578.32
NPPD, serv	63.16
Sapp Bros., fuel	2930.36
Unifirst, supp	55.64
Payroll Expense	33536.08
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$57,250.92</b>

**DRUG COURT FUND**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, October 25, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**OCTOBER 25, 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 25, 2023. Roll call was answered by Karas and Caverzagie. Commissioner Sickel was absent. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Karas. Chairman Caverzagie 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 October 18, 2023, County Board meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting from October 18, 2023, as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, 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. He has been working with the staff at the Falls City Public Schools bus barn to make plans for snow removal on different routes and he reported that the department is getting machinery ready for snow removal. He also presented information for the purchase of a motor grader which will be considered at next week's meeting.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty was updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center the past several weeks. He reported that there are currently 14 inmates in the jail and that a new deputy sheriff, Jared Anderson who is Nebraska certified began employment on Monday, October 23.

Notice was received that grant funding has been approved from the Nebraska Department of Transportation for the "Click-it or Ticket" grant which will be November 22 through November 26.

The Sheriff's Department is also planning a "Stuff the Cruiser" event which will be held on December 2 at the Humboldt Dollar General store and on December 9 at Farm & City Supply in Falls City.

**Courthouse Roof Replacement**

The architect, Bill Huey of Prochaska and Associates will be doing an inspection of the roof replacement project on the Courthouse on Friday at 10:30 a.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Midwest Engineering, Inc.**

Correspondence was received from Midwest Engineering, Inc. regarding the plans for reconstruction efforts on the northeast lawn of the Courthouse to help eliminate the problem of water leaks in the tunnel area of the lower level. The Board plans to review this report with Brandon Schawang, contractor at next week's meeting.

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## CLAIMS

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, 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

AT&T, serv	1504.98
Clerk of the District Court, fees	477.00
Clerk of the Supreme Court, fees	129.00
CMC, serv	5000.00
Consolidated Management Company, serv	98.25
DAS State Accounting, serv	150.00
Eickhoff, Mary L., reimb	137.55
El Camino Electric, serv	95.00
EMC Ins. Co., ins	812.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziske, serv	560.50
CR34-429 T. Larson	
Farm & City Supply, supp	102.44
Godemann, Bethany, reimb	22.44
Harmon, Leland, serv	65.00
Hunzeker, Greg, serv	600.00
Koch's Auto Service, serv	129.94
Lincoln Journal Star, sub	1245.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	400.00
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, supp	500.00
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., supp	158.81
Postmaster, supp	853.00
Quill, supp	341.66
Richardson County CPR, serv	240.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	301.90
Sapp Bros., fuel	6788.07
Scholl Lawn & Landscape LLC, serv	405.00
SumnerOne, serv	324.88
True Value, supp	414.45
Unifirst, serv	73.22
UNL-AEM Business Center, serv	4384.66
Wolfe's Printing, supp	26.93
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$26,341.68</b>

### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	42.29
Farm & City Supply, supp	15.14
Hullman's Ford, supp	28.74
Inland Truck Parts & Service, serv	51.61
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	28886.49
Mr. Automotive, serv	367.07
NMC, grader/supp	40500.04
NPPD, serv	73.28
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	20969.15
Woods & Aitken, serv	813.70
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$91,772.51</b>

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND**

Pennsylvania Colony, serv	450.00
<b>TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR'S IMP FUND</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>

**INHERITANCE TAX**

KMW Construction, LLC, serv	4000.00
NMC, grader	24200.75
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX</b>	<b>\$28,200.75</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, November 1, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**NOVEMBER 1, 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, November 1, 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 Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2023, County Board meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-abstain, 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. He informed the Board that the position of Road Foreman will be vacant at the end of December and that he will be advertising for the position to be filled.

The Board reviewed with Mr. Darveau the information regarding the purchase of a motor grader. A discussion was held on the current condition of the 2017 motor grader being traded-in and how it would be more advantageous for the County to trade-in now with the low mileage than to keep as a trade-in in a few years. Mr. Darveau also commented that the County has 7 different motor graders that run over the county in 7 different grader districts and that there is a spare grader for emergencies and other uses on the county roads. A representative from Murphy Tractor, Taylor Wenzl, Territory Sales Manager was in attendance to answer questions regarding the quote from John Deere.

Motion was made by Sickel to purchase a 2023 CAT 140 AWD motor grader from Nebraska Machinery Co. which is priced through 2023 Sourcewell Contract #032119-CAT for the price of \$389,590 less trade-in of a 2017 CAT #NSF00706 of \$108,300 and a parts credit of \$6,000 and to include front fenders of \$2,215 making the price payable of \$283,505. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The Board also reviewed with Mr. Darveau the proposed salary increases for the road department foreman and the administrative assistant. Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a 2% increase for the road department foreman and administrative assistant which would be effective as of July 1, 2023. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**COUNTY TREASURER**

County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey presented to the Board the distress warrant report for the unpaid personal property taxes of for tax year 2022. The report contained only 1 unpaid warrant. Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the distress warrant report as presented by the County Treasurer for the 2022 tax year. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The Board also discussed with the County Treasurer the idea of inserting an information flyer to landowners on the statutory requirement to maintain the county road right-of-way with regards to brush removal and roadside mowing twice a year. The Board will consider sending a separate mailing with a postcard to rural landowners sometime early in 2024.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Chief Deputy Sheriff, Jeremiah Franks, updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center the past week. He presented the following report for October stating there were 571 total calls of which 367 were traffic stops, 39 total arrests of which 37

were from sheriff's office and that there are currently 13 inmates booked into the jail. He also reported that Deputy Sheriff, Justin Dutcher will be absent from the department while serving in active duty for military deployment.

## **SCHAWANG MASONRY, LLC**

Brandon Schawang reviewed with the Board the plans to reconstruct the northeast area of the Courthouse lawn and parking lot area to help eliminate a problem with water drainage and leaking in the lower level. Mr. Schawang will be providing to the Board an updated quote for the project at next week's meeting and the Board will consider a contract for the project.

## **Dispatching Service for County Sheriff**

The Board will be reviewing this matter further at next week's meeting with the Sheriff and County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel as they were participating in the Career Day at Falls City Public Schools. Falls City Chief of Police, Jeremy Baker, was present for this meeting to review dispatching service for the County.

## **Courthouse Roof Replacement**

The architect, Bill Huey of Prochaska and Associates reviewed with the Board the progress on the replacement of the Courthouse roof. The contractor has submitted a request for partial payment on the project. Mr. Huey will be in contact with the contractor to schedule a formal meeting next week to inspect the project area and to review the remaining work that needs to be completed.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Monthly Operating Statement**

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for October, 2023.

### **Cost Allocation Plan**

Motion was made by Sickel to accept the Central Service Cost Allocation Plan for FY End June 30, 2022, and to authorize the Chairman to sign the certification to be submitted to the NE Dept of Health & Human Services. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## **CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Sickel to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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**

Arbor Country Cleaning, serv	3658.55
buckIT, supp	2000.00
Consolidated Mngt Co., serv	98.25
OCIO Interagency Billing, serv	163.18
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	360.13
Falls City Mercantile, supp	149.57
Farm & City Supply, supp	977.28
Handley Law Office, serv	2992.50
CR23-59 C. Cavaness, CR23-76 J. Holmes, CR23-64 J. Holmes, Jv22-5. Jv21-16	
Holiday Inn, lodg	229.20
Humboldt Standard, ad	64.00
Lynn Peavey Company, supp	105.55

MIPS, serv	3218.84
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, serv	175.00
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	84.79
Pawnee County Sheriff, fees	18.50
Quill, supp	123.16
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	591.39
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	23877.01
Scott, Pamela, reimb	9.65
Southeast Nebraska Communications, serv	1013.30
Sumner One, serv	70.00
True Value Hardware, supp	2.99
Payroll Expense	113717.91
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$153,700.75</b>

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

AGCO Finance, supp	1023.89
Culligan of Percival, serv	60.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	92.98
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	26943.31
Midwest Engineering, Inc., serv	12307.15
Myers Tire Supply, supp	125.78
NMC, Inc., supp	369.00
Omaha Public Power District, serv	40.63
Operation & Expense Acct, reimb	136.95
UniFirst Corp, supp	55.53
Payroll Expense	31464.77
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$72,619.99</b>

#### **REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND**

MIPS, serv	315.57
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$315.57</b>

#### **DRUG COURT FUND**

Hawkins, Seth, reimb	275.10
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, reimb	214.25
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$489.35</b>

#### **SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS**

Southeast Nebraska Telephone, serv	145.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$145.00</b>

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, with the Call to Order at 8:50 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. **The Board will also participate in the County Government Day program on November 8 which begins at 9:00 a.m. in the District Courtroom.** 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**NOVEMBER 8, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 8:50 a.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 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 Karas. 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 November 1, 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 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).

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT DAY**

The Board participated in the Cornhusker Boys and Girls County Government Day program that was held today.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center the past week. He reported that 2 grants have been received from the NE Dept of Transportation, Highway Safety Office for traffic programs "Click It or Ticket" to be held November 22-26 and "Drive Sober" to be held later in December.

The Board reviewed the matter with Sheriff Hardesty and County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel to develop a plan to provide dispatching service to the Richardson County Sheriff if the current services being provided from the City of Beatrice, 911 SE Communications Center would not be renewed with a contract. County Attorney Scheitel is requesting that a plan be in place for the dispatching services for the Richardson County Sheriff before formally notifying the City of Beatrice, 911 SE Communications Center that Richardson County does not intend to renew a contract. This matter will be placed on the December 6 agenda for an update on the plan for dispatching services for the Sheriff.

A discussion for the development of a policy and possible contract for dog kennel services for those persons who are owners of dogs that have been arrested was also held. It was suggested that the policy be written to include that a dog that is held for 5 days with a kennel service and is not claimed or other arrangements made for the dog, the County would then take over rights for the dog and it then could be placed with a shelter or humane society. This matter will be further discussed at next week's meeting.

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT DAY STUDENTS**

Students participating in County Government Day received from the Board a presentation on the duties of the County Board of Commissioners. There were 5 students in attendance with the County Board and a total of 42 students from the County schools participated.

**EMA DIRECTOR, BRIAN KIRKENDALL**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director presented to the Board a Memorandum of Understanding with the Village of Verdon for the installation of NRIN equipment on the Verdon water tower.

Motion was made by Karas to approve and enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with the Village of Verdon as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Fee Reports

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

Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$ 17,421.25
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 336.75
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$ 1,782.00

### Schawang Masonry, LLC

Motion was made by Karas to approve a quote of \$23,726.00 from Schawang Masonry, LLC for reconstruction of yard, sidewalk and parking area of northeast entrance to eliminate water drainage problem. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### Court of Industrial Relations decision on Case #1536 NE Assoc of Public Employees/AFSCME Local 61(Road Dept. Union) vs County of Richardson

The Board received the Findings and Fact Order from NE Commission of Industrial Relations for Case #1536 NE Assoc of Public Employees/AFSCME Local 61(Road Dept. Union), Petitioner vs County of Richardson, Respondent. The conclusion states that the commission finds the evidence fails to establish a prohibited practice occurred, the Petitioner failed to meet its burden in this case and its Petition should be dismissed. Therefore, it is ordered that the Petition is dismissed.

### CLAIMS

Motion was made by Sickel to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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	66.51
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	248.25
BuckIT, serv	7103.33
Consolidated Mgmt Co., serv	88.00
Detectachem Inc., supp	93.82
Falls City Mercantile, supp	218.85
Falls City Sanitation, serv	80.00
Falls City Utility Department, serv	6006.59
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts	342.00
CR23-343 S. Fritts	
Farm & City Supply, supp	29.99
Humboldt Standard, ad	80.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	1081.25
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	153.27
Lancaster County Sheriff, serv	19.37
LaQuinta Inn & Suites, serv	954.00
Meyer Home Center, serv	288.60
Meyer Laboratory Inc., serv	271.95
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	678.54
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	70.00
ProServ Business Systems, supp	146.41

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

Quill.com, supp	134.00
RC Clerk Petty Cash Acct, reimb	20.00
RC Court, fees	682.00
RC Sheriff, fees	653.15
RC Sheriff Petty Cash Acct, serv	1.05
Southeast Nebraska Communications, serv	1155.36
Spartan Stores LLC, supp	44.73
SumnerOne, serv	41.04
True Value Hardware, supp	42.72
Verizon Wireless, serv	303.65
Weaver & Merz Law Office, reimb	875.18
Wolfe's Printing, supp	109.88
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$22,083.49</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

East Richardson RWD #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Sanitation, serv	60.00
Gus Construction Co., Inc, serv	73057.56
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	3437.30
NACO, dues	150.00
NPPD, serv	31.58
NMC, Inc, supp	529.76
O'Reilly Automotive Inc., supp	55.53
Salem, Village of, serv	22.00
Southeast Nebraska Communications, serv	102.47
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$77,492.20</b>

**INHERITANCE TAX**

Quad County Historical Society, funding	5000.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, November 15, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 8:53 a.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 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 Karas. 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 November 8, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting of November 8, 2023, as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. 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).

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this past week.

**EMA DIRECTOR, BRIAN KIRKENDALL**

Motion was made by Karas to approve and enter in a memorandum of understanding with the Village of Stella to install NRIN equipment on a water tower. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 51)

Motion was made by Karas to approve and sign the Annual Agreement to Maintain a Radiological Emergency Response Plan with NPPD. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 52)

**SENCA FALLS CITY OUTREACH OFFICE**

Sherry Huddleston of the SENCA Falls City Outreach office presented a report to the County Board on the activity within this office for the past year.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that an employee, Deb Raney has resigned effective November 19. A report for fees collected during the month of October, 2023 was approved totaling \$8,344.91.

The Board also reviewed with Sheriff Hardesty the hiring of employees at the Law Enforcement Center and utilizing the On-the-Job Training program with the Nebraska Department of Labor which will reimburse the County up to 50% of the employee's wage within the 1st year of employment if the employee would qualify for the program.

The dispatch service was discussed and reviewed.

An agreement with the Animal Health Center, PC, a Nebraska Corporation was discussed and will be considered for approval at a later meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Sickel to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:15 a.m. with County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey to discuss personnel and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, and if the

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION (Cont.)

individual has not requested a public hearing. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 10:40 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Subdivision

Motion was made by Karas to approve a subdivision for Betty J. Blecha Trust, Pamela J. Blecha, trustee located in S29, T2, R13 and to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-16. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 49)

### Transfer of Funds

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-17 to transfer \$150,000 from the ARPA Fund to the General Fund. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 50)

### Courthouse Roof

The Board reviewed a change order, #1 with Skyline Construction, Inc. for the Courthouse roof replacement project. This will be considered at next week's meeting.

## CLAIMS

Motion was made by Caverzagie 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

Aitken, Robert W., serv	4650.00
Amazon Capital Business, supp	12.32
Animal Health Center, serv	98.65
AT&T Mobility, serv	1032.06
City of Beatrice, serv	47740.50
Community Medical Center, serv	867.14
Consolidated Mgmt Co., serv	10256.69
Culligan of Percival, supp	163.60
Farm & City Supply, supp	146.69
First Concord, fees	220.00
Hullman's Ford, serv	372.97
Kex Rx, serv	1264.91
Ligouri Law Office, serv	370.50
Malcolm, Terry DDS, serv	280.00
Mercure, Steve, serv	5916.66
Microfilm Imaging Services, serv	110.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
NACO, regs	600.00
Nestor & Mercure, fees	600.00
ODP Business Solutions, supp	150.76
OPPD, serv	119.37

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**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

Physicians Laboratory PC, serv	1147.00
Prochaska & Assoc. Inc., serv	5516.37
Quill LLC, supp	261.32
Region V Systems, serv	2140.00
RC EMA Petty Cash Acct, reimb	99.32
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	23296.61
Riggs, Kim, reimb	138.86
Scheitel, Samantha, reimb	667.23
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.55
Skyline Const Inc., serv	160965.00
Southeast District Assessor Assn, dues	50.00
SumnerOne, serv	240.12
TEAM Consulting LLC, serv	225.00
W&D Auto Care, serv	45.00
Weaver & Merz Law Office, reimb	8.28
Wolfe's Printing, supp	923.85
Payroll Expense	111923.73
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$382,720.06</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Bennett Htg Clg & Refrig, serv	117.50
City of Humboldt, serv	93.84
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	16.57
Falls City Utilities, serv	366.20
Hotsy Equipment Co., supp	202.99
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	9312.39
Mr. Automotive, supp	34.36
NMC, Inc., supp	155.24
Powerplan, supp	1377.34
Primrose Oil Company, supp	2470.02
Sapp Bros. Petroleum Inc., serv	150.53
Truck Center Companies, supp	173.38
Unifirst, serv	17.23
Village of Verdon, serv	31.76
Payroll Expense	33663.02
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$48,182.37</b>

**VISITOR PROMOTION FUND**

Richardson County, meeting	25.00
Scott, Pamela, serv	100.00
<b>TOTAL VISITOR PROMOTION FUND</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>

**VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND**

Friends of the Humboldt Auditorium, donation	7500.00
Humboldt Ministerial Assoc., donation	1000.00
<b>TOTAL VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>	<b>\$8,500.00</b>

**DRUG COURT FUND**

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

### **ARPA FUND**

RC Treasurer General Fund, transfer	150000.00
<b>TOTAL ARPA FUND</b>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>

### **INHERITANCE TAX**

Midwest Engineering, Inc., serv	1781.80
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX</b>	<b>\$1,781.80</b>

### **HIGHWAY ALLOCATION BOND REPAY FUND**

BOK Financial Corp, payment	2120.00
<b>TOTAL HWY ALLOCATION BOND PREPAY</b>	<b>\$2,120.00</b>

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**NOVEMBER 22, 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, November 22, 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 Karas. 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 November 15, 2023, 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 Caverzagie. 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.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Sickel to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 9:20 a.m. with Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. and Samantha Scheitel, County Attorney, to discuss possible litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to close the executive session at 9:35 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week.

Motion was made by Sickel to enter into an agreement with Animal Health Center, PC for short term boarding services for dogs and cats. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 53)

**COOPER NUCLEAR STATION**

Representatives from the Nebraska Public Power District Cooper Nuclear Station requested to meet with the Board to make introductions and answer any questions the Board would have regarding the emergency preparedness off-site procedures and agreement. Those representatives were Kim Tanner and Josh Unruh.

**SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL**

Katy Gildersleeve and Shannon McQueen, representatives from the Southeast Nebraska Community Action HeadStart program in Falls City presented to the Board the Annual report of the program.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Courthouse Roof**

A change order, #1, with Skyline Construction, Inc. for the Courthouse roof replacement was reviewed and will be considered at a later meeting.

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER(Cont.)

### **Public Defender Policy Review Board Recommendation**

A notice was published for the receipt of applications to serve as the Richardson County Public Defender on a contractual basis to be reviewed and considered by the Richardson County Public Defender Policy Review Board. The Policy Review Board submitted to the County Board of Commissioners their recommendation for this contract to be entered into with Nestor & Mercure Law Office of Tecumseh, NE. Their proposal is for \$108,000 for 2024, \$110,00 for 2025, \$112,000 for 2026, \$114,000 for 2027 and \$116,000 for 2028.

Motion was made by Sickel to draft a contract with Nestor & Mercure Law Office to serve as Public Defenders. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **Subdivision**

The subdivisions presented were reviewed and will be considered after further details and information are submitted.

### **CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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**

CMC, serv	5000.00
Consolidated Management Co., serv	54.25
DAS State Accounting, serv	485.50
Falls City Journal, adv	228.37
Falls City Utilities, serv	80.00
Hy-Vee, supp	24.84
Kawres, supp	87.50
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	377.59
Koch's Auto Service, serv	126.66
Lincoln National Life, life ins	1174.29
Medica, ins	46574.27
OPD Business Solutions, supp	139.96
Quill, supp	141.89
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	290.78
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	649.57
True Value, supp	18.99
Unifirst, serv	72.55
Wolfe's Printing, supp	56.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$55,583.01</b>

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Black Hills Energy, serv	65.81
CCS, Inc., serv	862.00
Diversified Drug Testing, serv	325.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	551.43
Farmer's Repair, supp	10955.87
Koch's Auto Service, supp	1475.70
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	22600.56
NPPD, serv	136.42
Norris Quarries, rock	5670.89

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)

OPPD, serv	64.70
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	62.72
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Safety-Kleen, supp	387.51
Sapp Bros., fuel	5799.14
Truck Center Companies, supp	727.21
Unifirst, supp	40.41
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$49,750.37</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**NOVEMBER 29, 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, November 29, 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 Karas. 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 November 22, 2023, 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.

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-20 to authorize the Chairman to sign the year end certification of County Highway Superintendent for annual incentive payment for 2023. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 56)

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that over the time period for the "Click It or Ticket" grant conducted from November 22 thru November 26 there were 187 traffic stops with 52 citations issued, 9 arrests made with 2 of those felons and 2 as a result of warrants issued.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Sickel to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:10 a.m. with special legal counsel, Jerry Pigsley to discuss litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 10:25 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Courthouse Roof**

Motion was made by Karas to approve a change order, #1, with Skyline Construction, Inc. for the Courthouse roof replacement which adds \$16,710.45 to the cost of the project. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**Subdivision**

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a subdivision for Robert L and Lana Georges to Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway located in S19, T1, R17 and to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-18. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 54)

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER (Cont.)

### **Subdivision**

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a subdivision for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway located in S15, T1, R16 and to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-19. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 55)

### **Transfer of Funds**

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-21 to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of \$250,000 to the General Fund as per FY2023-2024 budget document. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 57)

### **Other**

It was reported that Schawang Masonry, LLC will begin the improvement project to the northeast area of the Courthouse lawn and parking lot on Thursday, December 7 and should be completed within 7-10 days. This improvement is being made to eliminate a water drainage problem in this area and leaking within the lower-level area of the Courthouse.

### **CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today with the exception of one to Amazon for \$119.92 which will be held for further review. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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, supp	499.00
Consolidated Management Company, supp	76.25
DAS State Accounting, serv	163.18
Datashield, serv	10.56
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	309.19
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	48.96
Harmon's, serv	20.00
NACO, fee	150.00
NE Association of County Assessors, fee	25.00
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	646.00
Pitney Bowes, supp	3028.50
Postmaster, supp	1320.00
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Rappl, Marc, serv CR22-175 M. Timothy	1434.50
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	73.99
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	23413.54
Sapp Bros., fuel	167.47
SumnerOne, serv	111.04
Tyler Technologies, serv	246.58
Verizon, serv	303.65
Wolfe's Printing, supp	334.82
Payroll Expense	126284.34
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<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$158,754.57</b>

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

East Richardson Rural Water District #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Sanitation Service, serv	20.00
UniFirst, serv	7.56
Woods & Aitken, serv	2723.84
Payroll Expense	32061.42
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$34,858.82</b>

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

Richardson County Treasurer, transfer	250000.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$250,000.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**DECEMBER 6, 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, December 6, 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 Karas. Chairman Caverzagie 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 November 29, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting of November 29, 2023, as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the Quarterly Safety Committee meeting of November 29, 2023, as presented. 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 Caverzagie. 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).

**4 COUNTY JUVENILE DIVERSION SERVICES**

Linda Volker, presented to the Board a report on the 4 County Juvenile Services program. and a summary of the services that are provided by Jill Hahn, mentor director.

Motion was made by Karas to approve and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Johnson, Pawnee and Nemaha Counties to apply for Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program Funds through the Nebraska Crime Commission for the year 2024-2025. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. No matching funding is required from the counties. (Resolution Book 27, Page 58)

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this past week.

He reported that construction has begun on the concrete box culvert construction site CO07423425 located on 704 Road 4 1/2 miles west of Hwy 73 on Pony Creek Road. This project is expected to be completed by early Spring.

Road grading and rock placement on county roads was also reviewed.

Motion was made by Karas to authorize the advertisement to solicit for sealed bids for rock purchases in 2024 to be opened on Wednesday, December 27, 2023. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**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 666 calls with 447 of those traffic stops, 53 arrests of which 48 were by the Sheriff's department and from other agencies and there are a total of 20 inmates be held by Richardson County as of today. The "Stuff the Cruiser" event will be held in Falls City this Saturday to collect donations and toys for the Christmas season.

The Sheriff's Department will be conducting a "Drive Sobber" period this month from December 15 through January 1 with grant funding for this program being received from the NE Department of Transportation not to exceed \$10,000.

He also reported on seized monies totaling approximately \$27,000 from an illegal drug investigation and these funds to be submitted to the Federal Forfeiture program. Richardson County will receive a return of a portion of these funds.

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## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Monthly Operating Statement**

The Board reviewed the November, 2023 monthly operating statement.

### **Fee Reports**

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

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 183.50
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$8,341.75
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$1,166.00

### **Official County Newspaper**

Motion was made by Karas to designate the Falls City Journal as the official newspaper for the County of Richardson, Nebraska for the year 2024. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **STOP Funds Request**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the request from the City of Falls City for \$3,830.74 to cover matching share of total cost (\$15,322.98) for 3 new computers with mounting brackets, printers and scanners for patrol vehicles which will be covered by a grant from NE Dept of Transportation. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Karas to continue to hold a claim to Amazon for \$119.92 for further review and to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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, supp	5.66
Animal Health Center, dues	35.00
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	136.24
BuckIT, serv	7103.33
Comfort Inn, serv	321.00
Consolidated Mgmt Co., serv	43.50
Datashield Corp, serv	40.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	27.60
Falls City Journal, ad	2013.26
Falls City Mercantile, supp	257.10
Falls City Sanitation, serv	60.00
Falls City Utilities, serv	5753.51
Harmon's OK Tire, serv	20.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	634.25
Kuker, Frances, mowing	1000.00
Meyer Home Center, serv	989.95
Meyer Laboratory Inc, serv	246.95
MIPS, serv	3218.84
MIS, serv	110.00
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	130.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

Petersen Reporting, serv	202.38
Positive Concepts, supp	450.00
ProServ Business systems, serv	146.41
Quill.com, supp	45.98
Radiology Associates, serv	42.00
Ramada Kearney, fees	236.52
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	257.87
Richardson County Clerk of Dist. Crt, claims	536.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	8.56
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	715.66
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	655.59
Sapp Bros., fuel	5222.85
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	135.00
Southeast Nebraska Communications, serv	2186.93
Weaver & Merz, reimb	8.56
Wolfe's Printing, supp	49.96
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$33,046.46</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

ABK Fire & Safety, serv	497.00
Barco Municipal Products, supp	3421.50
Capital Business Systems, serv	1.63
Culligan, serv	40.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	43.50
Falls City Utilities, serv	354.07
Farm & City Supply, supp	185.48
Harmon's, supp	9.00
Hullman's, supp	45.43
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	4544.12
NE Snow Equipment, supp	17728.27
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	25.00
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	17.99
Salem, Village of, serv	22.85
Sapp Bros., fuel	21485.07
Southeast Nebraska Communications, serv	101.49
Stella, Village of, serv	61.60
Unifirst, supp	40.41
Verdon, Village of, serv	32.64
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$48,657.05</b>

**REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND**

MIPS, serv	315.57
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$315.57</b>

**LATCF FUND**

OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	45223.99
<b>TOTAL LATCF FUND</b>	<b>\$45,223.99</b>

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS**

Southeast Nebraska Communications, serv	145.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$145.00</b>

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will **meet again on Tuesday, December 12, 2023**, and not on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, due to the attendance of the Commissioners and other county officials at the NACO Conference in Kearney. The meeting will be held 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**DECEMBER 12, 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 Tuesday, December 12, 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 December 6, 2023, meeting as presented. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://www.co.richardson.ne.us).

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week.

**DISPATCH SERVICES FOR SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Karas reported that the Southeast Communications 911 Beatrice has received just short of 8,000 calls this past year for Richardson County Sheriff's Office. The new contract with Southeast Communications 911 Beatrice was received with a verbal proposal of \$200,000/year. Jay Murphy, acting chief of Police for Beatrice relayed the proposal from the City of Beatrice to Richardson County.

Chairman Caverzagie met with the representatives from the City of Falls City, Anthony Nussbaum, City Clerk; Mayor Harkendorff and Chief of Police Baker and was verbally given an amount of \$175,000/year to answer just the 911 calls for the Richardson County Sheriff Department. This past year there were 132 calls for 911 received for the Sheriff and this would amount to a cost of \$1,325.75/call.

**CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Sickel to continue to hold a claim to Amazon for \$119.92 for further review and to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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**

Consolidated Mgmt Co., serv	11160.17
Culligan of Percival, serv	133.60
Falls City Journal, ads	568.69
Hullman's Ford, serv	576.73
Midwest Special Services, serv	351.10
Physicians Laboratory, serv	2350.00
Prochaska & Assoc., serv	212.94
Quill, supp	162.34
Richardson County Court, fees	267.00
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	25120.74
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.55
SumnerOne, serv	113.00
True Value Hardware, supp	9.07

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

Weaver & Merz, reimb	1242.00
Wolfes Printing, supp	164.25
Payroll Expense	116272.32
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$158,773.50</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Falls City Auto Supply, supp	15.89
Falls City Journal, ads	66.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	35206.17
Mr. Automotive, supp	123.40
NE Public Power District, serv	31.58
NE State Fire Marshall, fees	240.00
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	1319.16
Operation & Expense Acct, reimb	389.99
Unifirst, supp	25.67
Wiltse Electric, serv	4904.46
Payroll Expense	32202.09
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$74,524.41</b>

**DRUG COURT FUND**

Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, reimb	173.33
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$173.33</b>

**ARPA FUNDS**

Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	11.51
Payroll Expense	79.92
<b>TOTAL ARPA FUNDS</b>	<b>\$91.43</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2023. The meeting will be held 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**DECEMBER 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 Tuesday, December 20, 2023. Roll call was answered by Karas and Caverzagie. Commissioner Sickel was absent. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Karas. Chairman Caverzagie 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 December 12, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, 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).

**BEATRICE INTERIM CITY POLICE CHIEF, JAY MURPHY**

Interim Beatrice City Police Chief, Jay Murphy met with the Board regarding the dispatching services the Southeast Communications 911 Beatrice for the Richardson County Sheriff Department. A verbal proposal was stated that the organization would continue to provide the dispatch services for \$200,000/year to Richardson County. The proposal would also include a 3% increase/year. It was previously reported that Southeast Communications 911 Beatrice wanted \$360,000/year for the service.

With the current contract which will terminate in August of 2024, there were services included in the contract such as dispatching fire and rescue and 911 that have not been done and some conversation was held with the history of the contract and services.

Mr. Murphy reported on the total calls that are serviced by the organization this past year with the City of Crete at 6,900; Gage County at 7,000; City of Beatrice 12,000 and Richardson County at 8,000.

There was no formal action on this matter and more discussion will be held at next week's meeting.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

A report was approved for Sheriff Hardesty for fees collected during the month of November, 2023 totaling \$4,881.82.

Sheriff Hardesty also reported that there were 23 inmates currently being held by Richardson County with 1 of those inmates being housed in another facility. The Sheriff also met with HTRS Superintendent, Dr. Griffiths, who indicated that the school district still desires to continue with the a School Resource Officer program. The Sheriff also reported that Samantha Wissman graduated from the Law Enforcement Training academy on Friday.

**AMANDA BARTEK-RAMSEY, COUNTY TREASURER**

Motion was made by Karas to approve the replacement of pledge security receipts with F&M Bank totaling \$4,860,000 as presented by County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey: current receipts 392203736 for \$90,000, 392218119 for \$95,000, 392225598 for \$30,000, 392219905 for \$835,000, 799017340 for \$85,000, 392209226 for \$100,000, 392218118 for \$50,000, 392203735 for \$355,000, 392209032 for \$825,000, 392209225 for \$100,000, 392205404 for \$255,000, 392219904 for \$35,000, 392206926 for \$40,000, 392219906 for \$490,000, 392219091 for \$155,000, 392218535 for \$540,000, 392203736 for \$65,000, 392206926 for \$220,000, 799018178 for \$65,000, 392206926 for \$430,000; to be replaced with the following receipts JC92998D for \$610,000, JC93010C for \$50,000, JC93011C for \$95,000, JC93014B for \$35,000, JC93015B for \$835,000, JC93016 for \$490,000, JC93020C for \$85,000, JC93092B for \$155,000, JC93025A for \$65,000, JC93026C for \$30,000, JC93042 for \$155,000, JC93055B for \$825,000, JC93070 for \$540,000. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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COUNTY TREASURER (Cont.)

The County Treasurer also informed the Board that she has been monitoring the investments and that a penalty will be incurred on a certificate of deposit that she will reinvest with a higher interest rate which will result in a significant amount more to be collected in interest and which will more than offset the penalty.

Plans are also being made for the County Treasurer's Office staff to attend a motor vehicle fraud training in 2024.

### **JOHN STEINMAN**

John Steinman requested to meet with the Board regarding a concern with a county road, 661 Avenue located south of 708 Road. The Board relayed to Mr. Steinman that this is a minimum maintenance road and certain maintenance items are not allowed to be done on it unless the road is brought up to minimum design standards as specified by the Nebraska Dept of Transportation Board of Classifications and Standards. If improvements are done to the road without the road being reclassified, the County could be subject to a loss of funding from the State of Nebraska. Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau will be meeting with Mr. Steinman to review the area.

### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine business with County roads and bridges this past week. He also reported on a session attended at last week's conference with representatives from Nemaha, Johnson, Otoe and Pawnee Counties regarding the federal bipartisan infrastructure bill that would provide federal funding for county bridge projects. The group will be working with engineers from the engineering firm of Midwest Engineering to proceed with completing the grant application, etc.

### **OTHER**

Motion was made by Karas to approve and enter into a contract with Steve Mercure for public defender services for the years 2024 through 2028. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 59)

### **CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to deny a portion of a claim held to Amazon for \$119.92 denying the charge of \$49.95 for invoice 16FX-1JMQ-1WH9 and to pay the remainder of that claim and to all the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, 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, supp	69.97
AT&T Mobility, serv	1032.06
Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimb	358.65
Charm-Tex, supp	561.90
Consolidated Mgmt CO., serv	88.00
Culligan of Percival, serv	70.00
DAS State Acctg, fees	485.50
Eickhoff, Mary L, reimb	309.16
F&M Bank, fees	85.00
Family Medicine, serv	332.20
Farm & City Supply, supp	29.98
Futurity IT, Inc., dues	1500.00
Harmon's OK Tire, serv	20.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

Hy-Vee, supp	33.45
Johnson County Sheriff's Office, serv	780.00
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	193.88
Kex Rx, serv	1324.22
Merz Ink, supp	243.59
Meyer Home Center, serv	113.20
MIPS, Inc., serv	324.77
Nebraska Sheriffs' Assoc., dues	380.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	855.00
OPPD, serv	123.73
Quill LLC, supp	341.27
RC Clerk Petty Cash Acct., reimb	7.90
RC EMA Petty Cash Acct., reimb	681.59
Scott, Pam, reimb	307.85
State Bank of Table Rock, fee	690.41
Unifirst, supp	72.55
Weaver & Merz, reimb	22.03
Wolfes Printing, supp	459.31
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$11,897.17</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Black Hills Energy, serv	132.64
Interstate Billing Services, serv	3095.00
Mainelli Wagner & Associates, serv	795.33
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	27295.83
NPPD, serv	94.74
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, supp	1938.88
UniFirst, supp	40.41
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$33,417.83</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 27, 2023, 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**DECEMBER 27, 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 Tuesday, December 27, 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 Karas to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-abstain, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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 & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine business with County roads and bridges this past week.

**OPEN SEALED BIDS FOR COUNTY ROAD ROCK 2024**

Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of advertisement for the opening of sealed bids for road rock for 2024. Bids were received from the following: 1) Hamm Quarry, Troy KS—1 ¼' roadstone quantity of 100 tons for \$18.30/ton and AB-3/AS-1 (dry) quantity of 5,000 ton for \$17.30/ton; 2) Norris Quarries, Maitland, MO—1 ½ road rock \$15.40/ton.

Motion was made by Sickel to accept the bids that were received for further review. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty reported to the Board that currently there are 21 inmates being held in the Jail. The Department is also reviewing the sex offender registry for those persons residing within Richardson County to check their compliance with the registry requirements.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the use of STOP funds for repair of the data master with Intoximeters, Inc. for \$1,607.25 and to purchase a new simulator for the data master at Guth Laboratories, Inc. for \$1,309.95. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The Sheriff had sent information to the Board regarding what he recommends would be needed for the dispatching of the Sheriff's Office if it would be moved from the Southeast NE Communications Beatrice 911 to the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center. The upfront costs to return the dispatch were also reviewed. No action was taken at this meeting and the Board will continue this discussion at next week's meeting.

**COUNTY TREASURER**

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer presented to the Board the report on the distress warrant collection by the Sheriff which consisted of one warrant in the amount of \$73.35 which has been collected. Motion was made by Karas to approve the report as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**County Depository Applications**

The Board will consider the applications at next week's meeting from financial

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER (Cont.)

institutions as depositories for county funds for the year 2024.

**Transfer**

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-22 to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$225,000.00 as per FY23-24 budget document. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 60)

**Other**

A change order was presented to the Board regarding the project on the north entrance from Schawang Masonry. While completing the project it was decided to remove some additional existing concrete and replace with new to ensure that all water would be drained away from the building to avoid any future water leaks in the lower-level entrance. The cost of this change was \$530.00 and was approved with the claim for payment.

**CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Sickel to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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	170.30
Armbruster Motor Co., serv	195.00
Comfort Inn, lodg	359.85
CMC, serv	9202.84
Dorr & Clark, serv	1000.00
East Richardson RWD #2, serv	283.72
F&M Bank, fees	1951.56
First Concord Benefits, fees	220.00
Handley Law Office, serv	940.50
CR22-54 S Fritts, CR21-159 S Fritts, CR23-60 K Black, CR23-61 A Hidalgo, CR23-101 C Thompson	
Jim Hill's, serv	625.00
Karas, Rick, reimb	483.13
Medica, ins	44333.73
Mercure, Steve, serv	5916.66
Meyer Laboratory, supp	529.35
Nartec, serv	188.55
NE Assoc. of Weed Control, dues	150.00
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	861.54
Quill, supp	222.74
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	859.99
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	56.64
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	527.94
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	47.16
SumnerOne, serv	53.63
True Value, supp	13.99
Weaver & Merz, reimb	877.97
Wolfe's Printing, supp	174.96
Payroll Expense	114593.03
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$184,887.78</b>

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Falls City Journal, ads	140.26
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	48.82
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	3407.25
Omaha Public Power District, serv	83.45
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, fuel	4296.23
UniFirst Corporation, serv	55.53
Woods & Aitken LLP, fees	1951.50
Payroll Expense	32111.28
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$42,094.32</b>

#### **STOP PROGRAM DIVERSION FUND**

City of Falls City, serv	3830.74
<b>TOTAL STOP PROGRAM DIVERSION FUND \$3,830.74</b>	

#### **DRUG COURT FUND**

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

#### **FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUND**

Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	100.00
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS \$100.00</b>	

#### **INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

County Treasurer, transfer	225000.00
Schawang Masonry, LLC, serv	24256.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$249,256.00</b>

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2023, 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