

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. 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 December 27, 2023, meeting as read. 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 from December 27, 2023. 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, 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Motion was made by Sickel to reappoint John Caverzagie as the Chairman of the Board for 2024. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reappoint David Sickel as the Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2024. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Karas: County Roads, Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND) and the Southeast Nebraska Community Action Council

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

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 2024 approved at \$68,850.00 (2% increase). Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reappoint Mona Godemann as the Richardson County Veterans Service Officer for 2024 with a salary of \$25.58/hour (2% increase). Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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APPOINTMENTS (Cont.)

Motion was made by Sickel to reappoint Brian Kirkendall as the Richardson County Emergency Manager and the Noxious Weed Control Superintendent with an annual salary for 2024 approved at \$65,382.00 (2% increase). Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-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 2024 pursuant to Nebraska State Statute 71-501. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to reappoint Richard (Dick) James, Ben Steffen and Jerry Duerfeldt to the **Richardson County Planning Commission** for a term of 3 years which expires December 31, 2026. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to reappoint **William Niedfeldt and Bonnie Kanel** to the County Visitor's Committee for a term of 4 years (January 1, 2024, thru December 31, 2027). Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reaffirm the appointment of the members of the County Safety Committee: Sheriff Hardesty; Jail Administrator, Kristen Morehead; Ryan Curtis, Courthouse Maintenance; Steve Darveau, Highway Superintendent; Wyatt Martin, Road and Bridge Department; and Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. A report was given to the Board regarding the installation of a HVAC unit as a back-up system for the Law Enforcement Center. He also reported that there are 23 inmates currently being held in the Jail.

The Sheriff also reported that for the period of December 15 thru 31 there were 290 traffic stops with 71 citations issued, 1 search warrant and 37 arrests of which 14 were felonies. For this time period, a grant through the Nebraska Department of Transportation, "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" was awarded to Richardson County and utilized to cover overtime costs of law enforcement officers.

Carla Zarybnicky, Communication Director of the Southeast Communications Beatrice 911 and James Allman with the NE Public Service Commission attended the meeting today to review with the Board the dispatching services currently provided for by Southeast Communications 911 Beatrice and what would be needed to have the dispatch service returned to the County and/or the City of Falls City. Falls City representatives, Anthony Nussbaum, City Clerk and Falls City Police Chief, Jamie Baker were also in attendance at the meeting and offered to answer any questions regarding the dispatch services through the City of Falls City.

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-25 to terminate the interlocal agreement effective July 31, 2024, with the City of Beatrice to provide dispatch services to Richardson County. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 62)

The Sheriff also informed the Board that Superintendent, Dr. George Griffith of Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer Schools has inquired about the County entering into an agreement for providing a school resource officer for the next school year, 2024-2025.

Sheriff Hardesty presented to the Board the Distress Warrant report for the 2022 tax year in which one warrant was issued and collected including expenses in the amount of \$130.24.

Commissioner Sickel excused himself from the meeting at approximately 10:15 a.m.

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ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent was attending a 4-county meeting in Tecumseh today regarding the Federal Bi-Partisan Infrastructure bill and the grant funding that is being made available for county projects.

The Board briefly reviewed further the rock bids received at last week’s meeting and will be discussed further at next week’s meeting.

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-24 certifying proper completion of project(s) C007402110 permanently closing of bridge structure located on a road located ½ mile south of the intersection of 717 Road and 640 Avenue and project C007425105 replacing bridge structure located on 655 Avenue south of 710 Road. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 61)

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Pledge Securities

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the replacement of the following pledge securities from F&M Bank: Receipt #392202823 for #JC93066; Receipt #392220963 for #JC93059; Receipt #392205249 for #JC93022A; Receipt #392221285 for #JC93002D; Receipt #751011520 for #JC93031D; Receipt #392210030 for #JC93013. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Applications for County Depository

The Board did not act on Resolution 2023-2024-23 to approve financial institutions as a Depository for county funds during the year 2024. This will be considered at next week’s meeting.

Motion was made by Caverzagie pursuant to NE Revised State Statute 77-2315 to authorize the County Treasurer to invest and reinvest funds for Richardson County. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Fee Reports

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

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 257.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$40,760.75
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$ 1,148.00

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the operating statement for December, 2023.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims 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

Bud Sewer Service Inc., serv	445.00
Capital AutoGlass, serv	350.71

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Crook, Eric, mowing	910.00
DAS State Acctg, fees	163.18
Falls City Mercantile, supp	302.54
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utilities, serv	6781.37
Farm & City Supply, supp	119.98
Jim Hill’s, serv	625.00
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1161.38
Malcolm, Terry, DDS, serv	280.00
MIPS Inc, serv	3729.19
NACO, dues	1656.13
National Association of County Officials, dues	450.00
Nemaha County, fees	5371.59
Radiology Associates, serv	464.00
Region V Systems, fees	4168.50
Richardson County Clerk, fees	4.38
Richardson County Court, fees	2912.47
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	37.46
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	802.23
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash Acct., reimb	330.82
Scholl Lawn & Landscape LLC, serv	110.00
Southeast Nebraska Communications, serv	2201.28
SumnerOne, serv	103.24
TK Elevator Corporation, serv	402.87
Verizon Wireless, serv	303.65
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$34,226.97

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

East Richardson RWD #2, serv	46.00
Southeast Nebraska Communications, serv	103.80
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$149.80

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVE

MIPS Inc., serv	315.57
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS PRESERVE	\$315.57

STOP PROGRAM DIVERSION FUNDS

Intoximeters, serv	1607.25
TOTAL STOP PROGRAM DIVERSION FUNDS	\$1,607.25

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS

Southeast Nebraska Communications, serv	145.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS	\$145.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk’s Office.

John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 10, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

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Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2024, 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 held on January 3, 2024, as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie. 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau was unable to meet with the Board due to the snow removal and maintenance requirements to be addressed today at the County Shop.

Motion was made by Karas to reject all the rock bids received at the December 27, 2023, meeting. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

After further discussion and review, motion was made by Caverzagie to rescind the motion to reject all the rock bids received at the December 27, 2023, meeting and continue to hold for action until further review is held with the Highway Superintendent. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty reported to the Board that currently there are 21 inmates being held in the Jail. Discussion was held on the activity within the Sheriff's Department the past few days to the weather conditions and also the plans being made to have dispatching services discontinued effective July 31, 2024, with the Southeast Communication 911 Dispatch at Beatrice. A report was approved for Sheriff Hardesty for fees collected during the month of December, 2023, totaling \$6,039.21.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, NOX WEED SUPT.

Brian Kirkendall, Noxious Weed Supt. presented to the Board the 2023 annual report of the Noxious Weed Control Plan program in Richardson County which will be submitted to the NE Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Protection.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the 2023 annual report of the Noxious Weed Control Pan program in Richardson County as presented and to authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

COUNTY TREASURER

Motion was made by Karas to approve the County Treasurer's semi-annual report for July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, as presented by County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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ANDREA MITCHELL

Andrea Mitchell requested to meet with the Board and failed to appear.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Karas to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:10 a.m. to discuss possible litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 10:53 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-23 to approve the applications from financial institutions to be depositories for county funds for the year 2024. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 62)

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-26 to approve mileage reimbursement rate for county officials/employees at .67 cents per mile effective January 1, 2024, pursuant to NE §23-1112. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, page 63)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-27 to cancel a check that was issued in error. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, page 64)

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-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

Animal Health Center, serv	26.75
BuckIT, serv	7103.33
Candlewood Suites, serv	1799.25
Culligan of Percival, serv	92.40
F&M Bank, pymnt & fee	46640.30
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	46.32
Falls City Mercantile, supp	189.53
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	63.97
Fritz, Jedediah, serv	480.00
Merz Ink, serv	97.00
Meyer Home Center, serv	657.50
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
Postmaster, supp	193.00
Pro Serv Business Systems, serv	255.53
Quill LLC, supp	218.53
Region V Services, dues	3721.50
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash Acct, reimb	7.90
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash Acct., reimb	177.46

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	59368.80
Riverstone Bank, pymnt	16622.28
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc, fuel	11780.43
Scott, Pamela, reimb	150.90
Stateline Propane, serv	810.90
SumnerOne, serv	113.00
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1013.98
Wolfes Printing, supp	150.44
Payroll Expense	122803.12
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$274,714.12

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

City of Humboldt, serv	90.28
Culligan of Percival, serv	40.00
Diversified Drug Testing, dues	100.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	156.52
Falls City Sanitation Service, serv	20.00
Falls City Utility Department, serv	588.15
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	37815.53
Nebraska Department of Revenue, sales tax	632.99
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	31.58
Nebraska Snow Equipment, supp	266.40
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	11942.85
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	173.99
Richardson County Vendor, fuel tax	2429.00
Salem, Village of, serv	24.55
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, fuel	8869.30
UniFirst Corporation, supp	56.41
Verdon, Village of, serv	32.64
Payroll Expense	32022.30
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$95,292.49

JAIL BOND REPAYMENT FUND

BOK Financial Corp, interest	10238.75
TOTAL JAIL BOND REPAYMENT FUND	\$10,238.75

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 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, January 17, 2024, 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
JANUARY 17, 2024**

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 17, 2024. 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 January 10, 2024, 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

EMERGENCY DISASTER DECLARATION

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director met with the Board to present and review the Emergency Disaster Declaration that was signed by Chairman Caverzagie on Saturday, January 13, 2024, with regards to the serious snow storm with high winds that Richardson County had experienced since January 11, 2024. The disaster declaration was made and forwarded to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. The Governor has not yet declared a disaster declaration for the State of Nebraska for this period of time.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

The Board did not meet with Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent as other tasks at the Road and Bridge Department required immediate attention today.

The Board commended Mr. Darveau and the entire Road and Bridge Department employees on the completion of the difficult task they had in removing snow from the county roads while fighting the sub-zero temperatures and high winds the past week. It was a "Job Well Done"!

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty reported to the Board that currently there are 20 inmates being held in the Jail.

There was discussion on preparing for the termination of dispatch services with Southeast Communication 911 at Beatrice on July 31, 2024, and returning of the dispatching for the Sheriff's Office to the Law Enforcement Center and what equipment and other items need to be completed before the end of July, 2024.

FALLS CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROWTH ENTERPRISE

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of the FC EDGE presented to the Board the quarterly report on the organization.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Increase Petty Cash for County Court

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-28 to increase the petty cash amount for the County Court from \$75 to \$125. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 66)

Other

A purchase order was presented by EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall for the purchase of a drone. The Board requested that Mr. Kirkendall obtain 2 more quotes for this purchase to comply with the County Purchasing Act. This matter will be considered further at next week’s meeting.

A check for dividends in the amount of \$23,353.00 was received from EMC Insurance Companies and Miller LLC resulting from the good claim experience from the past year (7/1/2022 thru 6/30/2023).

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-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

Community Medical Center, serv	6907.97
Consolidated Management Company, serv	10900.64
Culligan, serv	60.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	335.50
Falls City Journal, adv	81.38
Farm & City Supply, supp	29.98
Franzen, Linda, serv	23.08
Harmon’s, serv	20.00
Harring, Barbara, serv	37.50
K9 Working Dogs International, serv	25996.42
Koch’s Auto, serv	173.22
Midwest Card & ID Solutions, sub	1750.00
Modern Marketing, supp	91.87
NE Assoc. of District Court Clerks, dues	50.00
Nemaha County Sheriff, serv	1045.00
Norris, Dan, serv	156.00
OPPD, serv	123.16
Physicians Laboratory, serv	2350.00
Pitney Bowes, serv	90.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	28.75
Richardson County Court, petty cash	50.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	178.87
Spartan Stores, supp	14.58
Stevicks, Billy, serv	208.80
Tyler Technologies, serv	898.00
Unifirst, serv	72.55
UNL, reimb	4397.60
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$56,070.87

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

CapitalOne Trade Credit, supp	52.94
Farm & City Supply, supp	342.59
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	13907.27
NPPD, serv	63.16
O’Reilly Automotive, supp	20.90
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$14,386.86

January 17, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 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
JANUARY 24, 2024**

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, 2024. 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.

A motion was made Karas to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-abstain, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

COUNTY TREASURER

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer presented to the Board a pledge security receipt #JC92998E from F&M Bank to replace receipt #JC93046 from F&M Bank. Motion was made by Sickel to approve as presented. 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 maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. Discussion was held on the snow removal from the recent storms, and he reported that the crew did an outstanding job with working to get the roads opened.

He also reported that a motor grader required a major repair from damage done while removing snow but that the equipment repairs have been made and the machine is back in working order. This incident was also submitted as a claim to the County's insurance.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty reported to the Board that currently there are 20 inmates being held in the Jail.

The Board was presented the draft interlocal agreement for emergency & non-emergency dispatch services from the City of Falls City to provide to the Richardson County Sheriff. Those present from the City were Anthony Nussbaum, City Clerk; Chief of Police, Jamie Baker; Sean Fouraker, City Council Ward 3. The agreement would be effective August 1, 2024, would require a one-time fee of \$63,900 to cover the hiring and training of 2 additional dispatchers and a monthly expense of 50% of the net expenses the City incurs in the Falls City Fund 205-E911/Dispatching and reimbursement to the City for County access to City's mobile deployment software proportionally to the use of the user licenses.

Rural Fire Department representatives were also in attendance, Jed Fritz and Cody Bahr of Verdon Rural Fire; Andy Dunn, Falls City Rural Fire and Craig Coonce from the Rulo Fire Department. Discussion was held regarding the dispatch services currently being done with 911 calls.

A motion was made by Karas to move and retain the dispatch for the Sheriff's Department at the Law Enforcement Center effective August 1, 2024, and to approve the purchase of dispatch console equipment from Motorola Solutions, Inc. through the State of Nebraska contract 14534 OC for a price of \$246,814 with the lifecycle services provided for a five-year period for a grand total of \$332,518. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-**nay**, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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SAMANTHA SCHEITEL, COUNTY ATTORNEY

A motion was made by Karas to approve the appointment of Emily Sisko as a deputy county attorney on a contractual basis effective today, January 24, 2024, to assist the County Attorney’s office with the resignation of Deputy County Attorney, Alexandra Fleming on January 15, 2024. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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

Sub-division Resolution 2023-2024-29

A motion was made by Karas to approve a subdivision located in S3, T1, R15 for Frederick Brothers Partnership, a Nebraska Corporation and adopt Resolution 2023-2024-29. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 67)

CLAIMS

A 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

AT&T Mobility, serv	1032.27
DAS State Acctg., serv	150.00
El Camino Electric, serv	219.05
Falls City Mercantile, supp	514.89
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	1064.00
CR23-593 M. Rinne, CR23-480 A. Wheeler	
First Concord, fees	227.00
First Wireless Inc., serv	207.69
Humboldt Standard, ads	128.00
Kawres Superstore, supp	45.00
Kex RX, serv	1445.64
Lincoln National Life Insurance, life ins	2411.93
Medica, ins	46637.22
Meyer Home Center, serv	100.00
NE Association of County Assessors, dues	75.00
NE Association of Weed Control, dues	175.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9000.00
ODP Business Solutions, LLC, supp	388.72
Quill, LLC, supp	518.47
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash Acct, reimb	474.90
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash Acct, reimb	766.29
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	25938.70
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Security Equipment Inc., serv	261.78
SumnerOne, serv	207.54
TK Elevator Corporation, serv	1308.00
Uline, supp	383.89

GENERAL FUND

Wolfes Printing, supp	513.21
Woods & Aitken LLP, serv	520.25
Payroll Expense	115414.96
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$210,199.28

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	140.85
Humboldt Standard, ads	160.00
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	107.72
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	744.90
Operation & Expense Acct, reimb	12.49
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
UniFirst Corporation, supp	63.20
Woods & Aitken LLP, serv	422.50
Payroll Expense	44804.68
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$46,481.34

DRUG COURT FUND

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

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

Combined Public Communications, serv	11123.65

TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$11,123.65

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, 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
JANUARY 31, 2024**

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, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made Karas to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2024, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. Equipment maintenance and the possibility of purchasing a 200 hp snow blower attachment was discussed. The crews are also working on some improvements at the Falls City shop.

Mr. Darveau also reported that he has scheduled interviews with some qualified applicants for job vacancies in the department.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty reported to the Board that currently there are 24 inmates housed in the Jail as of today and that there were 11 arrests made in the last 24 hours. He also reported that the dispatch console equipment has been ordered.

It was also reported that Deputy Wissmann attended the Hostile Action Based Planning meeting in Auburn yesterday representing the Sheriff's Department, that was directed by the Cooper Nuclear Plant to prepare for the upcoming drill later this year.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall presented to the Board three different quotes for the purchase of a drone for use with Emergency Management and other county departments. The quotes were from the following: 1) Frontier Precision Brighton, CO for \$11,829.00; 2) Armus Unmanned Solutions, Centerville, UT for \$12,646.31 and 3) Volitant Technologies, LLC of Dunbar, NE for \$11,338.50. Mr. Kirkendall recommended that the quote from Volitant Technologies be approved as it is from a local Nebraska vendor and that technical support and maintenance would be easier to obtain when needed.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the purchase of a drone from Volitant Technologies, LLC of Dunbar, NE for a price of \$11,338.50. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The Board also discussed with Mr. Kirkendall the importance of meeting the statutory requirement, NE Revised §2-954.02, the required continuing education for the Noxious Weed Control Superintendent. Mr. Kirkendall will be attending the NWCA Conference in Norfolk on February 6-7 and plans to attend the Spring training March 27-28 in Kearney.

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SAMANTHA SCHEITEL, COUNTY ATTORNEY

A motion was made by Sickel to approve and enter into a contract with Emily Sisko as a deputy county attorney on a contractual basis effective January 24, 2024, at a cost of \$1,000 per week plus mileage. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 68)

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER
Other

The Board received a letter from Blue Valley Behavioral Health regarding the County’s funding of \$8,000 to help support the substance abuse program in Richardson County. It was reported that since July 1, 2023, that there have been 63 substance abuse clients served in Richardson County which is an increase from the past years.

A check was also received from the Nebraska Department of Labor for reimbursement of up to 50% of wages for a new employee enrolled in the On-the-Job Training program in the amount of \$884.51.

CLAIMS

A 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

Clerk of District Court, fees	1162.00
County Treasurer, reimb	9.01
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	326.17
Falls City Journal, ads	473.01
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	5457.05
CR23-95 S. Ingram, CR23-36, CR23-92 A. Settrini	
Handley Law Office, serv	1292.00
CR23-59 C. Cavaness, JV23-20, JV23-37, JV23-38, JV22-38	
NACO, reg	75.00
National Assoc of County Veteran Service, dues	50.00
NE Association of County Treasurers, dues	50.00
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	840.36
Pitney Bowes, supp	1008.50
Postmaster, supp	839.00
Quill, supp	70.97
Richardson County Vendor, HSA	121.68
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	1080.00
Wolfe’s Printing, supp	13.20
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$12,867.94

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Bahr Welding LLC, serv	330.00
Cornhusker International Trucks, Inc, supp	239.84
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	46.00
Eggers Bros. Inc., supp	67.77
Falls City Auto Supply Inc., supp	590.35
Farm & City Supply, supp	186.28
Farmers Repair & Machine Shop, supp	55.10
Home Lumber Company, supp	100.18
Inland Truck Parts & Service, supp	726.88

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

ROAD & BRIGE FUND (Cont.)

Mr. Automotive, supp	131.24
NMC, Inc., serv	781.75
OPPD, serv	97.64
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., supp	1387.51
Powerplan, supp	873.14
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc. fuel	23956.23
Truck Center Companies, supp	1456.41
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$31,026.32

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 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
FEBRUARY 7, 2024**

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, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. Road graders are out and rock hauling is being done. The department is also working on buildings at the shop area in Falls City and installing heaters at the motor grader shops noting that the shops in Salem and Barada are still needing some heat source.

Mr. Darveau also presented informal quotes for the purchase of a belly dump trailer: 1) Murphy Tractor & Equipment, Co., Lincoln, NE were unable to provide a quote; 2) Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, Inc. were unable to provide a quote at this time due to supply and inventory; 3) Brazos Trailers of Wills Point, TX provided a quote for \$38,790.00 for a 2024 Brazos 40' Pit Boss Belly Dump.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the purchase of a belly dump trailer from Brazos of Wills Point, TX in the amount of \$38,790. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty was unable to meet with the Board due to investigative matters.

COOPER NUCLEAR STATION

Kimberly Tanner, Emergency Preparedness Offsite Coordinator and Matthew Nee, Emergency Preparedness Manager from the Cooper Nuclear Station (Brownville) met with the Board in an on-going effort to keep the County informed with the emergency training and emergency plans for the Brownville plant. They also reported that Cooper Nuclear Station will be moving away from using the warning sirens and going to the IPAWS which would inform the area of an emergency with a notification on cell phones, etc. The sirens would most likely then be turned over to the counties for their use. The Board agreed that quarterly updates from Cooper Nuclear Station would be beneficial to county officials in keeping up with the emergency plans, etc.

NAPE/AFSCME LOCAL 61

The Board met with members of the NAPE/AFSCME Local 61, Justin Hubly, Executive Director and Eddie Schooler and stewards of the Road Department Union, Ron Ramer, Wyatt Martin and Bryan Dettmann to resume negotiations for an agreement. The County submitted a counter-proposal to the Union's proposal that was submitted at the October 4, 2023, meeting. The Union submitted today a counter-proposal to the Board for their consideration.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 11:40 a.m. for a strategy session with respect to collective bargaining negotiations and for the protection of the public interest with County's legal counsel, Jerry Pigsley and Sarah Carstensen. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye,

Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to close the executive session at 12:23 p.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The Board then presented to the Union their response on the counter-proposal from the Union today. The Union members requested time to excuse themselves from the meeting room to review this proposal and then returned with a counter proposal to the County Board.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 12:35 p.m. for a strategy session with respect to collective bargaining negotiations and for the protection of the public interest with County’s legal counsel, Jerry Pigsley and Sarah Carstensen. 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 12:47 p.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Pigsley, County special legal counsel, then asked Justin Hubly, Union Rep if this counter-proposal was the “Final Offer” from the Union and he replied no. The County then responded that they would need some time to consider the offer that was proposed by the Union. The Board then scheduled a time to meet further with the Union on the collective bargaining negotiations on Wednesday, February 14 at 1:00 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the January, 2024 monthly operating statement.

Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of January, 2024:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 176.50
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$3,800.75
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$1,552.00
Sheriff Hardesty	\$4,029.18

Other

A letter was sent for testimony at a hearing to be held on Thursday, February 8 with the Nebraska Legislature Revenue Committee on LB1067 regarding the elimination of inheritance tax in Nebraska and the ramifications with the loss of this revenue would have on Richardson County operations.

CLAIMS

A 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 Capital Services, supp	37.99
BuckIT, serv	7103.33
Consolidated Management Company, serv	10600.95
DAS State Acctg, fees	163.18

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Detectachem, Inc., supp	120.23
Falls City Journal, ads	242.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	188.47
Falls City Sanitation, serv	60.00
Ferebee, Elizabeth D., fees	836.00
CR22-337 T. Alexander, JV22-33	
First Wireless Inc, supp	317.74
Godemann, Bethany, reimb	5.00
Jim Hill's, serv	445.00
Johnson County Sheriff's Office, serv	1105.00
Koch's Auto Service, serv	3525.59
Meyer Laboratory Inc., supp	558.20
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., serv	110.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	90.00
MIPS Inc., serv	3218.84
Postmaster, supp	340.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	146.41
Radiology Associates, serv	35.00
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Region V Systems, serv	856.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash Acct, reimb	17.55
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	741.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash Acct, reimb	479.89
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24215.98
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	48.24
Scholl Lawn & Landscape LLC, serv	85.00
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
Southeast Nebraska Communications, serv	2173.76
Spartan Stores, LLC, supp	86.76
SumnerOne, serv	309.92
Ultra-Chem Inc, supp	142.60
Verizon Wireless, serv	303.68
Volitant Technologies, LLC, supp	11338.50
W&D Auto Care, serv	120.00
Payroll Expense	108610.60
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$180,826.41

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Home Lumber Company, supp	715.30
Midwest Service & Sales Co., supp	640.00
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	36.88
Nebraska Snow Equipment, supp	3039.48
NMC, Inc., supp	2710.47
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	626.04
Quill, supp	173.98
Salem, Village of, serv	24.55
Southeast Nebraska Communications, serv	106.60
UniFirst Corporation, supp	56.41
Verdon, Village of, serv	31.76
Wolfe's Printing, supp	323.85
Payroll Expense	31592.85
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$40,098.17

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVE

MIPS Inc., serv	315.57
TOTAL REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVE	\$315.57

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS

Southeast Nebraska Communications, serv	155.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS	\$155.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 1:08 p.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 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
FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

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, February 14, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Quarterly Safety Committee meeting that was held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. Mr. Darveau also reported that he is working with a company wanting to make significant improvements to a property located southeast of Humboldt and has inquired about making some improvements to the county road providing access to the property.

ONE- & SIX-YEAR ROAD PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the public hearing for the One- & Six-Year Road Plan and declared opened at 9:15 a.m.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. presented the plan for the One Year improvements and all the plans being planned for the next six years.

No one commented from the public. Chairman Caverzagie declared the public hearing closed at 9:25 a.m.

RESOLUTION 2023-2024-30

A motion was made by Sickel to adopt the One- & Six-Year Road plan as presented at the public hearing. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 69)

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Chief Deputy, Jeremiah Franks met with the Board and reported that there are 22 in the jail today. A proposed contract with School District #70 for a school resource officer was presented to the Board which will be considered at a later date. Patrol vehicle maintenance was reviewed.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the quote from Omnigo Software, LLC for software to be used with preparing the Law Enforcement Center to begin doing the department dispatching for the amount of \$24,943.42. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall presented to the Board an Interlocal Agreement regarding the Southeast Planning Exercise Training (PET) Region. This agreement is to renew the interlocal agreement that has been in place since 2008.

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EMA DIRECTOR (Cont.)

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the interlocal agreement to create the Southeast Planning Exercise Training (PET) Region, a separate legal entity, to provide for cooperative public safety services by and among the counties of Cass, Gage, Fillmore, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, Seward, Thayer and York. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 70)

MARY L. EICKHOFF, COUNTY CLERK

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk requested approval from the County Board to allow a payment for Election Poll workers to be set at \$14.00/hour for the 2024 elections. Poll workers will have more added responsibilities with more required training with the new requirement of voters required to show identification before casting a ballot.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the pay of \$14/hour for poll and election workers during the 2024 elections. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

RECESS

A motion was made by Sickel to recess the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The Board returned at 1:00 p.m. and Chairman Caverzagie called the meeting back to order.

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 continue negotiations for a collective bargaining agreement.

Jerry Pigsley, special legal counsel presented for the County Board a revised offer from the County including proposed changes to Articles 8 and 18, which were the only changes agreed to by the Union on February 7. The Union requested time to excuse themselves from the meeting room to review this proposal, which included changes made by the County that the Union declared at the February 7 meeting were deal busters. They returned with an offer to keep the same contract language, July 1, 2021, thru June 30, 2023, intact with the exception of the wages that they would accept those the County has offered in their proposal with an effective date of July 1, 2023.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 1:26 p.m. with County's legal counsel, Jerry Pigsley and Sarah Carstensen, for a strategy session with respect to collective bargaining negotiations and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 1:34 p.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The County informed the Union it had rejected the Union's proposal. The County then presented a contract proposal to the Union as its FINAL OFFER from the County and asked that it be submitted to the employees for a final vote and to notify the County of the vote results. Mr. Hubly relayed that the County's Final Offer would likely be rejected by the Union members, and he would send the Union's Final Offer by email to Mr. Pigsley sometime next month.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to go into an executive session at 1:37 p.m. with Mr. Pigsley and Sarah Carstensen for a strategy session with respect to collective bargaining negotiations and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to close the executive session at 1:48 p.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Subdivision Resolution 2023-2024-31

A motion was made by Sickel to approve a subdivision for Kyle and Keri Wilhelm located in Section 20, Township 3, Range 16 and to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-31. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 71)

CLAIMS

A 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

American Legion Emblem Sales, supp	110.93
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	104.52
Charm-Tex, supp	495.86
City of Beatrice, serv	47740.50
Clerk of District Court, fee	216.00
Community Medical Center, serv	1098.90
Culligan, serv	212.40
DAS State Accounting, serv	335.50
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	11.98
Falls City Journal, sub	50.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	231.97
Falls City Utilities, serv	8767.80
Farm & City Supply, supp	8.78
First Concord Benefits, fee	400.00
Galls, supp	967.85
Hullman’s Ford, serv	254.68
KexRx, supp	2198.21
Koch’s Auto, serv	722.30
Lynn Peavey, supp	103.35
Merz Ink, supp	149.95
MIPS, supp	184.51
NE Association of County Clerk, dues	50.00
NE Weed Control Association, fees	150.00
Pictometry International Corp., serv	32162.66
Polaris Law Group, serv	76.00
JV14-17	
Professional Forms & Supplies, supp	209.53
Richardson County Court, fees	1802.87
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash Acct., reimb	373.27
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	195.93
Riggs, Kim, reimb	141.37
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Unifirst, serv	107.66
Wolfe’s Printing, supp	57.38
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$99,762.54

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Barco Municipal Products, Inc., supp	1571.09
Black Hills Energy, serv	408.98

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)

CapitalOne Trade Credit, sub	39.99
Falls City Utilities, serv	1133.17
Farm & City Supply, supp	2060.92
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	5315.89
Mr. Automotive, supp	17.76
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	67.95
NMC, INC., supp	663.99
Powerplan, supp	571.63
Rueter’s, supp	78.33
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc., fuel	4438.39
Truck Center Companies, supp	.56
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$16,368.65

STOP PROGRAM DIVERSION FUNDS

Guth Laboratories, Inc., serv	1325.87
TOTAL STOP PROGRAM DIVERSION	\$1,325.87

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv	430.05
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$430.05

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 1:51p.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, February 21, 2024, 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
FEBRUARY 21, 2024**

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, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting that was held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. He reported that 2 new employees have been hired and will start in about 2 weeks.

The Board discussed publishing an advertisement for sealed bids for the purchase of road rock. The Board will consider this and review specifications for the bid at next week's meeting. Tyson Vogt from Martin-Marietta was present at the meeting to answer any questions regarding the road rock price.

A request from a developer and/or producer of a chicken facility was briefly discussed as they have requested to remove a stop sign on the road to the development area. The County's engineer has recommended that the stop sign could not be removed. The Board recommended that this developer and/or producer schedule a time on the County Board meeting agenda to submit and review these requests.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty reported that there are currently 22 inmates on the books. A grant is being prepared to submit to the NE Department of Transportation, "U Text. U Pay." If the grant is awarded it will be conducted from April 1-April 8 in Richardson County. It was also reported that a donation of \$1,000 was received from Carico Farms for the drug dog.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the final Omnigo Software, LLC contract for the service to be implemented and serviced over a period of five years with the pricing for each year to be charged as follows: Year 1--\$20,782.56; Year 2--\$21,821.70; Year 3--\$22,912.71; Year 4--\$24,058.20; Year 5--\$25,261.01. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

HUMBOLDT SHARES, INC.

Mark Joy of Humboldt Shares, Inc. presented to the Board the quarterly report of the organization. He reported that the program they have implemented for the assistance to landowners to tear down uninhabitable houses is doing great and that 4 of these houses in Humboldt have been removed. He reported that several new businesses have opened in Humboldt and are doing well.

February 21, 2024

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

A letter was received from Daniel T. Pleiss, President of the Pennsylvania Colony Historical Society of Nebraska inviting the County Board to visit the museum site north of Dawson.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Caverzagie to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Sickel. 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	115.16
AT&T, serv	1014.99
Clerk of District Court, fees	216.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	150.00
Datashield, serv	11.36
Farm & City Supply, supp	39.03
First Concord Benefits Group, fees	228.00
Hullman’s Ford, serv	124.47
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	978.98
Medica, ins	47725.28
Merz Ink, serv	47.00
Meyer Home Center, serv	315.00
NACO, reg	160.00
NAEM, fee	220.00
NE Association of Extension Boards, dues	100.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9000.00
OPPD, serv	118.13
Radiology Associates, serv	232.00
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	120.48
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	780.97
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	23310.09
Road & Bridge Fund, levy tax	501641.52
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
SumnerOne, serv	152.54
True Value, supp	575.55
Payroll Expense	111558.52
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$700,983.07

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Barco Municipal Products, Inc., supp	1164.45
Diversified Drug Testing, serv	422.50
Falls City Journal, ads	25.51
Hamilton Equipment Company, supp	301.51
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	27579.82
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	60.46
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	179.88
O’Reilly Automotive, Inc., supp	97.06

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)

Quill LLC, supp	62.97
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc., supp	397.17
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc., fuel	8834.32
UniFirst Corporation, supp	55.58
Van Kirk Bros. Contracting, serv	224925.36
Payroll Expense	32657.50
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$296,764.09

VISITOR’S PROMOTION FUND

Omaha Magazine, adv	355.00
TOTAL VISITOR’S PROMOTION FUND	\$355.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 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
FEBRUARY 28, 2024**

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 28, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion did not pass. This matter will be considered further at next week's meeting.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the Board of Equalization minutes of the February 21, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion did not pass. This matter will be considered further at next week's meeting.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. He reported that crews are doing some dirt work on county roads, cleaning ditches, etc.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to recess and go into an executive session at 9:27 a.m. with Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. and Clerk Eickhoff to review personnel matters and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to close the executive session at 9:35 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Karas. Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty reported that there are currently 20 inmates being held with an additional 3 inmates being held in other facilities. He will be meeting on March 11 with HTRS regarding the school resource officer position to be reinstated. A donation was received from the St. Thomas Episcopal Church for \$500.00 for the benefit of the drug dog program.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with NRIN for the installation of equipment on the communication tower at the Law Enforcement Center. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, NOX WEED SUPT.

Brian Kirkendall, Noxious Weed Superintendent presented to the Board the 2023 Annual Report and Compliance on the Noxious Weed Control program in Richardson County which was received from the NE Department of Agriculture.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the reports and requirements summary for the 2023 year. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Karas to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an

executive session at 10:15 a.m. with special legal counsel, Jerry Pigsley and Clerk Eickhoff to review collective bargaining negotiations for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 10:30 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Advertisement for Insurance

The Board will consider the advertisement to accept sealed bids for the county’s general liability insurance coverage further at a later meeting.

CLAIMS

A 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

Auditor of Public Accounts, fees	18000.16
Bruna Implement Company, supp	661.25
BuckIT, serv	3200.00
City of Falls City, fees	1200.00
Community Medical Center, serv	940.08
DAS State Acctg, fees	163.18
Falls City Journal, ads	927.75
Falls City Mercantile, supp	150.56
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	9842.00
CR23-420 S. Mackenzie, JV23-35, JV22-14, JV22-38, JV23-37, JV23-38, JV23-20, JV21-17, JV21-20, JV21-19	
Farm & City Supply, supp	2.98
Karas, Rick, reimb	313.02
Koch’s Auto Service, serv	1481.11
MIPS, serv	3218.84
Nebraska State Patrol, dues	665.00
ODP Business Solutions, supp	72.99
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	865.98
Petersen Reporting, serv	172.82
Quill LLC, supp	179.92
Region V Systems, serv	1498.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash Acct., reimb	112.94
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash Acct., reimb	612.38
Weaver & Merz Law Office, reimb	1082.18
Weaver, Bill, serv	135.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$45,498.14

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Falls City Journal, ads	66.00
Hullman’s Ford Lincoln, supp	45.43
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	12473.29
Midwest Service & Sales Co., supp	10457.00

Nebraska Public Power District, serv	74.44
NMC, Inc., serv	207.13
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	124.50
Quill LLC, supp	48.46
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc., fuel	1793.49
Tri State Truck & Tractor Repair, supp	68.38
Woods & Aitken LLP, fees	847.70
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$26,230.82

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	315.57
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND	\$315.57

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1100.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$1,100.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 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, March 6, 2024, 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
MARCH 6, 2024**

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 6, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the Board of Equalization minutes of the February 21, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2024, meeting as presented with one correction being noted and completed. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-abstain, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

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

A notice to bidders was reviewed to solicit bids for the purchase of road rock to be received by and opened by the Board until Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. This notice was approved for publication.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Chief Deputy, Jeremiah Franks updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week, reporting that there are currently 16 inmates being held at the jail. A new employee to serve as the dispatch supervisor was hired and started duties on Monday, March 4, Ashley Fischer. It was also reported that plans are underway to organize a golf scramble at the end of June for the benefit of the K-9 Drug Dog program with all proceeds from the fund raiser event to assist in the maintenance and continued training of the drug dogs in Richardson County.

Motion was made by Karas to withdraw quote #Q-40817-1 with Omnigo Software, LLC and to approve the revised quote, #Q-40817-2 adding the additional costs for \$10,001.42 for interface service, making the total amount for this software package now \$124,837.60 payable over a 5 year period (1st--\$22,592.56, 2nd--\$23,722.20, 3rd--\$24,908.24, 4th--\$26,153.51, 5th--\$27,461.09). Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

SENCA FC OUTREACH OFFICE

Sherry Huddleston of the Falls City SENCA Outreach office presented to the Board a report of activity from October, 2023 through January, 2024.

KAYTLYN KENNEDY, EXTENSION EDUCATOR

Kaytlyn Kennedy, Extension Educator presented to the Board the 2023 Annual Extension report for the Richardson County office.

Also reviewed at this time was the current salary of the clerical position in the office and a request was made for this to be increased. The Board will consider this request further at next week's meeting.

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BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director requested approval to fill an open position that has been vacant to assist on the radiological response team. There are 11 positions on this team and filling this vacancy will keep it at 10.

Motion was made by Sickel to authorize the EMA Director to fill the position on the radiological response team. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Kirkendall also informed the board that the office would have to be closed March 26 thru March 29 as all staff members will be attending different trainings.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the February, 2024 monthly operating statement.

Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of February, 2024:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 213.49
Mary L. Eickhoff, Reg of Deeds	\$9,224.25
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$1,003.00
Sheriff Hardesty	\$4,577.06

CLAIMS

A 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

Armbruster Motor Co., serv	154.73
Bennet, Pam, serv	100.00
BuckIT, serv	7103.33
Consolidated Management Co., supp	10958.40
Datashield Corp., serv	137.00
East Richardson RWD #2, serv	334.66
Falls City Journal, ads	2934.76
Falls City Sanitation, serv	60.00
Gravatt, Jere, serv	100.00
Handley, Dylan, serv	400.00
Hector, Amy, serv	200.00
Johnson County Hospital, serv	1025.27
Justice Data Solutions, serv	5100.00
Malcolm, Terry DDS, serv	420.00
Meyer Laboratory Inc., serv	274.25
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
Nestor & Mercure, reimb	500.00
Postmaster, supp	877.00
Pro Serv Business Systems, serv	146.41
Quill LLC, supp	215.10

Radiology Associates, serv	5.84
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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Richardson County Court, fees	815.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash., reimb	696.59
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	1339.80
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	392.28
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24152.59
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
Southeast Nebraska Communications, serv	2273.73
SumnerOne, serv	154.04
True Value Hardware, supp	29.34
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, supp	2795.02
Verizon Wireless, serv	303.68
Wolfes Printing, supp	122.74
Payroll Expense	114515.53
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$180,777.09

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan of Percival, serv	50.00
Department of Correctional Services, supp	100.00
East Richardson RWD #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	995.43
Farm & City Supply, supp	54.41
Hamilton Equipment Company, supp	73.77
Harmon’s OK Tire, serv	110.00
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	27.44
Mr. Automotive, supp	504.54
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	31.58
Newman Signs, Inc., supp	3040.00
NMC, Inc., serv	2302.34
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	16367.76
Omaha Public Power District, serv	120.99
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	36.98
O’Reilly Automotive, Inc., supp	430.89
Salem, Village of, serv	23.70
Southeast Nebraska Communications, serv	105.07
Stateline Propane Service, Inc, serv	142.73
Truck Center Companies, serv	24638.04
UniFirst, supp	55.95
Payroll Expense	32100.82
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$81,358.44

DRUG COURT FUND

Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1100.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$1,100.00

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

Southeast Nebraska Communications, serv	155.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$155.00

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 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, March 13, 2024, 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
MARCH 13, 2024**

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 13, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. was unable to meet with the Board this week. A check was received from EMC Insurance for the damages done to a motor grader on January 9, 2024, in the amount of \$34,176.73.

Andy Thies was present at this time to inquire on an intersection located at 634 Avenue and 707 Trail. He indicated that there are plans to construct a chicken production facility in that area and the transportation company that would service the facility would not be able to travel this road due to the grade of the hill on the road which is approximately now at 6% and would need to be 4% or lower. They would also like to request that a stop sign at the intersection be replaced with a yield sign and maybe caution signs on each side of the road approaching this intersection. The Board requested that Mr. Thies be scheduled on the agenda to meet with the Board during next week's meeting to review this matter further.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that there are 24 inmates being held by Richardson County with 23 being housed at the Richardson County Jail and 1 housed off site. Maintenance items were also reviewed and Sheriff Hardesty expressed that Nathan Stewart who is in charge of maintenance at the Law Enforcement Center has been doing an excellent job. The department has applied and is waiting for approval for the grant "You Text. You Pay." which is scheduled to begin April 1 thru April 8. Sheriff Hardesty also informed the Board that plans are being made for a training course to be held for the dispatchers which will include six different 8 hour sessions tentatively being scheduled for a period in May. It was also reported that Deputy Franks is continuing the coordination for a golf tournament to be held on June 29 to raise funds for the drug dog program.

Commissioner Karas reported that he and Sheriff Hardesty attended the HTRS school board meeting on Monday evening for the discussion and consideration of reinstating a school resource officer for the 2024-2025 year. Sheriff Hardesty also reported that he plans to attend the upcoming community forums that HTRS has scheduled within the district area.

KAYTLYN KENNEDY, EXTENSION EDUCATOR

Kaytlyn Kennedy, Extension Educator was unable to meet with the Board this week and has rescheduled for next week.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Subdivision

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a sub-division for Douglas and Shiela Huppert located in S15, T1, R15 and to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-29. Motion seconded by

Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.
(Resolution Book 27, Page 72)

CLAIMS

A 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	209.04
Best Buy, supp	411.51
Community Medical Center, serv	2657.37
Culligan of Percival, serv	182.40
Falls City Journal, ads	554.02
Falls City Mercantile, supp	517.93
Falls City Utility Department, serv	9213.79
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	1263.50
CR24-13 C. Kinsella, CR23-507 T. Larson	
Handley Law Office, serv	4849.75
CR22-184 R. Cabanas, CR23-109 P. MacDonald, CR23-44 J. Ralph, CR23-323 B. Westcott, CR23-100, CR23-362, CR23-547, CR23-615, CR23-235, CR23-582, CR23-424, CR23-614, CR23-598 J. Romine, CR23-546 J. Romines; CR23-642 P. MacDonald; JV22-38	
Kex Rx, serv	1521.65
Koch’s Auto Service, serv	96.12
Malcolm, Terry, serv	140.00
NE Dept. Of Revenue, serv	625.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan, serv	4047.00
JV22-39, CR23-142 S. Robinson, CR23-192 S. Robinson, CR23-136 S. Robinson, CR23-137 S. Robinson	
Norfolk Lodge & Suites, serv	218.98
Nussbaum, Emily, reimb	27.47
ODP Business Solutions, LLC, supp	193.90
Prochaska & Associates Inc., serv	173.71
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	39.53
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
SumnerOne, serv	70.00
UniFirst, serv	79.11
Weaver & Merz Law Office, reimb	1104.68
Wolfes Printing, supp	122.74
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$28,389.08

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

City of Humboldt, serv	90.75
Falls City Sanitation Service, serv	20.00
Falls City Utility Department, serv	1337.75
Hullman’s Ford Lincoln, Inc., serv	100.00
Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc., serv	21636.06
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	13133.14
Northern safety Co., Inc., serv	36.51
Verdon, Village of, serv	31.76
Wiltse Electric, serv	207.61
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$36,593.58

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INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Motorola Solutions, supp	61703.50
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$61,703.50

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 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
MARCH 20, 2024

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 20, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance and business within the County Roads Department this past week.

The Board reviewed a request from Alan Rippe regarding the intersection of 707 Trail and 634 Ave with regards to improvements that should be considered to ensure safe and reliable transportation of agriculture products. The Board will be reviewing this request.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that there currently are 20 being held in the jail and that Deputy Novak has completed the training and received certification as a K-9 handler.

He reviewed with the Board the possibility of hiring 2 deputies as part-time and recommended that the County consider selling a vehicle that has been deemed surplus, 2019 Ford Explorer vin#1FM5K8AR9KGA31992. The Board will review these items further at next week's meeting.

COUNTY TREASURER AND ASSESSOR

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer presented to the Board information on a postage machine available through Pitney Bowes and to request permission to purchase as the current machine being used will no longer be compatible for service. There are two different options to obtain the new machine 1) lease the machine for a term of 5 years at a cost of \$3,730.80 which includes all maintenance; 2) purchase the equipment with maintenance included for 5 years which has been determined to be at a cost of \$3,437.52 with the possibility of maintenance service costs that could increase within the 5 years. The Board will consider this purchase further at next week's meeting.

County Assessor, Kim Riggs was also in attendance for this meeting.

KAYTLYN KENNEDY, EXTENSION EDUCATOR

Kaytlyn Kennedy, Extension Educator met with the Board to further review the salary of the office clerical staff and requested that it be set at the same as other clerical positions within the County which range from \$17.60/hour to approx. \$20.00/hour.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve a salary increase for the clerical staff position in the Cooperative Extension Service Office at \$17.60/hour effective March 18, 2024. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall presented to the Board a request to increase the wage for the radiological response team and storm spotters.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the following wage increase for Emergency Management Specialist position 1—storm spotters at \$12/hour and Emergency Management Specialist position 2—radiological team and storm spotters at \$14/hour effective today, March 20, 2024. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the purchase of an outdoor warning siren from Federal Signal Safety & Security Systems in the amount of \$34,898.45 and to make arrangements for installation with the City of Falls City so to ensure that the entire area of the corporate limits of Falls City are covered with the outdoor warning siren signal. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Sickel to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:42 a.m. with special legal counsel, Jerry Pigsley to review collective bargaining negotiations and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to close the executive session at 11:08 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

Courthouse Square Concrete Repairs

The Board reviewed the quotes that were received for some concrete repair work to be done around the Courthouse square which included a quote from Schawang Masonry, LLC for \$15,843.00, a response from Campbell Construction in which it was indicated they could not provide a quote at this time and another contractor was contacted but did not provide a response.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the quote from Schawang Masonry, LLC for \$15,843.00 with the repairs and improvements to be started in the next few weeks. Motion seconded by Sickel. Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

County Insurance Bid Notice

The Board will review this information at next week’s meeting as all the information is not yet readily available.

CLAIMS

A 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	197.10
AT&T, serv	982.53
DAS State Accounting, serv	485.50
ES&S, supp	494.84
Falls City Mercantile, supp	71.50
Ferebee, Elizabeth, serv	10539.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

First Concord Benefits, fees	231.00
Lincoln National Insurance Co., life ins	1489.83
Medica, ins	46578.48
Midland Radio Corporation, supp	5350.35
Miller-Monroe, ins	80.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9000.00
OPPD, serv	120.13
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	329.23
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	881.68
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	23307.27
Riggs, Kim, reimb	137.35
Sapp Bros., fuel	9214.66
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	225.00
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
Tichy Land Survey, serv	8700.00
U-Save Pharmacy, supp	20.65
Weaver, Bill, reimb	90.00
Payroll Expense	111057.05
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$231,631.15

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	119.82
Falls City Mercantile, supp	59.83
NPPD, serv	63.30
Norris Quarries, rock	14703.45
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	15.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	18742.37
Unifirst, supp	56.83
159 Lumber & Rentals, supp	48.75
Payroll Expense	33840.75
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$67,650.10

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv/reimb	1517.06
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1100.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$2,617.06

ARPA FUNDS

Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	3.41
Payroll Expense	23.76
TOTAL ARPA FUNDS	\$27.17

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv	1449.21
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$1,449.21

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 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, March 27, 2024, 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
MARCH 27, 2024

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 27, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

JUDGE RICK SMITH, COUNTY COURT

County Court Judge, Rick Smith and Clerk Magistrate, Bethany Godemann requested from the Board permission to obtain quotes for an electronic lock system with a keypad for the interior doors of the Courtroom and foyer area that lead to the staff office areas and to obtain a quote for the installation of a permanent glass shield for the front office counter. The Board relayed to Judge Smith to proceed with obtaining these quotes and submit to the Board for review and consideration.

Motion was made by Karas to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Statement of Acceptance of Possession and Future Responsibility for Courtroom technology items installed by the NE AOCP for County Court and for District Court. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye.

OPEN SEALED BIDS FOR ROCK

At 9:15 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie noted that the publication was made for the solicitation of sealed bids for the purchase of road rock for 2024. Bids were received from 1) **Norris Quarries** of Maitland, MO for 1 ¼" road rock (surface) at \$15.40/ton; 2) **Martin-Marietta** quarries at **DuBois** for 1 ½" crusher run for \$20.50/ton, 1" clean for \$28.10/ton, ½" chips for \$32.40/ton; and at **Weeping Water** for crusher runs at \$20.50/ton and clean stone at \$28.05/ton.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to accept the bids received only for the purpose of further review by the Board and Highway Superintendent and to consider at next week's meeting. Motion seconded by Sickel. 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 and business within the County Roads Department this past week.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

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

Sheriff introduced Ashley Fisher who has been hired to serve as the dispatch supervisor.

Motion was made by Sickel to authorize the Chairman, after approval from the County Attorney is received, to sign the Amendment 6 to Centurylink Master Service Agreement Public Safety Version to supply managed data bundle at a total cost of \$66,598.75 over a 5-year period and to approve a quote for the Managed Emergency Call Handling Bundle at a total cost of \$30,414.86. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-32 to establish the

number of sheriff deputies which changes the previous resolution by stating there are 2 law enforcement dogs and adding 2 part-time positions to not work more than 22 hours/week which will cover vacations. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 74)

Motion was made by Karas to approve an agreement with Terri Eldridge who will act as a Dispatch Trainer for the Richardson County Sheriff’s Office and will be paid the sum of \$25.00/hour for six (6), eight-hour training sessions with such agreement to terminate after the completion of the six (6), eight-hour training sessions. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 75)

Motion by Sickel to approve the sale of a 2019 Ford Explorer that has been determined to be a surplus item, vin #1FM5K8AR9KGA31992 at the Big Iron Auction to be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

COUNTY TREASURER

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer reviewed with the Board further information on a postage machine available through Pitney Bowes.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the lease of a Pitney Bowes postage machine for a term of 5 years at a cost of \$3,730.80 which includes all maintenance for the term. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

County Insurance Bid Notice

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the advertisement of the notice to solicit sealed bids for the county insurance to be received and opened on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

A 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

Amazon Capital Services, supp	13.89
Clerk of District Court, fees	760.00
CVSOAN Treasurer, dues	260.00
DAS State Acctg, fee	163.18
Galls Inc., supp	135.99
Hasselbalch Pharmacy, serv	28.52
Hy-Vee, supp	34.52
Johnson County Sheriff’s Office, fees	1820.00
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	196.98
Koch’s Auto Service, serv	123.52
Lake Mac Assessment, LLC, serv	6400.00
Lynn Peavey Company, supp	109.28
Merz Ink, supp	174.00
O’Reilly Automotive, Inc., supp	87.88
Postal Service, supp	2863.95
Quill, supp	394.53

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Radiology Associates, serv	35.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	206.89
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	691.21
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	50.92
SumnerOne, serv	127.29
Wolfe’s Printing, supp	305.98
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$14,983.53

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

KS Haug Communications, supp	100.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	26717.40
NPPD, serv	100.59
Norris Quarries, rock	10421.17
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	179.10
PowerPlan, supp	107.92
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Stella, Village of, serv	46.20
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$37,697.38

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 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, April 3, 2024, 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
APRIL 3, 2024

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 3, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2024 Board of Equalization minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner’s Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance and business within the County Roads Department this past week.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve both bids received at last week’s meeting for the purchase of road rock during 2024: 1) **Norris Quarries** of Maitland, MO for 1 ¼” road rock (surface) at \$15.40/ton; 2) **Martin-Marietta** quarries at **DuBois** for 1 ½” crusher run for \$20.50/ton, 1” clean for \$28.10/ton, ½” chips for \$32.40/ton; and at **Weeping Water** for crusher runs at \$20.50/ton and clean stone at \$28.05/ton. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Sickel also suggested that the Road Department consider the area in the west further as to when to haul from the Maitland, MO.

Bids were received from.

Mr. Darveau also gave a report on an equipment demonstration by Road Groom Manufacturing on the road groom machine that was held last week at the County Shop for employees.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty was unable to meet with the Board this week due to activities at the Law Enforcement Center.

Donations were received from the following for the benefit of the Drug Dog program: Farm & City Supply of Falls City--\$200 and Koch’s Auto of Dawson--\$500.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of March, 2024

Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$1,747.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$6,304.50
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$ 206.98

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the March, 2024, monthly operating statement.

Claim filed by John D. Cooper

A motion was made by Caverzagie to forward to the county’s insurance carrier a claim filed by John D. Cooper of Humboldt, NE with regards to a court case that he references in the claim, CR20 186. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Sub-division Resolution 2023-2024-33

A motion was made by Karas to approve a sub-division for Robert J. and Tamela Witt located in S12, T1, R15 and to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-33. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 76)

Agreement with Lancaster County Youth Services Center

A motion was made by Karas to approve and enter into an agreement with Lancaster County Youth Services Center to provide services for juvenile detention. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. (Resolution Book 27, Page 77)

Other

Payments were received for the Opioid Settlement funds totaling \$19,736.69.

CLAIMS

A 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 Capital Services, supp	25.73
Best Buy, supp	1323.66
Clerk of District Court, fees	252.00
Consolidated Management Co., serv	10858.16
County Treasurer, fees	2027.42
Culligan of Percival, serv	203.60
East Richardson RWD #2, serv	326.17
Falls City Mercantile, serv	148.40
Falls City Sanitation, serv	60.00
Family Medicine, serv	133.00
Frontier Bank, supp	96.81
Humboldt Standard, ads	82.17
Kirkendall, Brian, reimb	30.66
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
MIPS Inc., serv	3218.84
Nebraska.Gov, fees	105.00
Nebraska State Fire Marshal, serv	72.00
Nemaha County Clerk, serv	6090.79
OneNeck IT Solutions, LLC, serv	843.10
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	80.00
Richardson County Court, fees	702.25
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash Acct, reimb	783.12
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	1048.08

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash Acct, reimb	258.78
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24216.62
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	246.56
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
Southeast Nebraska Communications, serv	2218.46
SumnerOne, serv	41.04
Townsend, Joshua, reimb	277.68
Verizon Wireless, serv	303.68
Weaver & Merz Law Office, reimb	10.96
Payroll Expense	113563.91
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$171,758.65

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Capital One Trade Credit, serv	125.34
Culligan of Percival, serv	80.00
East Rural Water District #2, serv	46.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	9824.89
NMC, Inc., serv	35351.87
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	3697.39
Northern Safety Co., Inc., supp	166.92
Omaha Public Power District, serv	82.07
Quill LLC, supp	87.96
Southeast Nebraska Communications., serv	103.85
UniFirst Corporation, supp	55.95
Woods & Aitken LLP, serv	6366.57
Payroll Expense	33735.04
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$89,723.85

REGISTER OF DEEDS PERSERVE FUND

MIPS Inc., serv	315.57
TOTAL REGISTER OF DEEDS PERSERVE	\$315.57

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS

Combined Public Communications, serv	1740.53
Southeast Nebraska Communications, serv	155.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS	\$1,895.53

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 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
APRIL 10, 2024

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 10, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance and business within the County Roads Department this past week.

He reported that the vacancy of the secretary position has been filled. Research was completed on the possible purchase of a road groom which would cost \$31,025.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board this week to update the Board on the routine business at the Law Enforcement Center. He reported there are 18 inmates currently being held in the Jail. Year to date statistics for the department are as follows: 1651 calls for service in which 898 were traffic stops, 181 total arrests, 4 Out-of-County holds, 32 arrests by other agencies and 145 arrests by the Richardson County Sheriff's Department. During April 19-21 Sheriff's deputies will be incurring overtime to perform duties to enforce "drug impaired driving" traffic stops that is funded by a NE Department of Transportation grant. Condition and maintenance on the patrol vehicles was also discussed.

A report was approved for Sheriff Hardesty for fees collected during the month of March, 2024 totaling \$5,145.83. A donation was also made from A&G Steakhouse for the benefit of the Drug Dog program in the amount of \$250.

An update obtaining Managed Call Handling (MECH), Lumen and to be included and part of the Southeast Regional Governing Committee was given. Sheriff Hardesty reported that the Southeast Regional Governing Committee will be holding a formal meeting on Friday, April 12 in Beatrice at which time consideration will be made to allow acceptance of Richardson County into the organization. If accepted, Richardson County would be approved to obtain the Managed Call Handling, LUMEN that is provided through the CenturyLink Master Service Agreement Public Safety Version.

A newly hired deputy, Lucas Geyer will be attending the Law Enforcement Training Academy beginning April 28.

It was reported that some damage was done in the Jail a few weeks ago by an inmate and those repairs have been made. The Sheriff also reported that he is corresponding with the Falls City Volunteer Ambulance Squad to develop an agreeable fee schedule with them for their services when transporting inmates when necessary to medical facilities.

Quarterly Jail Inspection

The Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection. Sheriff Hardesty pointed out to the Board repairs that have been made and some improvements that need to be considered to the holding cells. The Board determined the facility was found to be in good order.

EMA DIRECTOR, BRIAN KIRKENDALL

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director presented to the Board a Memorandum of Understanding with N. Humboldt Rural Water District (Richardson County Rural Water District

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EMA DIRECTOR (Cont.)

#1) to install the NRIN equipment on the water tower. Motion was made by Sickel to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with N. Humboldt Rural Water District (Richardson County Rural Water District #1) to install the NRIN equipment. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

He informed the Board that Cooper Nuclear training drills are scheduled for the following dates, Tuesday, April 16 and May 21. There are two vacancies on the Radiological Response Team that need to be filled and the Board approved the request to fill these vacancies.

Mr. Kirkendall also presented the certificates of annual training completion for 2024 as required by NE State Statute 2-954.02 for Nebraska County Weed Control Superintendents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Sickel to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:00 a.m. with Sheriff Hardesty and Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director and County Clerk Eickhoff for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to close the executive session at 10:37 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

A motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:38 a.m. with Jerry Pigsley, special legal counsel to review collective bargaining negotiations and for the protection of the public interest via teleconference. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to close the executive session at 11:01a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the request from the Nebraska Association of Public Employees, AFSCME Local No. 61 representing the Richardson County Department of Roads employees to enter into mediation with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS). Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. *(Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) is an independent public agency for alternative dispute resolution and conflict management. It provides mediation and conflict resolution services in the private, public, and federal sectors.)*

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Sub-division Resolution 2023-2024-34

Motion was made by Karas to approve a sub-division for Carin S. Gerdes located in S7, T3, R15 and to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-34. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 78)

CLAIMS

A 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

Acton, Megan, reimb	15.83
Apace, serv	3721.50
BuckIT, serv	7103.33
Falls City Journal, ads	226.69
Falls City Utilities, serv	5831.02
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	1140.00
CR23-77 A, Rhodd	
Farm & City Supply, supp	79.99
Farm & Home Publishers, supp	1300.00
Handley Law Office, serv	5073.00
CR23-19 S. Bachman; CR23-66 M. Mayes; CR23-102 R. Bost;	
CR23-112 J. Partlow; CR23-134 S. Vice	
Holiday Inn Kearney, serv	269.90
Humboldt Standard, serv	45.00
Koch’s Auto Service, supp	264.56
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
Nebraska Association of District Court Clerks, fees	75.00
OMNIGO Software LLC, serv	22592.56
Postmaster, supp	1863.00
Pro Serv Business Systems, serv	214.08
Quill, LLC, supp	579.12
R S Office Machines, serv	574.00
Region V Systems, serv	4810.50
Register of Deeds, fee	10.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash Acct., reimb	479.78
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	269.00
Sickel, David, reimb	147.40
SumnerOne, serv	363.79
TK Elevator Corporation, serv	402.87
UniFirst, supp	79.11
Weaver & Merz Law Office, reimb	1116.94
Wolfe’s Printing, supp	20.50
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$58,698.47

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Capital One Trade Credit, serv	499.00
Eggers Bros. Inc., supp	785.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	176.33
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	677.15
Home Lumber Company, supp	603.58
Inland Truck Parts & Service, serv	83.21
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	6795.58
Mr. Automotive, supp	110.25
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	31.58
NMC, Inc., serv	682.88
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	6285.50
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	464.62
O’Reilly Automotive, Inc., supp	556.84
Richardson County Verdon, fees	1825.00
Salem, Village of, serv	23.70
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc., serv	4445.82
Truck Center Companies, serv	166.85
Verdon, Village of, serv	31.76
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$24,244.65

April 10, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 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
APRIL 17, 2024

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 17, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance and business within the County Roads Department this past week. Equipment purchases were discussed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the activity and business at the Law Enforcement Center this past week. There are 13 inmates currently being held at the Jail. Deputy Franks and the Sheriff both attended a firearms training at the NE State Patrol headquarters last week.

The Board reviewed the status of a patrol vehicle that was a total loss after hitting a deer on April 1, 2024, and the Sheriff's Department will wait for the insurance adjuster to make a final settlement after all damages are determined to make plans for replacement.

A donation was received from F&M Bank for \$100.00 for the benefit of the Drug Dog Program.

The Sheriff reported that he attended the Southeast Regional Governing Committee this past Friday at Beatrice and the Committee voted to approve Richardson County to join the Southeast Regional Governing Committee which will allow for the County to obtain Managed Call Handling (MECH), Lumen through the CenturyLink Master Service Agreement Public Safety Version.

SE NE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Susan Keholm, Development Director at the SE NE Community Action Partnership provided the 2024 annual report of the organization.

Debbie Green provided a report on the CASA program and mentioned that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Funding for CASA was explained and that Richardson County had 12 children monitored through 2023 and 10 children in the program currently today.

Sherry Huddleston reported on the activity within the Falls City Outreach Services Office.

Motion was made by Sickel to proclaim May as Community Action Month in Richardson County. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

DISTRICT 1 PROBATION OFFICE

Melanie Stormer, Chief Probation Officer presented to the Board an update and statistics that are specific to Richardson County regarding probation services. A review of the budget for the department was also held and what expenditures are being planned for the upcoming FY24-25 budget.

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Resolution 2023-2024-35 Fee Schedule

Motion by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-35 setting the fees to be collected by county departments for copies, FAX, e-mail and scans, phone calls, voter lists and plat book, etc. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-ye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page)

Apace/Region V Systems

A motion was made by Karas to approve the additional funding for Apace (Region V Systems) because of funding cut by the State of Nebraska which would total an additional \$3,961.00 in funding requirements from Richardson County making the total due for FY24-25 from Richardson County at \$19,674.00. Motion seconded by Sickel. Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Other

A purchase order was approved for Emergency Management Agency for a Signature Em-40-HR wide format 40” roll laminator for \$3,119.99.

CLAIMS

A 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	98.13
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	198.62
Axon Enterprise Inc., supp	8280.00
Clerk of District Court, fees	256.00
Comfort Inn, serv	479.80
Community Medical Center, serv	6747.29
DAS State Acctg, serv	150.00
F&M Bank, supp	52.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	286.69
First Concord Benefits, fees	233.00
Galls Inc., supp	144.96
Home Lumber, supp	370.00
Hullman’s Ford, serv	81.97
Koch’s Auto Service, serv	2404.46
Lincoln National Life Insurance, life ins	1505.72
Malcolm, Terry DDS, serv	420.00
Medica, ins	45125.35
Merz Ink, serv	45.98
Mid-States Organized Crime Info, dues	100.00
Midwest Special Services, serv	648.95
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9000.00
ODP Business Solutions, LLC, supp	177.35
Omaha Public Power District, serv	112.15
Radiology Associates, serv	203.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash Acct., reimb	551.91
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash Acct., reimb	875.42
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	25343.30

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Riggs, Kim, reimb	476.01
SatPhone City, fees	819.00
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Scholl Lawn & Landscape LLC, serv	314.50
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
Spartan Nash, supp	123.57
Wolfe’s Printing, supp	392.49
Payroll Expense	123225.45
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$231,312.95

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

AGCO Finance, serv	68.79
Black Hills Energy, serv	92.07
Falls City Journal, ads	66.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	40.05
Lenard Heating & Cooling, serv	3145.00
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	64.98
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	85.42
UniFirst, serv	56.21
Payroll Expense	34896.47
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$38,514.99

DRUG COURT

Hawkins, Seth, serv	2100.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	2100.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT	\$4,200.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 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, April 17, 2024, 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
APRIL 24, 2024

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 24, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2024, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance and business within the County Roads Department this past week. A discussion was held regarding the purchase of a road groomer from Road Groom Manufacturing for \$31,025.00.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the activity and business at the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that the NE Department of Transportation grant for "Drug Impaired Driving Enforcement" that was held over the weekend, April 19-21, that the deputies worked overtime as specified for in the grant in which they responded to 113 calls for service which resulted in 89 traffic stops, 4 arrests and 26 citations. There are currently only 10 inmates in the jail today.

Motion was made by Karas to approve a salary increase for employees who will serve as dispatchers at \$21.00/hour and for the night dispatcher supervisor and TAC Officer at \$22.00/hour effective April 28, 2024. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A discussion was also held on the status of a patrol vehicle, the 2017 Dodge Ram Pickup that is needing a new engine. The Sheriff's Department will be making plans for this repair to be made with possibly the County Road Department doing the repair.

The Board will also consider at next week's meeting a Memorandum of Understanding with the Falls City PSAP and Richardson County Sheriff's Office which will outline the responsibilities of each party, provide the scope and authority of the agreement, clarify terms and outline compliance issues. This Memorandum of Understanding will be presented to the City of Falls City for consideration also. The Service Systems Advisory Committee will be meeting on May 8 to approve Richardson County to become a Secondary PSAP and will accept this Memorandum of Understanding as part of the approval process.

FC EDGE

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

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director was asked by the Falls City Senior Yearbook staff if the jail area located on the top floor of the Courthouse could be used for the senior class to stage a picture for the class. The Board did not offer approval for this request.

April 24, 2024

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Resolution 2023-2024-36 Sub-division

A motion was made by Sickel to approve a subdivision for L.A.H. Eickhoff Farms, Inc. located in S29, T3, R16 and to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-36. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 79)

Resolution 2023-2024-37 Sub-division

A motion was made by Sickel to approve a subdivision for L.A.H. Eickhoff Farms, Inc. located in S20, T3, R16 and to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-37. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 80)

Resolution 2023-2024-38 Sub-division

A motion was made by Sickel to approve a subdivision for L.A.H. Eickhoff Farms, Inc. located in S21, T3, R16 and to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-38. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 81)

CLAIMS

A 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

Assistency, LLC, serv	2773.00
AT&T Mobility, serv	1078.85
Bryan Health, serv	2339.23
Bryan Heart, serv	666.00
Charm-Tex, serv	83.60
Falls City Journal, ads	77.50
Falls City Mercantile, supp	347.11
Galls Inc., serv	131.99
Holiday Inn, serv	535.00
Inpatient Physician Associates, serv	828.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	446.00
Kex RX, serv	1354.39
Koch’s Auto Service, serv	677.96
Mary’s Appliance, serv	1554.00
Merz Inc., serv	58.00
Midwest Radar & Equipment, serv	492.00
NE Association of County Treasurers, fees	150.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental, serv	105.00
ODP Business Solutions, supp	384.59
Radiology Associates, serv	35.00
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash Acct., reimb	282.83
Scholl Lawn & Landscape LLC, serv	157.00
Simmons, Rusty, serv	20.00
Summit Fire Protection, serv	714.00
SumnerOne, serv	70.00

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Uline, serv	499.66
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$15,908.71

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Fairfield by Marriot, serv	279.90
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	49030.69
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	89.07
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	7004.07
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	69.98
Quill LLC, supp	29.08
RDO Truck Centers, supp	198.83
Richardson County Clerk, supp	15.00
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Van Kirk Bros. Contracting, serv	40365.89
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$97,107.51

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 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
MAY 15, 2024

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 15, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

COUNTY ATTORNEY, SAMANTHA SCHEITEL

County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel met with the Board to request authorization to proceed with the filing of 4 tax foreclosures. Other items discussed were an appeal in the Tax Equalization and Review Commission, a proposed interlocal agreement with Region V and Apace and a letter to be sent to a landowner regarding items being in the county road right-of-way with a hearing scheduled for May 29, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to review.

Motion was made by Sickel to authorize the County Attorney to proceed with the filing of the 4 tax foreclosures in Richardson County District Court. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. did not meet with the Board this week.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Sub-Division

A motion was made by Karas to approve a sub-division for Benjamin L and Lisa N Laun located in S28, T3, R14 and to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-42. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

A 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	174.20
Clerk of District Court, fees	216.00
Datashield Corp., serv	150.50
Dunn Greenery, serv	469.00
El Camino Electric, serv	2457.70
Falls City Mercantile, supp	655.71
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Family Medicine, serv	22.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	21.98

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

First Concord, fees	226.00
Gastroenterology Specialties PC, serv	1592.00
Goldsmith Abstract & Title Co., serv	600.00
Good News Assembly, rent	200.00
Hullman’s Ford, serv	84.38
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	191.25
JT Farm Service, supp	861.30
Kex Rx, serv	826.61
Koch’s Auto Service, serv	433.97
Laminator.com, supp	3199.99
Medica, ins	47365.89
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9000.00
Omaha Public Power District, serv	118.55
O’Reilly Automotive, Inc., supp	123.62
Postmaster, supp	118.20
Quill, supp	326.01
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County Clerk, reimb	10.00
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24276.42
Scheitel, Samantha, reimb	466.79
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	112.00
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, rent	100.00
SumnerOne, serv	109.00
UniFirst, supp	79.11
W&D Auto Care, serv	250.00
Weaver & Merz Law Office, reimb	1104.68
Weaver, Bill, serv	25.00
Wolfe’s Printing, supp	14.21
Payroll Expense	113792.22
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$211,912.17

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	61.54
City of Humboldt, serv	90.50
Diversified Drug Testing, serv	240.00
Falls City Journal, adv	7.21
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	411.49
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	4038.94
Metal Culverts, supp	14078.68
NMC, supp	283505.00
NPPD, serv	63.16
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	268.96
O’Reilly Automotive, supp	303.83
Road Groom Manufacturing, supp	31475.00
Safelite Fulfillment, supp	533.04
Sapp Bros., fuel	270.00
Unifirst, supp	56.47
Payroll Expense	37620.72
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$373,064.54

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

RICHARDSON COUNTY PROMOTION FUND

Falls City Chamber of Commerce, funding	6000.00
Humboldt Chamber of Commerce, funding	1700.00
Richardson County, rent	25.00
Richardson Co Historical Society, funding	175.00
TOTAL RICHARDSON CO PROMO FUND	\$7,900.00

RICHARDSON COUNTY IMPROVEMENT FUND

Richardson Co Historical Society, funding	10000.00
TOTAL RC IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$10,000.00

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1200.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1200.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$2,400.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 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
MAY 8, 2024

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 8, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance and business within the County Roads Department this past week. A quote was received from Home City Grain for the application of a dust control product on the driveway to the Falls City County Shop and a few areas of the yard area for approximately \$2,800.00. He reported that crews are working on the hard surfaced roads repairing areas. Discussion was held concerning the 2017 Dodge patrol unit to install a remanufactured engine with possibly a 100K 3-year warranty and the Road Dept would agree to do the installation but with the understanding that the truck would be returned to the Road Department when Sheriff makes plans to replace.

An agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for Project #NH-73-1 (120) Falls City North Bridges—request for local detour route 709 Road, 652 Avenue and 710 Road during repairs to bridges on NH-73-1 (120) tentatively scheduled for late summer of 2025 was reviewed. This agreement will be considered further at a later meeting.

AMANDA BARTEK-RAMSEY

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the transfer of the 2022 unpaid tax certificates into the County Tax Sale. 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 activity and business at the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that during April there were 631 total calls of which 410 were traffic stops with 48 arrests (4 from other agencies and 44 from Richardson County Sheriff).

Discussion was held on the replacement of the patrol unit that was damaged on April 1 from hitting a deer which has been considered totaled from the insurance company.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the purchase of communication console equipment from 911 Custom of Olathe, KS in the amount of \$11,297.69 for a new patrol unit that will replace the unit that was totaled in the April 1 accident with insurance providing proceeds of approximately \$5,000 to replace those items that were damaged. Motion seconded by Karas. Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-41 regarding the number of deputy positions to be established by the County Board for the Richardson County Sheriff. Motion seconded by Caverzagie-aye. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

AARON LEVENGOOD

Aaron Levengood requested to meet with the Board regarding concerns with criminal complaints but failed to appear for the appointment.

May 8, 2024

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of April 2024:

Sheriff Hardesty	\$4,296.26
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist. Court	\$1,243.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk of	\$ 665.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$8,927.25

Health Insurance Renewal

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the renewal for the county employee health insurance coverage with Medica through Gallagher Insurance Agency of Aurora, NE at an increase of 23% from the prior year rate which is estimated to cost the county \$132,839 in additional premiums. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Other coverage options were quoted with United Healthcare and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NE.

Falls City Area Jaycees Special Designated Liquor License

Motion by Caverzagie to approve the special designated liquor licenses for the upcoming events sponsored by the Falls City Area Jaycees at the Jaycees Community Field located south of Falls City: 1) Tractor Pull on July 12, 2024, and 2) Demolition Derby on August 24, 2024. 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 Gary L Bierman Revocable Living Trust located in S33, T3, R17 and to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-40. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

A 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

Amazon, supp	22.82
Assistency LLC, serv	1229.00
Bryan Heart, serv	1018.00
BuckIT, serv	7322.33
City of Beatrice, serv	47740.50
Clerk of District Court, fees	361.00
Comfort Inn, lodg	377.00
Consolidated Management, serv	10797.35
Continental Fire Sprinkler, serv	820.00
Culligan, serv	110.00
Dept. Correctional Services, serv	1535.95
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	334.66
ES&S, supp	8097.14

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	5745.21
Farm & City Supply, supp	99.99
Ferebee, Elizabeth, serv	4959.00
Fields, Odis, reimb	378.26
GWorks, serv	20396.00
Holiday Inn, lodg	479.85
Jim Hill's, serv	155.00
KS Haug Communications, serv	115.00
Lancaster County Sheriff, fees	25.40
Lexipol, serv	563.64
Midwest Mobile Radio Service	30.00
MIS, serv	110.00
NACO, fees	675.00
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	917.64
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	272.12
Postmaster, supp	1384.00
Pritchard & Abbott, serv	2080.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	146.41
Quill, supp	1040.73
Richardson County Court, fees	1337.91
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	60.05
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	952.45
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	520.64
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	101.17
Safe Life Defense, supp	642.60
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	269.00
SNC, serv	2221.54
Subway, supp	50.33
SumnerOne, serv	113.00
True Value, supp	53.40
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$125,701.09

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Capital One Trade Credit, serv	639.00
Culligan of Percival, serv	50.00
East Richardson Rural Water District #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Autp Supply, supp	376.12
Falls City Utility Department, serv	497.13
Farmers Repair & Machine Shop, supp	2193.29
Inland Truck Parts & Service, serv	154.83
Mainelli Wagner & Associates, serv	1922.50
Martin Marietta Materials, serv	10914.48
Metal Culverts, Inc., serv	16676.22
Mr. Automotive, supp	202.50
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	31.58
NMC, Inc., serv	470.47
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	12222.83
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	185.79
Powerplan, serv	2207.37
Quill, LLC, supp	142.68
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc., supp	398.80
Salem, Village of, serv	22.85
SNC, serv	102.25
Truck Center Companies, serv	938.73
True Ag & Turf, supp	2000.00

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)

UniFirst Corporation, serv	38.83
Verdon, Village of, serv	30.88
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$52,465.13

DRUG COURT FUND

Blackburn Technologies, supp	1556.10
Glenn’s Corner Market, incentives	300.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, reimb	220.93
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	2,077.03

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

Hullman’s Ford, vehicle	43987.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$43,987.00

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv	1737.15
SNC, serv	155.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$1,892.15

HIGHWAY BOND REPAYMENT FUND

BOK Financial Corp, pmt	112120.00
TOTAL HWY BOND REPAYMENT FUND	\$112,120.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 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
MAY 15, 2024

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 15, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

COUNTY ATTORNEY, SAMANTHA SCHEITEL

County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel met with the Board to request authorization to proceed with the filing of 4 tax foreclosures. Other items discussed were an appeal in the Tax Equalization and Review Commission, a proposed interlocal agreement with Region V and Apace and a letter to be sent to a landowner regarding items being in the county road right-of-way with a hearing scheduled for May 29, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to review.

Motion was made by Sickel to authorize the County Attorney to proceed with the filing of the 4 tax foreclosures in Richardson County District Court. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. did not meet with the Board this week.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Sub-Division

A motion was made by Karas to approve a sub-division for Benjamin L and Lisa N Laun located in S28, T3, R14 and to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-42. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

A 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	174.20
Clerk of District Court, fees	216.00
Datashield Corp., serv	150.50
Dunn Greenery, serv	469.00
El Camino Electric, serv	2457.70
Falls City Mercantile, supp	655.71
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Family Medicine, serv	22.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	21.98

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

First Concord, fees	226.00
Gastroenterology Specialties PC, serv	1592.00
Goldsmith Abstract & Title Co., serv	600.00
Good News Assembly, rent	200.00
Hullman’s Ford, serv	84.38
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	191.25
JT Farm Service, supp	861.30
Kex Rx, serv	826.61
Koch’s Auto Service, serv	433.97
Laminator.com, supp	3199.99
Medica, ins	47365.89
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9000.00
Omaha Public Power District, serv	118.55
O’Reilly Automotive, Inc., supp	123.62
Postmaster, supp	118.20
Quill, supp	326.01
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County Clerk, reimb	10.00
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24276.42
Scheitel, Samantha, reimb	466.79
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	112.00
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, rent	100.00
SumnerOne, serv	109.00
UniFirst, supp	79.11
W&D Auto Care, serv	250.00
Weaver & Merz Law Office, reimb	1104.68
Weaver, Bill, serv	25.00
Wolfe’s Printing, supp	14.21
Payroll Expense	113792.22
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$211,912.17

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	61.54
City of Humboldt, serv	90.50
Diversified Drug Testing, serv	240.00
Falls City Journal, adv	7.21
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	411.49
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	4038.94
Metal Culverts, supp	14078.68
NMC, supp	283505.00
NPPD, serv	63.16
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	268.96
O’Reilly Automotive, supp	303.83
Road Groom Manufacturing, supp	31475.00
Safelite Fulfillment, supp	533.04
Sapp Bros., fuel	270.00
Unifirst, supp	56.47
Payroll Expense	37620.72
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$373,064.54

May 15, 2024
CLAIMS (Cont.)

RICHARDSON COUNTY PROMOTION FUND

Falls City Chamber of Commerce, funding	6000.00
Humboldt Chamber of Commerce, funding	1700.00
Richardson County, rent	25.00
Richardson Co Historical Society, funding	175.00
TOTAL RICHARDSON CO PROMO FUND	\$7,900.00

RICHARDSON COUNTY IMPROVEMENT FUND

Richardson Co Historical Society, funding	10000.00
TOTAL RC IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$10,000.00

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1200.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1200.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$2,400.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 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
MAY 22, 2024

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 22, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzaige. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the May 15, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week. Patching on the county's hard surfaced roads is being done and rock is being hauled and placed on those areas of county roads that are in need. The Board also approved a request from Mr. Darveau to set the wage of the seasonal part-time employee at \$14.00/hour.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to enter into an agreement with NE Dept of Transportation Project #NH-73-1 (120) Falls City North Bridges—request for local detour route 709 Road, 652 Avenue and 710 Road during repairs to bridges on NH-73-1 (120) tentatively scheduled for late summer of 2025. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 88)

SHERIFF

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business at the Law Enforcement Center the past few weeks.

A motion was made by Sickel to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 9:45 a.m. with Sheriff Hardesty and Clerk Eickhoff to discuss personnel matters and for the prevention of needless injury to an individual(s). Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzaige-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to close the executive session at 10:16 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

SE NE ADULT DRUG COURT & PROBATION DIST 1

Chief Probation Officer of District 1, Melaine Stormer presented to the Board a report on the statistics of the Probation District which showed that during the 2023 year there were 1,022 individuals supervised, 833 investigations conducted for the courts, completed 53 juvenile intakes, and conducted 21,807 drug tests for 1,205 individuals. The proposed budget for FY2024-2025 was also presented which indicates that Richardson County would provide \$11,636.34 to District 1. This is a decrease of \$112.97 from the prior year.

Chris Reece, Problem Solving Court Coordinator for the SE NE Adult Drug Court presented to the Board a report on the activity of the Drug Court this past year. In 2023 there were 8 participants from Richardson County in the SE NE Drug. The FY2024-2025 budget totaling \$34,575 funded by the counties of Pawnee, Nemaha, Johnson, Otoe, and Richardson was also presented to the Board which indicated that Richardson County would be responsible for \$9,762.96.

May 22, 2024
SE NE ADULT DRUG COURT (Cont.)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve an interlocal agreement with Otoe, Nemaha, Johnson, and Pawnee Counties to fund the Southeast Nebraska Adult Drug Court for the 2024-2025 fiscal year at a cost to Richardson County of \$9,762.96. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 89)

HUMBOLDT SHARES, INC.

Deb Lewis, Treasurer of the Humboldt Shares, Inc. presented to the Board the quarterly report of the organization. A request was also made that the County consider the continued funding for FY2024-2025 in the amount of \$5,000.

REGION V SYSTEMS, Patrick Kreifels, Regional Administrator APACE, Matt Kasik, Director

Matt Kasik, Director of Apace, formerly known as Region V Services which provides community-based services to persons with developmental disabilities, presented to the Board the Annual Report for 2023 of the organization. He also reported that the organization will not need to request funding from Richardson County for this fiscal year which in the past has been \$14,886/year.

Laura Osborne representing the 4 County Collaborative Coordinator also updated the Board on the activity within this organization that addresses housing, childcare availability, after school support especially for ages 8-12 and other school-based endeavors, behavioral/mental health needs, resource coordination and senior citizen needs.

Patrick Kreifels, Regional Administrator of Region V Systems which provides community-based behavioral health services presented the annual report of this organization to the Board. There were 117 encounters in Richardson County serviced by Region V Systems in FY2022-2023. A request for continued funding was also made by Region V Systems for FY2024-2025 from Richardson County in the amount of \$19,674.

PAM SCOTT, CLERK OF DIST COURT

Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court presented to the Board the plan developed by the Clerk of District Court Office and District Judge, Julie Smith to dispose of books within the County Law Library pursuant to NE Rev. §51-220. She reported that activity within the law library has not been used in the past several years due to all the information being available on website services. Storage for these books is taking up much needed space for other items that are required to be maintained in county storage to comply with current records retention schedules. The books will be offered first to local law offices, then to the historical societies within the county and then eventually offered to the general public.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

A motion by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-43 to cancel check issued in error. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 87)

CLAIMS

A 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

Acton, Megan, reimb	229.01
Amazon, supp	20.48
AT&T, serv	1084.89
Brown, Patty, reimb	53.33
BuckIT, serv	2050.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	150.00
Dollar General, supp	30.00
Eickhoff, Mary, reimb	215.74
Election Source, supp	686.76
Falls City Volunteer Ambulance Squad, serv	878.80
Farm & City Supply, supp	43.98
Geocomm, fee	5750.00
Handley Law Office, serv	3704.50
CR23-86 R. Paxson, CR23-34 Z. Bokelman	
Holiday Inn, lodg	374.85
Hy-Vee, supp	169.48
Johnson County Sheriff's Office, serv	1430.00
Meyer Laboratory, supp	183.70
Midwest Auto Fire Sprinkler, serv	475.00
Miller Monroe, bond	40.00
MIPS, serv	71.25
NACO, fees	375.00
NCRAAO Conference	300.00
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	128.27
Quill, supp	1191.09
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	18.65
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	287.10
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	437.28
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	148.07
Riggs, Kim, reimb	147.40
Sapp Bros., fuel	11021.97
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	269.00
Sisco, Emily, reimb	662.23
True Value, supp	13.48
Wolfe's Printing, supp	1886.75
Election Board/Poll Worker Expense	11367.30
*****POLL WORKERS*****	
Norma Arington	231.00
Thomas Bartek	210.00
Christy Berglund-Lovett	228.49
Sharon Buckminster	210.00
Joyce Burnison	217.00
Tracy Burns	154.00
Elaine Croston	217.00
Jan Deckinger	210.00
Doris DeJonge	217.00
Linda Dovel	267.18
Barbara Ebel	210.00
Jerri Elwonger	210.00
Deanna Ewing	217.00
Beverly Frederick	225.56
Judy Fritz	293.24
Mary Jane Gist	84.00
Carol Glathar	280.10
Carolyn Glathar	84.00
Victoria Gordon	232.56
Dona Hall	236.80

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

<i>Lois Hersh</i>	253.00
<i>Gloria Hunzeker</i>	210.00
<i>Ruth Ann Huppert</i>	273.96
<i>Susan James</i>	238.14
<i>Denise Keithley</i>	147.74
<i>Barb Kelly</i>	217.00
<i>Elizabeth Ketner</i>	329.42
<i>Linda King</i>	217.00
<i>Denise Koso</i>	235.76
<i>Rita Kreifels</i>	223.40
<i>Phyllis Kreutzer</i>	224.00
<i>Denise Kurpgeweit</i>	245.00
<i>Hailey Liberty</i>	226.08
<i>Lois Luthy</i>	293.91
<i>Rick Martin</i>	28.00
<i>Nancy McKim</i>	249.02
<i>Jean McNeely</i>	210.00
<i>Carmen Mendenhall</i>	230.80
<i>Pam Mendenhall</i>	217.00
<i>Judy Miller</i>	217.00
<i>Silvano Munoz</i>	230.40
<i>Marsha O'Grady</i>	217.00
<i>Katherine Perkins</i>	243.50
<i>Mary Beth Rowell</i>	231.00
<i>Deborah Russ-Farwell</i>	229.60
<i>Ann Shafer</i>	84.00
<i>Eva Stark</i>	224.00
<i>Glenda VonBehren</i>	84.00
<i>Mary Ann Wenz</i>	210.00
<i>Lana Willman</i>	226.08
<i>Linda Winsterman</i>	224.00
<i>Kellie Workman</i>	217.00
<i>Jane Zentner</i>	225.56

TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$45,895.36
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ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Brazos Trailers, trailer	39890.00
Martin-Marietta, rock	21977.01
NPPD, serv	75.77
Quill, supp	73.14
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	13527.00
Woods & Aitken, serv	665.00
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$76,232.92

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND

Heartland Fine Arts Gallery, funding	548.50
TOTAL VISITOR'S PROMO FUND	\$548.50

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, reimb	225.12
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$225.12

May 22, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, 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
MAY 29, 2024**

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 29, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzaige. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted with the deletion of the hearing with a landowner at 10:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

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

SHERIFF

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business at the Law Enforcement Center the past few weeks. He reported that 17 inmates are currently being held at the Jail with 3 of those being held for other counties. Deputies have been working some overtime that will be paid for by grant funding awarded through the NE Department of Transportation.

Some repairs in the jail are being planned after approval is received from the NE Jail Standards which has been difficult to obtain as the staff has not responded to the County's many messages left for them.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director met with the Board to review the expense for the siren purchase for an area within the City of Falls City in the area of Lane and 19th St. Installation has been delayed due to the availability of the equipment and this item will need to be placed within the next year's budget request.

There was also discussion regarding the Emergency Command Trailer and it was reported that it is ready for operation if needed.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Commissioner Caverzagie reported that he will meet with the representative from Skyline Construction Co. on Thursday, May 30 regarding the completion of the Courthouse roof project which includes the installation of a material on the cap and the painting of items on the penthouse area and the fire escape.

CLAIMS

A 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

Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimb	138.02
Consolidated Management Company, serv	266.30
Culligan of Percival, serv	161.20
DAS State Acctg., fee	163.18
Falls City Journal, ads	2211.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	147.69
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin PC, fee	6184.50
JV23-35, JV22-38, JV23-37, JV23-38, JV22-14, JV23-20, JV21-20 JV21-19 & JV24-4	
KS HCI Haug Communications, serv	900.00
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1505.77
Meyer Home Center, serv	1029.65
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	973.08
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., supp	81.39
Pitney Bowes, serv	251.39
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash Acctg, reimb	227.28
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	22710.06
Road & Bridge Fund, tax	612534.46
Scholl Lawn & Landscape LLC, serv	538.00
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
SumnerOne, serv	111.04
Urology PC, serv	258.00
Verizon Wireless, serv	303.62
Weaver & Merz Law Office, reimb	3.79
Payroll Expense	120623.34
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$773,322.76

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Bahr Welding LLC, serv	120.00
Cornhusker International Trucks, Inc., supp	459.32
Falls City Mercantile Co., supp	85.32
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	21607.13
NMC, Inc., serv	814.50
Northern Safety Co., supp	125.93
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	5244.77
Omaha Public Power District, serv	80.39
Quill LLC, supp	168.42
UniFirst Corporation, supp	48.65
Payroll Expense	33690.84
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$62,445.27

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Falls City EDGE, funding	7500.00
Schawang Masonry, serv	15631.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$23,131.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Motion was 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, June 5, 2024, 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
JUNE 5, 2024

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 5, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. did not meet with the Board this week due to other business matters and projects happening within the County Dept. of Roads.

SHERIFF

Chief Deputy Sheriff, Jeremiah Franks updated the Board on the routine business at the Law Enforcement Center the week. It was reported that there was a total of 14 inmates in jail today and that for the month of May there were 49 bookings into the Jail with 3 of those from other agencies, 639 total calls for service during the month of May with 400 being traffic stops.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the Memorandum of Understanding that was presented by Ashley Fischer, Dispatch Supervisor at the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center, with the City of Falls City for Public Safety Answering Point ("PSAP") made and entered into on August 1, 2024, by and between the City of Falls City, NE hereinafter referred to as "Primary PSAP" and the County of Richardson, NE hereinafter referred to as "Secondary PSAP". Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. This matter will be considered by the City of Falls City at the next council meeting to be held on June 17.

A review was held regarding the past purchase of patrol units, the condition of the patrol units and plans to include the purchase of a patrol unit in the next fiscal year.

OPPD

Michaela Valentin JD, Government & Community Relations Manager of OPPD introduced to the Board Chris Meeks, Government & Community Relations Strategist who has joined OPPD in this department.

They informed and provided the Board with a general update on the generation growth that will be occurring in the next 10 years. There is also a website that is available for the citizens to inquire on the OPPD projects and to explain the future generation growth, www.oppdcommunityconnect.com.

INSURANCE BIDS

At 10:30 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the opening of sealed bids to purchase insurance coverage for Richardson County. One bid was received from Miller Farrell.

A motion was made by Sickel to accept the bid only for the purpose of further review from Miller Farrell to provide insurance for the County. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The total premium amount included on the bid was \$313,023.40, a 9.3% increase from the prior year. The increase in premium was shown to be on auto, inland marine, property and

umbrella coverages. The information included within the bid will be reviewed further to ensure that proper coverage is included for the next policy year July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, and the Board will consider approval of the premium and coverage at the June 19, 2024, meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the May 2024 monthly operating statement.

Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of May 2024:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 358.88
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$23,151.75
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$ 1,560.00

Sub-division

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a sub-division for Anthony Kopf located in S24, T2, R17 and to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-44. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 90)

CLAIMS

A 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

BuckIT, serv	7322.33
Cass County Sheriff, serv	59.60
Clerk of District Court, fees	255.00
Consolidated Management Company, serv	92.30
Dept Correctional Services, serv	813.15
East Richardson Rural Water, serv	411.07
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	5820.27
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, fees	1824.00
CR23-671 B. Evans, CR24-34 S. Mackey	
Gastroenterology Specialties PC, serv	583.00
Humboldt Standard, adv	497.70
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	75.04
Koch’s Auto Service, serv	169.49
Lancaster County Sheriff, fees	51.40
Lincoln Fire & Rescue Service, serv	91.45
Merz Ink, serv	540.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
Miller-Monroe, notary	40.00
MIPS, serv	3218.84
NACO, dues	1741.16
Nebraska County Attorney’s Association, reg	1100.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	146.41

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash Acct., reimb	28.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash Acct, reimb	673.82
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	1183.23
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	423.64
Unifirst, serv	79.11
Weaver & Merz Law Office, reimb	1131.25
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$28,521.26

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Agco Finance, supp	497.89
Barco Municipal Products, supp	1670.40
Culligan of Percival, serv	80.00
East Richardson Rural Water District #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	85.86
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	17499.75
Norris Quarries, rock	7708.78
Northern Safety Co., Inc, supp	108.81
Quill LLC, supp	69.16
Rose Equipment Inc., supp	11949.30
Salem, Village of, serv	23.70
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$39,759.65

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

Government Forms & Supplies, supp	200.14
MIPS, serv	315.57
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND	\$515.71

DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND

Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	220.00
TOTAL DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND	\$220.00

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Schawang Masonry, serv	1000.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$1,000.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. Due to the County Board members attending the Annual County Board Workshop sponsored by Nebraska Association of County Officials, the Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, June 11, 2024**, 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
JUNE 11, 2024**

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, June 11, 2024. The regular weekly meeting date has been changed to Tuesday instead of Wednesday due to the attendance of the County Board members at the Nebraska Association of County Officials County Board Annual conference in Kearney June 12-13. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2024, Board of Equalization meeting. Motion second by Sickel. 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 meeting held on June 5, 2024. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done by the crews.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Hardesty was unable to meet with the Board this week due to other commitments. Ashley Fischer, dispatch supervisor met with the Board this week to update them on the routine business at the Law Enforcement Center the week.

It was reported that there was a clerical error made on the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Falls City that was presented at last week's meeting and the corrected document was submitted to the Board today for review and approval. A motion was made by Sickel to approve the corrected Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Falls City. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A check was received from the County's insurance carrier, EMC for the loss of the 2020 Ford Explorer patrol unit on April 1, 2024, totaling \$25,702.00.

COUNTY TREASURER

Rachel Jean, Deputy County Treasurer presented to the Board pledge security receipts to be replaced at F&M Bank.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve receipt #JC93406B of \$1,515,000 to replace receipts #JC93049A of \$690,000 and #JC93055B of \$825,000 at F&M Bank. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Budget-Making Authority

A motion was made by Sickel to appoint the County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff, to serve as the budget-making authority for the fiscal year 2024-2025 pursuant to NE §23-906. Motion

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

Cooperative Extension Service

Correspondence was received by Charles Stoltenow, Dean and Director of the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension Service regarding the increase that the County will incur for the cost share of the Extension assistant (4-H) salary increase.

CLAIMS

A 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	10.99
Animal Health Center, serv	724.20
Best Buy, supp	412.09
Consolidated Management Co., serv	9676.20
Detectachem, supp	117.62
Embassy Suites-Lincoln, serv	107.00
Falls City Journal, adv	89.13
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Family Medicine, serv	352.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	179.00
Ligouri Law Office, serv	142.50
Lincoln Fire & Rescue, serv	106.97
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
Morehead, Amanda, reimb	48.24
Nartec, supp	188.25
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	43.41
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	80.00
Polaris Law Group, serv	950.00
CR23-85 T. Alexander	
Postmaster, supp	95.20
Richardson County Court, fees	1401.30
Richardson County CPR, serv	110.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	262.15
Richardson County Mutual Aid, serv	265.02
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	343.88
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	26905.07
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	269.00
Scott, Pamela, reimb	303.95
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
SNC, serv	2206.52
Spartan Nash, supp	22.76
SumnerOne, supp	116.00
Payroll Expense	121613.75
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$169,192.20

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

A1 Iron Corp, serv	7434.34
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	5984.90
Falls City Utility Department, serv	358.66
Farm & City Supply, supp	1684.11
Farmers Repair & Machine Shop, serv	170.00
Harmon’s OK Tire, serv	13115.88
Hullman’s Ford Lincoln, Inc., serv	112.50
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	13759.06
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	31.58
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	333.26
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	31.00
O’Reilly Automotive, Inc., supp	1044.11
Rose Equipment Inc., supp	294.81
SNC, serv	105.34
Truck Center Companies, serv	277.60
Unifirst, serv	22.96
Verdon, Village of, serv	31.76
Wiltse Electric, serv	378.42
Payroll Expense	34401.54
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$79,571.83

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVE FUND

Government Forms & Supplies, supp	1059.60
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS PRESERVE FUND	\$1,059.60

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS

SNC, serv	155.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS	\$155.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, for a special meeting with the NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 representing the employees of the Richardson County Department of Roads and again on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 18, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. The special meeting is to continue negotiations for a collective bargaining agreement with the NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 representing the employees of the Richardson County Department of Roads. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

LOCAL 61 NAPE/AFSCME

Ron Morrison a mediator with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, Justin Hubly, NAPE/AFSCME Local 61, Bryan Dettmann and Ron Ramer, Road Dept. Union Stewards; special legal counsel for Richardson County, Jerry Pigsley and Sarah Carstensen were present for this meeting to continue negotiations for a collective bargaining agreement.

The final proposal that was presented on February 14, 2024, by Richardson County to the Road Department Union and the final proposal that was presented dated February 21, 2024, by the NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 to Richardson County were presented and explained to the mediator, Ron Morrison.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Caverzagie to go into an executive session at 2:20 p.m. with special legal counsel, Jerry Pigsley, Sarah Cartensen and Ron Morrison, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to review the contract negotiations for a collective bargaining agreement with NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 representing the employees of the Richardson County Department of Roads and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 3:12 p.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

No agreement was reached.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 3:14 p.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again for the regular weekly meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, 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
JUNE 19, 2024

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 19, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done by the crews.

A motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-45 to approve the Certification for Proper Completion of Project per County Bridge Matching Program Agreement for structures C007423425 and C007413030. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 91)

SHERIFF

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center the past several weeks and reported that currently there are 18 inmates in Jail. A report was approved for fees that were collected during the month of May, 2024 totaling \$2,947.28.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the corrected Memorandum of Understanding that was submitted to the County by the City of Falls City with some minor wording changes from the previous agreements that were presented at the June 5 and the June 11 meetings. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 92)

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director reviewed with the Board the status of the Barada tower site. He reported that the roof needs to be replaced on the building and is experiencing some difficulty finding a contractor to complete the replacement. He suggested that this tower site be considered surplus property of the County as it has not been in use for the past 18 months and NRIN is not planning on using this site as was previously planned.

The Board will consider the sale of this property at next week's meeting.

MILLER-FARRELL

Scott Miller and Steve Simon of Miller Farrell Insurance Agency reviewed with the Board the bid submitted at the June 5, 2024, meeting for the insurance coverage of Richardson County for July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The agency is researching other options for specific property coverage that would be more cost effective and beneficial for the County. This matter will be reviewed and discussed further at next week's meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

A motion was by Sickel to approve the contract with Medica Insurance for the county employee health insurance coverage from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

June 19, 2024

CLAIMS

A 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

Acton, Megan, reimb	182.44
Amazon, supp	9.98
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	104.52
Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimb	300.21
Charm-Tex, supp	87.80
Clerk of District Court, fees	1776.45
Comfort Inn, lodg	239.90
Consolidated Management Company, serv	417.35
Dakota County Sheriff's Office, serv	23.60
DAS State Accounting, serv	1156.50
Dept. of Correctional Services, serv	5166.85
Eickhoff, Mary, reimb	454.26
Falls City Mercantile, supp	309.86
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	2926.00
JV24-4, CR24-40 T. Rogers, CR24-44 N. Kroeze	
Farm & City Supply, supp	124.17
Federal Signal Corp., supp	25041.45
Handley Law Office, serv	3287.00
CR23-106 B. Anthony, CR23-81 K. Frierson, CR24-59 L. Jovan, CR23-676 R. Gonzalez	
Hullman's, serv	266.40
Humboldt Standard, adv	103.50
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	327.82
KexRx, supp	651.50
Koch's Auto Service, serv	441.84
Lynn Peavey Company, supp	41.63
Merz Ink, serv	80.00
Microfilm Imaging System, serv	1032.00
MIPS, supp	4602.31
NACO, fee	125.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	434.06
OPPD, serv	112.28
Postmaster, supp	78.80
Quill, supp	251.84
Ray Allen Manufacturing, supp	96.98
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	535.95
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	852.90
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	424.00
Secretary of State, supp	40.00
Sickel, David, reimb	274.70
Summit Fire Protection, serv	393.50
Townsend, Josh, fee/reimb	277.68
True Value, supp	40.14
VDO Communications, supp	1571.36
Wolfe's Printing, supp	111.24
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$54,845.65

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Ace Irrigation, supp	32209.00
Agco Finance, supp	714.91
Armbruster Motor Co., supp	100.24
Black Hills Energy, serv	43.99
Bruna Implement Co., supp	540.00
Capital One Trade Credit, supp	154.99
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	496.92
Farm & City Supply, supp	316.97
Grainger, supp	1175.00
Inland Truck Parts, supp	141.88
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	167.07
Koch’s Auto Service, serv	19530.22
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	14626.04
Michael Todd & Company, supp	329.26
Midwest Petroleum Equipment, supp	2750.95
Mr. Automotive, supp	1.87
NPPD, serv	136.85
Norris Quarries, rock	4873.77
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	113.36
O’Reilly Automotive, supp	75.14
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	4783.77
Truck Center Companies, supp	90.77
Unifirst, supp	40.83
Woods & Aitken, serv	770.00
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$84,208.80

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Motorola, pmt	148088.40
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$148,088.40

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv	1289.41
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$1,289.41

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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
JUNE 26, 2024

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 26, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2024, special meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2024, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. The Board reviewed with Mr. Darveau the condition of the roads and areas that are needing rock. Correspondence was received from Vicki Jacobitz regarding some areas that are needing rock and to thank the County Road Dept. for the great job maintaining the roads.

Mr. Darveau presented to the Board 18 specific areas of brush complaints that will also be provided to the County Attorney for action with notices to be sent to the landowners.

The Board also agreed that a notice should be put in the county newspapers regarding the responsibility of landowners to mow the roadsides in July and September and to also to remove brush along the county road right-of-way.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director reviewed with the Board the potential flooding that may occur along the Missouri River in the next few days. The prediction is that the river will crest at 23.8' on June 30th at 1:00 a.m. and return to 16' on July 2nd at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Kirkendall also reported that the Governor has declared an emergency for the counties along the Missouri River and that this action will free up resources to assist with the flood damage.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center the past week. He reported that there are 23 inmates in the Jail today. He also reported that he assisted Pawnee County with two search warrants this past week.

A discussion was held on the repairs that need to be made to the padded cell in the jail which an inmate damaged back in April. The County is waiting on a response from the messages left with representatives from the NE Jail Standards as to approval of this major repair which is in accordance with the NE Jail Standards regulations.

BLUE VALLEY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

John Day, Executive Director of the Blue Valley Behavioral Health presented to the Board a brief report on the services they provide here in Richardson County and to ask for the continued support in funding of \$8,000 for the next fiscal year.

The Board relayed to Mr. Day that the County needs to have a contract in place for this funding to be in compliance with auditing standards. County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel was

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Blue Valley Behavioral Health (Cont.)

in attendance for this meeting and indicated that she would draft a contract and forward to Mr. Day for Blue Valley's review.

MILLER FARRELL

Scott Miller of Miller Farrell Insurance Agency reviewed with the Board the bid that was submitted for the County's insurance coverage for July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. Different options for property coverage for the Courthouse were obtained by Miller Farrell and were presented to the Board for consideration in addition to the coverage that was submitted with the bid on June 5.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the bid received at the June 5, 2024, meeting from Miller Farrell Insurance Agency for all lines of insurance coverage for Richardson County with the alternate bid that was presented to the Board today labeled as "option #4" for property coverage on the Courthouse making the total amount of premium at \$320,180 for the year. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

SE NE Development District

The Annual Report of the Southeast Nebraska Development District was submitted to the Board for review. Also included was the membership packet and the request for FY24-25 dues in the amount of \$4,192.00.

Quad County Golf Association

Motion was made by Karas to approve the applications for the additions to the facility of the Quad County Golf Association Kirkman's Lakeview Golf Course: 1) application #16018 addition of indoor area 35' X 40' and 2) application #16054 addition of indoor storage area 24' X 12'. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-2024-46 Budgets Overspent

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-46 to approve the use of the unencumbered funds remaining within the Miscellaneous Budget of the General Fund to cover the expenses overspent in the Surveyor, Humboldt Law Enf Agreement, Communications Dispatch and Dist Court Child Support budgets in the General Fund. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 93)

Joint Public Hearing Notices

A recommendation from the NE Association of County Officials was received regarding the printing for the notices to be sent to all tax parcels of a joint public hearing if required with them recommending that CSG International do the printing for the counties.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the CSG print company as recommended by NACO for the notices of the joint public hearing if required. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Sub-division

A sub-division for Karen D. Ramsey, Trustee of the Ramsey Living Trust located in S7, T2, R15 will be considered at a later meeting.

Other

Funds were received for the Opioid settlement from Janssen (#4) in the amount of \$3,700.62.

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CLAIMS

A 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

Alcohol Countermeasure Systems, supp	111.84
American AED, supp	1264.00
AT&T, serv	1084.89
BuckIT, LLC, serv	1492.00
Caverzagie, John, reimb	316.91
Centec Cast Metal Products, supp	3071.63
Clerk of District Court, reimb	18.22
Consolidated Management Company, serv	10075.26
Crowne Plaza, lodg	839.70
Culligan, serv	93.60
Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, serv	500.00
Eickhoff, Mary L., reimb	100.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	147.69
Family Medicine, supp	328.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	1805.00
CR23-98 S. Dillard	
Farm & City Supply, supp	18.36
First Concord Benefits Group, fees	224.00
Gage County Clerk, supp	39.10
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	116.58
Ligouri, Angelo, serv	133.00
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1482.29
Malcolm, Terry, serv	140.00
Mary's Appliance, supp	1115.85
Medica, ins	53263.75
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, serv	250.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9000.00
Nussbaum, Emily, reimb	131.88
ODP Business Solutions, supp	34.27
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	43.41
Ramada, lodg	214.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	75.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash Acct, reimb	304.18
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24260.15
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	269.00
Senca, funding	19718.00
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
Southeast Community College, rent	50.00
Tichy Land Survey, serv	1851.13
True Value, supp	90.88
Wolfe's Printing, supp	38.98
Payroll Expense	115918.40
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$252,030.95

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Armbruster Motor Co., serv	340.82
Mainelli Wagner & Associates, serv	2251.35
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	11415.70
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	4532.69

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)

UniFirst Corporation, supp	55.97
Payroll Expense	32923.58
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$51,520.11

VETERAN’S AID FUND

Richardson County Veteran’s Aid, transfer	1000.00
TOTAL VETERAN’S AID FUND	\$1,000.00

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1200.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1200.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$2,400.00

JAIL BOND REPAYMENT FUND

BOK Financial Corp., pmt	290238.75
TOTAL JAIL BOND REPAYMENT FUND	\$290,238.75

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 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 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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
JULY 3, 2024**

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 3, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2024, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. A discussion was held on rock hauling and using contractors to haul rock for a stock-pile in an effort to get the rock on the needed areas.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center the past week. The Sheriff reported on the "Click It or Ticket" grant that was held May 20 through June 2 in which there were 350 calls for service with 227 being traffic stops, 28 total arrests (3 from other agencies and 25 from the Sheriff). The June calls for service were at 468 which included 233 traffic stops, 40 arrests (2 other agencies, 5 out of county and 33 from Sheriff). He also reported there are 17 inmates being held in the Jail as of today. It was also reported that the communication tower is having some repair on an antenna. The department will also be taking advantage of a demo for the use of a cell phone service through First Net to determine if service can be improved in the area of Rulo. The Sheriff also updated the Board on the deputies that are currently attending and will be attending the Law Enforcement Training Academy to receive Nebraska certification as a law enforcement officer.

The Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Falls City with the agreement that Richardson County will be designated as a Secondary PSAP was presented to the County Board for execution by the County Board Chairman. This was formally approved at the June 12, 2024, meeting and was approved at the City Council meeting of the City of Falls City at the July 1, 2024, meeting. The Law Enforcement Center will begin doing the dispatch for the County Sheriff's Department on July 9, 2024. (Resolution Book 27, Page 92)

Motion was made by Sickel to approve an Overview and Fee Proposal from Prochaska & Associates for remediating the damage to the existing ceilings in the holding cells #124, #125 and #126. Motion seconded by Karas. 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 10:19 a.m. with Jerry Pigsley, special legal counsel to review 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 10:43 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. 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 June, 2024:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 361.25
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$7,561.00
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$1,331.00

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the June, 2024, monthly operating statement.

Sub-division

Motion was made by Karas to approve a sub-division for Max Shafer, III located in S16, T3, R16 and to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-1. Motion seconded by Sickel. Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 94)

Other

A listing of items that the County has deemed to be surplus and obsolete that have not been sold through the social media listing were offered and received to the Village of Verdon Community Building and Library

CLAIMS

A 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

Acton, Megan, reimb	95.68
Armbruster Motor Company, serv	340.82
Bryan Medical Center, serv	9171.57
BuckIT, serv	7322.33
Canine Development Group, serv	280.00
Comfort Inn, lodge	239.90
Consolidated Management Company, serv	214.10
Culligan of Percival, serv	130.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	163.18
East Richardson RWD #2, serv	283.72
F&M Bank, pmt	46625.30
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	6228.59
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	940.50
CR24-17 C. Sipple	
Farm & City Supply, supp	30.76
Fritz, Kerry, reimb	47.57
Johnson County Sheriff, serv	18.67
Justice Data Solutions, serv	5300.00
Karas, Rick, reimb	650.97
Meyer Home Center, supp	452.98
Meyer Laboratory, supp	566.65
MIPS Inc., serv	3277.10
MIS, serv	110.00

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	465.50
CR24-257 A. Handley	
Motorola Solutions, serv	19845.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, serv	175.00
Nemaha County Clerk, serv	5308.62
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	945.00
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	63.91
Petersen Reporting, serv	670.60
Postmaster, stamps	248.40
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Region V Systems, serv	1040.00
Richardson County Court, fees	814.40
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	200.98
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1.23
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	125.96
SE NE Development District, dues	4192.00
Southeast Nebraska Communications, serv	2124.14
SumnerOne, serv	280.93
UniFirst, serv	79.11
Verizon Wireless, serv	303.62
Weaver & Merz Law Office, reimb	1112.68
Wolfe's Printing, supp	47.26
Work Zone, supp	480.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$121,062.73

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan, supp	60.00
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Journal, adv	15.05
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	392.70
Harmon's, supp	9240.00
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	103.17
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	27789.59
NPPD, serv	31.58
Norris Quarries, rock	6283.98
OPPD, serv	78.27
Quill, supp	25.49
Salem, Village of, serv	22.85
Sapp Bros., fuel	9604.88
Schendel Pest Control, serv	250.00
SNC, serv	107.00
Verdon, Village of, serv	30.88
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$54,081.44

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVE FUND

MIPS Inc., serv	319.05
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS PRESERVE FUND	\$319.05

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

County Treasurer, funding	9762.96
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$9,762.96

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv	1979.94
SNC, serv	155.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$2,134.94

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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
JULY 10, 2024**

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 10, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2024, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

COUNTY TREASURER

County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey presented to the Board the semi-annual report for January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024.

Motion was made by Sickel to accept the semi-annual report as presented 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. was unable to meet with the Board this week.

Motion was made by Karas to approve and enter into an agreement with Felsburg, Holt and Ullevig for the Environmental Services on the Stella Southwest Project No. BRO-7074(26), bridge over Little Muddy Creek, located 2.25 miles southwest of Stella on 717 Road and to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-2 to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 95)

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center the past week. A report was approved for fees collected during the month of June, 2024 totaling \$2,277.00. He reported that there are 14 inmates being held at the Jail as of today. Discussion also included an update on the deputies and those who are in the training, upcoming grants that will be used to assist with traffic patrol and the current condition of the patrol vehicles.

Sheriff Hardesty also reported that he has assisted Pawnee County a few times in the past several weeks as they struggle to fill vacant officer positions. County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel indicated that the County should not be assisting Pawnee County without a contract in place to cover liability, etc. The Sheriff indicated that Pawnee County was drafting an agreement to be submitted to Richardson County for review.

He also provided an update to the Board on the transfer and handling of the dispatching calls that are being answered by the Richardson County Sheriff's Department which was implemented on Monday, July 8.

SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL, JERRY PIGSLEY

Jerry Pigsley, special legal counsel reviewed with the Board a petition that has been filed with the Nebraska Commission of Industrial Relations, Case #1569, by the Nebraska Association of Public Employees/AFSCME Local 61 on behalf of the employees of the Richardson County

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Special Legal Counsel (Cont.)

Roads/Highway Department on or about June 21, 2024.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to ratify and confirm that the offer presented to the Union on February 14, 2024, was the final offer from Richardson County to the NAPE/AFSCME Local 61. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

An engagement letter was signed by Chairman, John Caverzagie with the Nebraska State Auditor to perform the fiscal year end June 30, 2024, audit.

CLAIMS

A 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	29.98
Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc., serv	14490.00
BuckIT, serv	475.00
Falls City Sanitation, serv	60.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, fees	3220.50
CR22-101 M.Luna, CR23-83 D. Moseley	
Farm & City Supply, supp	565.58
Handley, Dylan, fees	200.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	150.00
Koch’s Auto Service, serv	2794.31
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	945.00
Pitney Bowes, supp	186.54
ProServ Business Systems, serv	419.10
Quill, supp	148.43
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	958.40
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	25407.44
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc., fuel	11989.25
Scholl Lawn & Landscape LLC, serv	613.00
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
Summit Fire Protection, serv	393.50
TK Elevator Corporation, serv	402.87
Wing, Lonnie, reimb	75.00
Payroll Expense	120791.82
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$186,345.72

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Hullman’s Ford Lincoln, Inc., supp	77.88
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	6600.63
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	6852.39
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	89.64
O’Reilly Automotive, Inc, supp	60.87
Richardson County Vendor, motor fuel	2266.00
Truck Center Companies, serv	3607.93
UniFirst Corporation, supp	58.07
Payroll Expense	32310.50
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$51,923.91

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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
JULY 17, 2024

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, July 17, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas and Sickel. Commissioner Caverzagie was absent. The Invocation was given by Vice-Chairman Sickel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Sickel. Vice-Chairman Sickel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2024, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

EMA DIRECTOR, BRIAN KIRKENDALL

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director reported that the generator at the Courthouse has been repaired and is operational.

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.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board this week on the routine maintenance being done on the county roads and bridges. He reported that an on-site review of culverts is being done and that some will most likely need to be replaced.

Mr. Darveau also reported on the projects that will be considered for funding through the State of NE BRO project funding in which Federal funds are received by the State of NE and then distributed to counties for structure funding. Those projects are: 1) north of Strausville then east on 710 Road or west of Hwy 73/75 on 710 Road estimated cost of \$1.1 million and 2) NW of Humboldt on 717 Road estimated cost of \$1.6 million.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

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

QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION

The Board will conduct the quarterly jail inspection at next week's meeting.

JERRY PIGSLEY

Motion was Karas to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:46 a.m. with special legal counsel, Jerry Pigsley on the pending CIR case brought by NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 v. Richardson County and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 11:05 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Grant Award with NE Dept of HHS

Motion was made by Sickel to authorize the County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel to sign the grant award with the State of NE Department of Health & Human Services for the child support enforcement in Richardson County. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

Notice of Hearing Barada Tower site

Motion was made by Karas to authorize the advertisement for a hearing to determine the fair market value of real estate located in S14, T3, R16 (Barada tower site) to be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

Sub-division

Motion was made by Karas to approve subdivision for Karen D. Ramsey, Trustee of the Ramsey Living Trust located in S7, T2, R15 and to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-3. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 97)

Contract with Maximus

The Board was informed that Robert Aitken, CPA would not be doing the Cost Allocation Plan for Richardson County for the fiscal year end June 30, 2023, and that the firm of Maximus has been contacted to perform this service. A contract will be forwarded to Richardson County for review and approval which will be considered at a later meeting.

Pledge Securities

Motion was made by Karas to approve the replacement of the following pledge security receipts from F&M Bank: current receipts #JC93066, #JC93059, #JC93022A to be replaced with new receipts #JC93406A, #JC93066B, #JC93408B. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

Courthouse Roof

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a change order adding additional costs of \$21,465.00 for the Courthouse roof replacement project to complete the Coating Stone cap by Conklin Affinity and to authorize the Chairman to sign the order when the final document is received and signed by the contractor, Skyline Construction. Motion seconded by Karas. Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

Other

A report was received from the proceeds received from surplus items that have been advertised and sold through social media totaling \$46.00.

CLAIMS

A 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.

*(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	346.00
Charm-Tex, supp	111.10
Clerk of District Court, fee	324.00
CMC, serv	2134.93
Consolidated Management Co., serv	230.75
DAS State Accounting, serv	485.50
Falls City Mercantile, supp	440.71
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	1463.00
CR23-671 B. Evans, CR24-100 B. Winters	
Farm & City Supply, supp	38.61
Guth Laboratories, supp	20.12
Handley Law Office, serv	3439.50
JV24-5, JV24-7, JV24-9, JV23-16, JV23-20, JV23-36, JV23-27, JV23-38 CR24-56 A. Schulenberg	
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	150.00
KexRx, supp	704.46
Miller Farrell, ins	149504.32
Morehead, Mandy, reimb	46.90
Nine-1-1 Custom, supp	1809.18
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	333.39
Physicians Laboratory, serv	3284.50
Postmaster, supp	275.80
Region V Systems, serv	30.00
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	129.80
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1181.63
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	112.00
Sentco.net, supp	342.66
SumnerOne, serv	520.45
Weaver & Merz, reimb	274.08
Wolfe's Printing, supp	6.90
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$167,810.17

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	43.75
City of Humboldt, serv	91.24
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	428.61
Farm & City Supply, supp	83.01
Home City Grain, serv	3654.00
Hullman's Ford, supp	325.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	12744.12
Midwest Engineering, serv	2535.00
Miller Farrell, ins	141400.00
Mr. Automotive, supp	18.06
NPPD, serv	63.16
Norris Quarries, rock	4667.12
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	18.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	6184.91
Stella, Village of, serv	46.20
Tri-State Truck & Tractor, serv	241.97
Truck Center Companies, supp	1116.95
Woods & Aitken, serv	3686.96
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$177,348.06

July 17, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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
JULY 24, 2024**

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 24, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-abstain. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2024, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-abstain. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

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

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-7 to authorize the Chairman to enter into a contract with Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. for the BRO-7074(26) Stella Southwest, bridge over Little Muddy Creek, located 2.25 miles southwest of Stella on 717 Road. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 101)

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

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

QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION

The Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection and found the facility to be in good order. Plans are being made to correct and repair the ceiling in the padded cell.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Sub-division

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a sub-division for Macgerdy, LLC located in S5, T2, R15 and to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-5. Motion seconded by Karas. Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 99)

Cancel Check

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-4 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 98)

Sub-division

Motion was made by Karas to approve a sub-division for Rodney L and Christina L Dettmann located in S19, T1, R13 and to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-6. Motion seconded by Sickel. Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 100)

ADA Policy and Title VI Assurances

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the revised Policy Statement Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Americans with Disabilities Act and the Title VI Nondiscrimination Assurances DOT Order No. 1050.2A. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

A 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

AT&T, serv	1118.10
Burget, Travis, fee	20.00
Consolidated Management Company, serv	10917.89
Continental Fire Sprinkler, serv	360.00
Culligan, serv	182.40
Dorr & Clark, serv	500.00
Falls City Journal, adv	75.57
Falls City Mercantile, supp	147.69
Farm & City Supply, supp	338.68
First Concord, fees	232.00
Government Forms & Supplies, supp	751.99
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	120.00
Kennel, Dalton, fee	20.00
Koch’s Auto, serv	1947.55
Lake Mac Assessment, serv	1650.00
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1491.90
Medica, ins	53412.41
Miller-Monroe, ins	1685.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, serv	150.00
Nestore & Mercure, serv	9000.00
OPPD, serv	90.92
O’Reilly Automotive, supp	96.46
Quill, supp	356.28
Radiology Associates, serv	52.00
Radley, Reagan, fee	20.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	257.12
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	23961.93
Safe Life Defense, supp	666.64
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	426.00
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
SumnerOne, serv	70.00
Weaver & Merz, reimb	2.59
Payroll Expense	114518.36
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$226,639.48

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Harmon’s OK Tire, supp	100.00
Martin Marietta, rock	23192.59
Mr. Automotive, supp	22.33
NPPD, serv	73.69

Norris Quarries, rock	9870.96
Road Builders Machinery & Supply, supp	265.69
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	1369.41
Truck Center Companies, supp	257.34
Unifirst, serv	57.09
Payroll Expense	31741.07
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$66,975.17

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1200.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1200.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$2,400.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 31, 2024**

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 31, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2024, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. A brief discussion on the road department proposed budget was held.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board this week on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported on several different items: 1) 17 inmates currently held in the Jail; 2) reported on the progress on the implementation of the dispatch control center; 3) reported that an officer attending the Law Enforcement Academy will be graduating on August 16; 4) reported that there are active shooter drills being planned; 5) reported on the trial period with the use of 3 cell phones being utilized on a trial basis which appear to be receiving a better reception in those areas that have no service with the current cell phones being used; and 6) and also the idea of creating an outside yard for inmates to utilize for a few hours each day.

The Sheriff reported that he received notification from Bryan Tuma, Executive Director of the NE Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice that the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center has met the requirements to remain accredited under the Commission's program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:00 a.m. with Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director; Sheriff Hardesty and Clerk Eickhoff 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 and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, WEED CONTROL SUPT.

Brian Kirkendall, Noxious Weed Control Supt reported that those areas in the County with CRP acres who don't comply with the regulations for controlling the noxious weeds by the deadline will be receiving notices of non-compliance.

He also reported that he is making plans to control the sericea lespedeza on the County owned right-of-way on 660 Avenue south of Rulo.

July 31, 2024

KIM RIGGS, COUNTY ASSESSOR

Kim Riggs, County Assessor presented information to the Board regarding the Eagleview program and the flyovers. A request has been made to approve the additional expense of \$7,809.00 to complete the flyovers every 2 years instead of 3 years. This would help with determining new construction/improvements and removal of structures for assessment purposes. The Board did not make a decision on this request at this time.

Consider NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 Final Offer

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reject the NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 final offer dated February 14, 2024, and February 21, 2024. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Maximus Cost Allocation Plan

A motion was made by Sickel to approve an agreement with Maximus to prepare the Cost Allocation Plan for Richardson County for FY end 2023, 2024 and 2025. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Grant Award from NE Dept of Health & Human Services for Clk Dist Court

A motion was made by Karas to authorize Clerk of District Court, Pam Scott to sign the Grant Award with the State of NE Department of Health and Human Services for the Child Support Enforcement in Richardson County for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2029, for a total of \$50,737.00. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Other

A check was received from the NE Public Power District in the amount of \$75,850.00 to assist with funding of the Emergency Management Agency for fiscal year 2024-2025.

The FY2024-2025 preliminary budget document was presented to the County Board by the budget-making authority, Mary L. Eickhoff, Richardson County Clerk. The Board will be holding hearings with all department officials to review their budget requests.

CLAIMS

A 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

Charm-Tex	9.18
Consolidated Management Co., serv	104.15
DAS State Accounting, serv	163.18
Dept. of Correctional Services, serv	3336.93
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	334.66
Farm & City Supply, supp	79.56
Home Again, fee	24.99
Nebraska.gov, fee	87.00
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	24.21

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	670.46
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	494.00
SNC, serv	1068.07
SumnerOne, serv	148.01
Unifirst, serv	79.11
Verizon, serv	303.74
Weaver & Merz, reimb	225.40
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$7,200.65

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	46.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	28727.63
Norris Quarries, rock	7313.48
OPPD, serv	85.23
Register of Deeds, fee	56.00
Rose Equipment, supp	2017.15
Sapp Bros., fuel	1407.06
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$39,652.55

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

Government Forms & Supplies, supp	548.99
TOTAL REG OF DEED P&M FUND	\$548.99

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS

SNC, serv	155.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS	\$155.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 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 7, 2024, 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
AUGUST 7, 2024

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 7, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas and Caverzagie. Commissioner Sickel was absent. The Invocation was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Caverzagie. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountytne.gov.

VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICE

Mona Godemann, Veterans Service Officer and Odis Fields, Assistant Veterans Service Officer met with the Board to review the proposed FY24-25 budget for the department.

COUNTY COURT

Bethany Godemann, County Court Clerk Magistrate met with the Board to review the FY24-25 budget for the County Court office.

EMA & NOXIOUS WEED SUPT.

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director and Noxious Weed Control Superintendent met with the Board to review the FY24-25 budget requests for Emergency Management and the

PUBLIC HEARING

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for a public hearing to receive comment from the public regarding the fair market value of county owned real described as follows: *A parcel of land being in the NW ¼ of Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 16 east of the 6th p.m. Richardson County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the north ¼ corner of said section 14, thence S87°02'29" W (assumed bearing) on the north line of said NW ¼, 655.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence S32°29'38" E, 37.93 feet; thence continuing S32°29'38" E 41.82 feet; thence S24°23'17" E, 33.35 feet; thence S08°39'32" E 43.36 feet; thence S09°38'08" W, 50.46 feet; thence S19°36'16" W, 37.04 feet; thence S24°07'48" W, 324.53 feet; thence S59°43'42" W 60.05 feet; thence S70°51'56" W, 51.21 feet; thence S06°44'55" W, 127.31 feet; thence N43°44'40" W, 146.30 feet; thence N76°32'45" W, 119.27 feet; thence N66°48'42" E, 103.80 feet; thence N06°45'01" W, 61.08 feet; thence N11°54'30" E, 126.48 feet; thence S17°29'01" E, 88.71 feet; thence S82°22'21" E, 44.98 feet; thence S68°01'24" E, 77.71 feet; thence S84°47'4" E, 25.80 feet; thence N75°41'49" E, 23.96 feet; thence N49°30'19" E 53.82 feet; thence N23°48'51" E, 222.11 feet; thence N19°36'16" E, 33.29 feet; thence N09°38'08" E, 44.17 feet; thence N 08°58'37" W, 32.63 feet; thence N24°23'17" W, 27.63 feet; thence N32°23'32" W, 56.77 feet; thence continuing N32°23'32" W, 37.89 feet to the north line of said NW ¼; thence N87°02'29" E on said north line, 34.31 feet to the point of beginning and containing 1.35 acres.*

No interested persons from the public were in attendance at the hearing. Chairman Caverzagie closed the public hearing at 10:05 a.m.

QUAD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Gloria Hunzeker and Elaine Croston representing the Quad County Historical Society presented to the Board the annual report of the organization. The organization is requesting the

continued funding they have received from Richardson County in the amount of \$5,000.00.

CLERK OF DIST COURT

Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court reviewed the budget requests for FY24-25 for the Clerk of District Court office.

COUNTY SURVEYOR

Rob Tichy, County Surveyor reviewed with the Board the FY24-25 budget request for the department.

COUNTY CLERK-REG OF DEEDS-ELECTIONS

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk-Register of Deeds-Election Commissioner reviewed the budget requests for FY24-25 with the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 11:00 a.m. with County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel and Clerk Eickhoff to discuss county legal business and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 11:15 and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of July, 2024:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 107.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$9,860.00
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$1,587.00

OPIOID Settlement with Kroger

The Board received notice that the County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey who is the authorized agent for Richardson County to execute participation and receive funding from the OPIOD Recovery Fund settlement agreements, has executed and returned the settlement package with Kroger.

Correspondence from J.D. Cooper

Correspondence from J. D. Cooper, Humboldt was received and reviewed by the Board.

Allocation of Levy Authority for 2024

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-8 to set the final allocation of the 2024 levy authority for rural fire districts and the Ag Society. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 102)

Other

The change order #2 for the Courthouse roof project with Skyline Construction Co. was signed by Chairman Caverzagie as authorized and approved by the County Board at the July 17, 2024, meeting with Skyline Construction, Inc.

CLAIMS

A 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

American AED, supp	364.00
BuckIT, serv	7407.20
Child Advocacy Center, serv	1100.00
County Treasurer, tax	2027.42
Culligan, serv	11.20
CVSAOAN, reg	60.00
Datashield, serv	116.50
Falls City Journal, sub	50.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	5966.12
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	2147.00
CR24-86 M. Flores, CR23-26 A. Pohlman	
Godemann, Bethany, reimb	24.45
Merz Ink, serv	72.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
Miller Farrell Insurance, ins	26250.00
MIPS, serv	3277.10
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	945.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	161.00
Quill, supp	285.46
Region V Systems, serv	428.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	53.05
Richardson County Court, fee	892.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	364.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	123.02
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24680.54
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	381.00
Scott, Pamela, reimb	29.55
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
SumnerOne, serv	116.00
Tichy Land Survey, serv	5100.00
Unitedhealth Group, fee	550.00
Weaver & Merz, reimb	155.85
Wolfe's Printing, supp	170.00
Payroll Expense	114511.01
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$199,958.47

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan, serv	50.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	354.96
Inland Truck Parts, supp	2625.55

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)

Martin-Marietta Materials, rock	13885.96
NMC, supp	614.60
NPPD, serv	31.58
Norris Quarries, rock	11032.26
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	694.70
Powerplan, supp	135.44
Safety-Kleen Systems, supp	393.94
Salem, Village of, serv	22.85
Stateline Propane, serv	279.00
Tri-State Truck & Tractor, supp	9.89
Truck Center Companies, supp	358.33
Unifirst, serv	56.22
Verdon, Village of, serv	34.30
Payroll Expense	33141.53
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$63,721.11

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	319.05
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND	\$319.05

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, 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
AUGUST 14, 2024**

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 14, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-abstain, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. Included in the update was a report on the progress and status being made on the brush complaint notices that were sent to those landowners who were in non-compliance of the statutory requirements for maintaining roadside brush. Mr. Darveau reported that approximately 90% of those notices that were sent were coming into compliance.

The Board also reviewed with Mr. Darveau the requested FY24-25 budget and presented to him the County Board's proposed reductions to the proposal.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center the past week. It was reported that there are 8 inmates currently being held in the Jail with 2 of those being held for other agencies. Deputies will be working overtime during the period of August 16 through September 2 which will be reimbursed through grant funding received from the NE Department of Transportation.

The Sheriff also reported that he had received a report from the Nebraska Crime Stoppers regarding agriculture implements on county road right-of-way causing hazardous conditions for traffic who utilize this roadway, located near the intersection of 657 Avenue and 709 Road. Board members will be making a trip to this site to review and will make a report back to the Sheriff to remedy a solution to this problem.

Sheriff Hardesty also requested the need for an executive session to discuss personnel matters and the Board instructed the Sheriff that this could be held at approximately 11:00 a.m.

COUNTY TREASURER

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer reviewed with the Board the requested FY24-25 budget for the County Treasurer's Office.

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Kim Riggs, County Assessor reviewed with the Board the requested FY24-25 budget for the County Assessor's Office.

Motion was by Sickel to approve an agreement with Pritchard & Abbott to provide professional appraisal services for oil and gas mineral interest for tax years 2025 & 2026. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Kaytlyn Kennedy, Extension Educator reviewed with the Board the requested FY24-25 budget for the Cooperative Extension Service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Karas to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:55 a.m. with the Sheriff Hardesty and Clerk Eickhoff to discuss personnel matters and for the protection of the reputation of an individual(s). Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 11:25 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

1% Additional Budget Authority

Motion made by Sickel to approve the 1% budget authority for FY2024-2025 pursuant to Nebraska Revised State Statute 13-519(2). Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Barada Tower

Motion was made by Caverzagie to authorize the advertisement to offer for sale a county parcel of 1.35 acres located in S14, T3, R16 (Barada tower site) on September 11, 2024. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

A 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

Buchholz, Daryl, fee	56.18
Consolidated Management Co., serv	133.15
Datashield, serv	13.60
Douglas County Sheriff, serv	24.20
ES&E, supp	255.20
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	75.96
Falls City Journal, adv	1097.84
Falls City Mercantile, supp	147.69
Farm & City Supply, supp	106.12
Geyer, Lucas, reimb	66.50
Hullman’s Ford, serv	475.80
Karas, Rick, fee	56.18
Koch’s Auto Service, serv	360.36
Merz Ink, serv	126.96
Meyer Laboratory, supp	423.85
Nine-1-1 Custom, supp	1778.13
O’Reilly Automotive, supp	290.36
Postmaster, supp	292.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	27.35
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	124.00

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	157.00
SNC, serv	1082.29
SumnerOne, serv	110.67
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1104.68
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$8,455.95

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Cornhusker International Trucks, supp	1937.83
Farm & City Supply, supp	246.62
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	15484.15
Mr. Automotive, supp	16.28
Norris Quarries, rock	4634.03
Rueter’s, supp	142.98
SNC, serv	104.11
Truck Center Companies, supp	1709.59
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$24,275.59

COUNTY VISITOR’S PROMO FUND

Richardson County, rent	25.00
TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR’S PROMO FUND	\$25.00

COUNTY VISITOR’S IMPROV FUND

Richardson County Historical Society, funding	1500.00
Verdon, Village of, funding	5000.00
TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR’S IMPROV FUND	\$6,500.00

DRUG COURT FUND

Attoungle, Ashley, reimb	80.40
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$80.40

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Falls City Edge, funding	7500.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$7,500.00

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv	2257.63
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$2,257.63

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:49 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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
AUGUST 21, 2024**

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 21, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the Board of Equalization minutes of the August 14, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to go into an executive session at 9:05 a.m. with Sheriff Hardesty and EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall 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 9:15 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Sickel. Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Commissioner Karas had requested that County Officials and Department Heads meet for a discussion and review of the FY2024-2025 budget with regards to the recent changes that were passed by the NE Legislature in the special session that will take affect on July 1, 2025.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

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

A quote was received from Midwest Infrastructure, Inc. of Lincoln, NE to make repairs and improvements to the bridge that leads into the County Shop area. They can start the project September 1, 2024, at \$49,385.35.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center the past week. It was reported that there are 10 inmates currently being held in the Jail. A report for fees collected during the month of July 2024, totaling \$1,736.49 was also submitted and approved by the Board.

Motion was made by Karas to approve a quote of \$7,575.00 from Campbell Construction for the repairs to be made to the ceilings in the holding cells. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

JOE BUCKMINSTER, COUNTY IT

Joe Buckminster, County IT reported to the Board on a quote received from Electronic Contracting Company of Lincoln to make improvements to the electronic control programming and stations at the Law Enforcement Center. He also reported that he has made every effort to work with the current provider of the system, Sweeper, but they are not very responsive to

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getting things done and do not have good support service. Some of the current equipment has failed during the past year and it has been very difficult to get these items repaired, issues resolved and/or some equipment parts replaced. The software programming in the system has become outdated and support on it has been difficult to obtain. He reported that with the quote from Electronic Contracting Company (ECC), a support system for several years is included within the proposal with an option to renew it.

Motion was made by Caverzagie that pursuant to NE Revised State Statute 23-3109 to waive the bidding requirements as an emergency does exist which threatens serious loss of life, health and property in the county and, to approve the update with the electronic control programming and stations within the Law Enforcement Center and to approve a quote from Electronic Contracting Company in the amount of \$251,388.45 which will include equipment, installation and support and a maintenance contract. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

FALLS CITY OUTREACH OFFICE SENCA

Sherry Huddleston reported on the activity of the SENCA Falls City Outreach Office for the past several months. Volunteer, Kathy Gulland was also present for the meeting.

RICHARDSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Leon Wilhelm representing the Richardson County Historical Society presented to the Board the annual financial report from the past year and the request for continued support of \$10,000 for the organization.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Samantha Scheitel, County Attorney reviewed the FY2024-2025 budget request for the County Attorney's Office with the Board.

A proposed agreement with Blue Valley Behavioral Health was also reviewed.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to not approve the agreement between Richardson County Board of Commissioners and Blue Valley Behavioral Health. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Board continued the review of the budget requests submitted by all the county departments and made changes to arrive at the County Board's proposed budget for FY2024-2025. The County Board's proposed budget for each department will be returned to each office and/or department before next week's meeting. The Board will review the proposed budget further at next week's meeting.

The Public Budget Hearing has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Karas to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 11:37 a.m. with Samantha Scheitel, County Attorney, Sheriff Hardesty and Clerk Eickhoff to discuss possible litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 12:16 p.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Transfer of Funds

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-9 to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$150,000. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 103)

Veterans Service Committee Appointment

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reappoint Terry Malcolm to the Veterans Service Committee for a term of 5 years beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2029. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

A 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

Armbruster Motor Co., serv	147.95
AT&T, serv	1236.68
Brite, supp	13524.00
Clerk of District Court, fees	295.00
CMC, serv	3427.49
Consolidated Management, serv	9620.70
Culligan, serv	192.40
DAS State Accounting, serv	485.50
Eldridge, Terri, serv	800.00
Falls City Journal, adv	81.38
Falls City Mercantile, supp	236.50
Falls City Sanitation, serv	60.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	51.96
First Concord, fees	235.00
Handley Law Office, serv	190.00
JV24-9	
Humboldt Standard, adv	165.57
KexRx, supp	525.82
Ligouri, Angelo, serv	905.50
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1434.33
Medica, ins	55571.34
Nemaha County Sheriff, serv	2145.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9000.00
OPPD, serv	96.74
Principal, pmt	73.57
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Ramada Inn, lodg	214.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	31.36
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	84.73
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	649.16
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24184.15
Sapp Bros., fuel	5460.28
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	112.00
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

True Value, supp	41.76
Wolfe’s Printing, supp	238.77
Payroll Expense	114755.99
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$248,322.63

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	40.89
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	16181.36
NMC, supp	344.75
NPPD, serv	94.74
Norris Quarries, rock	8683.00
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	89.94
Powerplan, supp	35.18
Sapp Bros., fuel	23848.51
Seton, supp	935.90
Truck Center Companies, supp	1344.65
Unifirst, supp	58.45
Woods & Aitken, serv	9334.41
Payroll Expense	32326.33
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$93,318.11

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1200.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1200.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$2,400.00

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

County Treasurer, transfer	150000.00
Motorola, pmt	24681.40
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$174,681.40

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 12:39 p.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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
AUGUST 28, 2024**

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 28, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the Board of Equalization minutes of the August 21, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda with a change in the time for the appointment with Mona and Ted Godemann which will be at 10:45 a.m. and to approve the remaining agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

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

Additional quotes were sought regarding the need for repairs and improvements to the bridge that leads into the County Shop area at Falls City. Two additional quotes were sought with those local contractors not being able to provide a quote at this time, Campbell Construction, LLC and Schawang Masonry, LLC. A quote that was received from Midwest Infrastructure, Inc. and presented at last week's meeting was considered. Motion was made by Sickel to approve the quote from Midwest Infrastructure, Inc. to make repairs and improvements to the bridge that leads into the County Shop area for a price of \$49,385.35 and to consider a contract for the project at a later meeting. 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 the past week. It was reported that there are 9 inmates currently being held in the Jail. It was also reported that a patrol unit was damaged from hitting a deer this past week and plans are being made to get the repairs done as soon as possible.

DOUG SAILORS

Doug Sailors requested to meet with the Board regarding the sale of the county owned parcel of real estate located in S14, T3, R16 which is the site of the communications tower the County has used but has now deemed to be surplus. This parcel has been advertised for sale and will be offered for sale at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director met with the Board to review the County Board proposed budget for EMA for FY24-25. He relayed to the Board that he was disappointed with the elimination of funding for a staff person in the proposed budget he received back from the Board. Funding for the Richardson County Emergency Management Agency is provided from funding received annually from Nebraska Public Power District--Cooper Nuclear Station and Emergency Management Program Grant funds through the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency with the remaining expenses from property tax requirement.

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MONA AND TED GODEMANN

Ted and Mona Godemann requested that the Board consider having Mona's workplace tested for mycotoxins. During the discussion it was determined that an executive session was necessary.

Motion was made by Sickel to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session for the protection of needless injury to an individual(s) at 10:49 a.m. with Mona and Ted Godemann; County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel; and Clerk Eickhoff. 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 11:00 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the request for testing the workplace of Mona Godemann which is considered to be the office of the Veterans Service Office. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Board continued the review of the FY 2024-2025 budget requests of the departments and the proposed budget of the County Board.

The Public Budget Hearing has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, in Room 202 of the Courthouse, Falls City.

The hearing to set the tax levy different than the prior year has been scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, in Room 202 of the Courthouse in Falls City.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Annual Inventory Reports

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, County Surveyor, 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.

Agreement with Region V EPC

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve an agreement with Region V for Emergency Protective Custody services for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

A 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

Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	9.68
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	299.49
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$309.17

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

BuckIT, serv	2113.00
East Richardson Rural Water District #2, serv	46.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	11530.48
NMC, supp	13950.00
NPPD, serv	42.11
Norris Quarries, rock	4266.42
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	59.94
OPPD, serv	99.27
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Truck Center Companies, supp	806.42
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$32,938.64

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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
SEPTEMBER 4, 2024**

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 4, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

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

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-10 to authorize the Chairman to sign the Annual Certification of Program Compliance with the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications & Standards. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 105)

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center the past week. It was reported that the State Jail Standards will be doing the annual inspection of the facility on October 2.

A report was given on the activity that was done during the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" grant period of August 16 through September 2 in which there were a total of 509 total calls received which includes 48 arrests made (7 from other agencies and 41 from the Sheriff Office and 363 traffic stops. The total statistics for August were calls for service at 1,028 which includes 562 traffic stops, 58 arrests (10 from other agencies and 48 from Sheriff Office).

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director met with the Board to review the grant application for the State of NE Emergency Program grant funding (EMPG).

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the 2024 EMPG job description and salary verification form to provide with the Fiscal Year 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) sub-recipient application form in which \$72,491.51 is being requested by Richardson County EMA. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

COOPER NUCLEAR STATION, Brownville, NE

Kimberly Tanner, Emergency Preparedness Offsite Coordinator with the Cooper Nuclear Station at Brownville, NE presented to the Board a report on the station which included their plans to transition to the Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS). IPAWS is FEMA's national system for local alerting that provides authenticated emergency and life-saving information to the public through mobile phones using Wireless Emergency Alerts, to radio and television via the Emergency Alert System, and on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Weather Radio. This will eventually eliminate NPPD to no longer maintain sirens located in the 10-mile radius of Cooper Nuclear Station which impacts Shubert and the Indian Cave State Park.

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IAN SHADA, ALLIANT INSURANCE SERVICES, INC.

Ian Shada of Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. met with the Board to review the employee health insurance needs and current options of coverage. He informed the Board that he could prepare a quote for coverage options that Alliant offers for review and consideration at renewal.

BEACON BID

Joseph Harry of Beacon Bid requested to visit with the Board via teleconference regarding the services that they have to offer with assisting public entities with the solicitation of obtaining bids for supplies and services, etc. The Board relayed to Mr. Harry that Richardson County would not have a need for these services at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of August, 2024:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 112.75
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$11,036.00
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist. Court	\$ 1,581.00

Appointment of Special Legal Counsel

Motion was made by Karas to appoint Jerry Pigsley as special legal counsel to represent Richardson County for Case No 1569 with the Court of Industrial Relations filed by the NE Association of Public Employees/AFSCME Local 61, Road Department Union. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-ye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

A 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

BuckIT, serv	7005.46
Crowne Plaza, lodg	449.85
Culligan, serv	33.60
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	300.70
Falls City Journal, adv	455.18
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	6792.50
CR24-98 T. Alexander, CR24-107 R. Merryman, CR24-58 R. Prentice, Cr24-108 C. Smith, CR24-101 A. Tull, JV22-14, JV22-38, JV23-37, JV23-38, JV 23-20, JV21-17, JV21-20, JV21-19	
Handley Law Office, serv	3334.50
CR24-275 D. Charles, CR24-38 C. Anderson, CR24-59 S. O'Banion, CR24-60 S. Vice	
Karas, Rick, reimb	352.15
Kawres SuperStore, supp	90.00
MIPS, serv	3277.10
Morehead, Mandy, reimb	38.86
Nemaha County Sheriff's Office, serv	18.50
Otoe County Sheriff's Office, serv	12.50

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Quill, supp	384.78
Red Willow County Sheriff’s Office, serv	19.40
Region V Systems, serv	1284.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	10.24
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	339.27
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	25743.96
Riggs, Kim, reimb	314.90
Samuelson, Elizabeth, serv	3116.00
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	650.00
Scott, Pamela, reimb	23.05
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
SumnerOne, serv	41.04
Unifirst, serv	87.94
Verizon, serv	303.74
Payroll Expense	121558.53
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$178,077.75

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan, serv	70.00
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	432.53
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	22932.49
NPPD, serv	31.58
Norris Quarries, rock	5706.78
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	145.50
O’Reilly Automotive, supp	195.92
Powerplan, supp	163.52
Salem, Village of, serv	22.85
Truck Center Companies, supp	922.48
Unifirst, serv	54.70
Verdon, Village of, serv	31.86
Payroll Expense	31591.56
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$62,341.77

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	319.05
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND	\$319.05

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will be holding the Public Budget Hearing on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting for the public budget hearing of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2024. 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 Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda and the public budget hearing notice was published in the Falls City Journal, posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby, on the Commissioner’s Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor, the Falls City Journal and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Chairman Caverzagie declared the public budget hearing opened at 6:30 p.m. Two persons from the public were in attendance for the hearing.

Chairman Caverzagie declared the public budget hearing closed at 6:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again for the regular meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk’s Office.

John Caverzagie, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**

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 11, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

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

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-11 to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with Nebraska Department of Transportation for funding of project BRO-7074(27) Falls City NW located on 710 Road between 650 and 651 Avenue or between S21 and 28, T2, R16. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 1)

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Kristen Morehead from the Law Enforcement Center requested from the Board authorization to purchase candy and have available for community events that they participate in. The County Board members indicated that this type of purchase is specifically not provided for within Nebraska State Statutes. Board members then offered to each make a personal donation for this cause.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE PARCEL

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the sale of real estate parcel located

Motion was made by Caverzagie to accept a bid of \$500 from Doug Sailors with the understanding that the equipment within the shed, radio equipment and generator and propane tank will be removed from the site by the County. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ADOPT FY2024-2025 BUDGET

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the FY24-25 as presented at the public hearing held Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. and to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-12. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 2)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Sickel to go into an executive session at 10:30 a.m. with EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall and County Clerk Eickhoff 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 10:50 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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3rd DIST CONGRESSMAN

Jared Reimers, District Coordinator for 3rd District U.S. Congressman, Adrian Smith updated the Board on the current federal legislation being considered and the activity that Congressman Smith is involved with. He reported that there are now 3 offices in the District including a new location in Nebraska City located in the Premier Bank building.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Pennsylvania Colony House

Correspondence was received by Commissioner Karas from the Pennsylvania Colony Historical Society of Nebraska regarding requests for funding from the Richardson County Visitors Committee and Richardson County.

Other

The Board received the results from the mycotoxins testing that was done in the Veterans Service Office which indicated that all the items tested for were in an “acceptable range”.

A listing of the real estate tax exemptions for charitable, educational, religious and cemeteries within Richardson County was reviewed and will be published in the September 18, 2024, edition of the Falls City Journal pursuant to the NE Revised State Statute 77-202 to 77-202-03.

CLAIMS

A 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	28.83
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	69.68
Custer County Sheriff, serv	18.50
DAS State Accounting, serv	1078.94
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	7860.20
Farm & City Supply, supp	82.72
Futurity IT, serv	1500.00
Galls, supp	875.43
Humboldt Standard, adv	64.00
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	301.50
Lancaster County Sheriff, serv	18.70
Ligouri, Angelo, serv	1605.50
Merwin, Roland, fee	60.20
Merz Ink, supp	120.49
Meyer Home Center, serv	390.00
Meyer Laboratory, supp	831.65
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
MIS, serv	110.00
NE Assoc. of Counties, fee	80.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	435.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, supp	19.50
Nelson, Clark & Timan, serv	123.50
CR23-192 S. Robinson, CR23-136 S. Robinson	
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	1008.18

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

O'Reilly Automotive, supp	171.23
Petersen Reporting, serv	70.20
Postmaster, supp	212.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	161.00
Quill, supp	450.37
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	47.30
Richardson County Court, fees	800.50
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	107.49
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	543.36
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	292.82
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	47.57
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	157.00
Scott, Pamela, reimb	66.61
SNC, serv	1069.62
Stonebarger, Clinton, fee	66.90
SumnerOne, serv	186.00
Townsend, Joshua, fee	396.54
Vision Care Direct, ins	7.44
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1139.75
Westcott, Blake, fee	20.00
Wolfe's Printing, supp	19.54
Jury Expense	2511.33

<i>Louis Arms</i>	<i>71.18</i>
<i>Tony Beal</i>	<i>118.92</i>
<i>Leann Bek</i>	<i>74.02</i>
<i>Amelia Bianco</i>	<i>100.15</i>
<i>Julie Buss</i>	<i>142.36</i>
<i>Douglas Butrick</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>John Casey</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Michael Coffey</i>	<i>139.68</i>
<i>Robbie Craig</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Arthur Dean IV</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Kim Dubberstein</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Deborah Dunn</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Allen Fankhauser</i>	<i>69.84</i>
<i>Jackson Fiegner</i>	<i>111.54</i>
<i>Jessica Fischer</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Stacey Foster</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Christopher Furnas</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Daniel Goltz</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Kevin Gutshall</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Dana Haines</i>	<i>70.00</i>
<i>Devin Handley</i>	<i>51.08</i>
<i>Thomas Humm</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Mark Huppert</i>	<i>59.12</i>
<i>John Janko</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Levi Jones</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Christi Marx</i>	<i>70.00</i>
<i>Nancy McKim</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Kurtiss Mueller</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Kristene Ogle</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Teresa O'Grady</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Cathy Polanek</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Rachel Rowell</i>	<i>70.00</i>
<i>Randall Sickel</i>	<i>70.00</i>

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

<i>Gregory Smith</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Ruth Snoke</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Geraldine Spinner</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Debra Stevens</i>	<i>93.04</i>
<i>Joleen Stoller</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Anthony Uitts</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Jeffery Vaughan</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Michele Wendtlandt</i>	<i>61.80</i>
<i>Robert Wheeler</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Julie Wilhelm</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Ronald Wissman Jr.</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Dessie Yocum</i>	<i>59.12</i>
<i>Joann Zoeller</i>	<i>99.48</i>

TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$25,257.09
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ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

City of Humboldt, serv	94.48
Diversified Drug Testing, serv	240.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	196.22
Farmers Repair, supp	354.92
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	409.46
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	11010.59
NE Assoc. of Counties, fee	40.00
Norris Quarries, rock	4472.62
Operatioin & Expense Account, reimb	37.60
SNC, serv	111.36
Truck Center Companies, supp	408.96
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$17,376.21

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**

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 18, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes from the meeting held to hold the Public Budget Hearing on Tuesday, September 10, 2024. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. A brief report was given on the information that was discussed and presented at the SE District meeting of the NE Assoc of County Officials held on Thursday, September 12. The proposed projects on the list for the State BRO bridge construction program were also reviewed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center the past week and reported that there were currently 14 inmates being held. He also gave a report on the activity during the Richardson County Fair week.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for a public hearing to receive support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.

No one from the public was present to comment.

Chairman Caverzagie closed the public hearing at 10:07 a.m.

ADOPT 2024-2025-13 to set 2024 TAX LEVY

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-13 to set the 2024 tax levy for the County of Richardson at .327132. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 3)

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Deed for Sale of Real Estate Parcel

Motion was made by Karas to authorize the Chairman to sign the quitclaim deed from The County of Richardson, a Political Subdivision of the State of Nebraska to finalize sale in the amount of \$500 for a real estate parcel located in S14, T3, R16, known as the Barada tower site, parcel ID 740270946 to Douglas W. and Margie Sailors. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Court Appointed Attorney Fees

Correspondence was received from County Court and District Court 1st Judicial District

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Court Appointed Attorney Fees (Cont.)

judges regarding the fee increase that will be allowed for a court appointed attorneys effective January 1, 2025, from \$95/hour to \$110/hour and on January 1, 2026, from \$110/hour to \$125/hour.

Sub-Division

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a sub-division for James A and Shirley A. Jones in Jones Subdivision Lot 4 in the NW1/4 NW1/4 Section 26, Township 1 North, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Richardson County, Nebraska and to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-14. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 4).

Agreement with Apace

Motion was made by Karas to enter into an Agreement and Restated Agreement for the Formation of the Region V Community Human Services Program and Apace. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 5)

Agreement with Region 5 Systems

Motion was made by Caverzagie to enter into an Agreement and Restated Agreement for the Formation of the Region V Community Human Services Program and Region 5 Systems. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 6)

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the August 2024 monthly operating statement.

CLAIMS

A 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, supp	110.74
Arbor County Cleaning & Restoration, serv	250.00
Bek, Leann, reimb	4.02
Brite, supp	129.00
Consolidated Management Co., serv	248.65
Culligan, serv	113.60
Dept. of Correctional Services, serv	133.14
Falls City Mercantile, supp	266.92
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	3482.61
CR24-32 D. Cash, CR23-671 B. Evans	
Farm & City Supply, supp	24.76
First Concord, fees	235.00
Godemann, Bethany, reimb	12.00
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, serv	1116.25
JV23-37	
Hullman’s Ford, supp	286.13
Humboldt Standard, adv	82.36
Koch’s Auto Service, serv	675.38

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1451.79
NACO, fee	40.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	105.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9000.00
ODP Business Solutions, supp	198.84
Postmaster, supp	1460.00
Principal, pmt	36.78
Region V Systems, dues	7168.50
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	3.15
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	25055.49
Riggs, Kim, reimb	139.36
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	135.00
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
SNC, serv	829.33
Stalker Radio, supp	62.00
Vision Care Direct, pmt	3.72
Wolfe's Printing, supp	726.94
Payroll Expense	120889.83
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$176,566.17

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	43.75
Brazos Trailers, supp	1172.64
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	79.86
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc., serv	825.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	18512.82
NPPD, serv	95.09
Norris Quarries, rock	4405.47
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	31.00
Quill, supp	65.17
Road Builders Machinery & Supply, supp	132.10
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	5589.57
Truck Center Companies, supp	876.66
Unifirst, supp	53.12
Payroll Expense	32521.60
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$64,428.85

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1537.68
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1391.17
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$2928.85

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Humboldt Shares, funding	5000.00
Richardson County Historical Society, funding	10000.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$15,000.00

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv	1270.33
SNC, serv	155.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$1,425.33

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ADJOURNMENT

A 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, September 25, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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
SEPTEMBER 25, 2024**

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 25, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes from the Quarterly Safety Committee meeting of September 18, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a new semi-truck, and he will present quotes that have been obtained through government purchase contracts at next week's meeting. He also reported that the "Road Groom" machine has been used this past week and several rural residents have complimented on the results to the road surface by using this equipment. The Board also received a thank you note from Vicki Jacobitz for the grading and rock on the roads to their properties.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Kristen Morehead, Jail Supervisor presented to the Board a purchase order for a medical cart and restraint chair.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the purchase of a restraint chair from Safety Restraint Chair, Inc. of Omaha for \$2,900.00. Motion second by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the purchase of a medication cart from Universal Medical of Oldsmar, FL for \$4,122.06. Motion second by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The Board also reported for the record that a notice has been received from the City of Falls City that the Memorandum of Understanding dated July 8, 2024, with the County has been terminated with the City of Falls City due to the action at the meeting held on August 14, 2024, of the Public Service Commission not approving Richardson County as a secondary PSAP. The notice also included a revised call procedures document which outlines how dispatching of law enforcement personnel for Richardson County Sheriff's department will be handled moving forward for 911 calls outside of the city limits of Falls City. The revised call procedures also ensures that EMD-certified (Emergency medical Dispatch) telecommunicators are available to assess 911 calls in their entirety and respond accordingly, enhancing the overall safety and efficiency of our emergency response system.

Ashley Fisher, Dispatch Supervisor reported to the Board that the County is operating with the revised call procedures document presented by the City of Falls City which is much the same as what was provided for in the Memorandum of Understanding.

KIM RIGGS, COUNTY ASSESSOR

Kim Riggs, County Assessor presented an agreement with Eagleview to provide services for the years of 2025 through 2030 at \$39,972.20 per year. Ryan Poots, Eagleview Sr. District Manager for IA/KS/NE was also present for the meeting to offer information on the project and specifics for the cost.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the Amendment to Agreement Dated July 8, 2021, between Pictometry International Corporation and Richardson County to terminate the current agreement. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 7)

Motion was made by Karas to approve and enter into a Master Service Agreement with Pictometry International Corp. dba EagleView, a corporation formed under the laws of the State of Delaware to provide service for the years 2025 through 2029 at \$39,972.20 per year. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 8)

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director requested approval from the Board to advertise for sale a cell phone that has been deemed surplus. Motion was made by Sickel to approve the advertisement on social media sites for the sale of a cell phone that has been deemed surplus by Richardson County and to report the sale to the County Board when completed. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Sub-division

Motion was made by Karas to approve a sub-division for Janet Warrick McMullen, Trustee of the Janet Warrick McMullen Trust located in S16, T3, R15 and to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-15. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 9)

Nemaha Natural Resources District

Motion was made by Caverzagie to enter into an interlocal agreement with Nemaha Natural Resources District and Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe and Pawnee Counties to contribute to matching funds for a grant received by the NRD from FEMA for updating the All-Hazards Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan for Southeast Nebraska with a cost to Richardson County of \$7,717.00. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 10)

Quote for Electrical

A quote was received from El Camino Electric to complete installation of light poles on Courthouse square and make repairs to existing outdoor lighting. To comply with the County Purchasing Act, the Board will make plans to advertise for sealed bids for this project to be completed.

CLAIMS

A 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	35.30
Animal Health Service, serv	35.00
AT&T, serv	1249.00
Campbell Construction, serv	6900.00

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Consolidated Management Company, serv	10224.42
Culligan, serv	110.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	520.00
Detectachem, supp	142.52
F&M Bank, supp	52.00
Falls City Journal, adv	47.35
Falls City Mercantile, supp	289.16
Federal Signal Corp, supp	15577.00
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, serv	1116.25
JV23.38	
KexRX, supp	320.65
Koch’s Auto Service, serv	1794.15
Lincoln National Life, ins	24.91
Medica, ins	56395.37
Midwest Auto Fire Sprinkler, serv	525.00
OPPD, serv	88.72
Postmaster, supp	157.60
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Register of Deeds, fee	10.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	12.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	700.38
Sapp Bros., fuel	7079.91
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	269.00
SumnerOne, serv	164.20
Weaver & Merz, reimb	20.00
Wolfe’s Printing, supp	160.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$104,067.89

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Home Lumber, supp	58.14
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	15584.78
Mr. Automotive, supp	108.13
Norris Quarries, rock	5624.38
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	29.20
Road Builders Machinery, supp	153.94
Sapp Bros., fuel	12020.43
Tri State Truck & Tractor, supp	10.66
Truck Center Companies, supp	41.87
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$33,631.53

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie 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 2, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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 2, 2024**

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 2, 2024. 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

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

Mr. Darveau presented to the Board the quotes obtained for the purchase of a 2024 semi-truck from government contracts: 1) Truck Center Companies of Omaha, NE a 2025 Western Star for \$159,250 which is pricing through the State of Nebraska contract award #15419 OC and 2) RDO Truck Centers of Omaha, NE for a 2025 Mack for \$161,768 which was priced through Sourcewell contract #032824-MAK.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to purchase the Western Star truck from Truck Center Companies of Omaha, NE for \$159,250 as priced through the State of Nebraska contract award #15419 OC. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Aaron Caskey of Cintas presented to the Board information on the products that they offer particularly with uniform services. Cintas will be reviewing the services that they can provide to Richardson County and providing a quote at a later date.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center. He reported that there are 9 inmates currently being held in the jail. The NE State Jail Inspection is also being conducted today.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to terminate the agreement that was executed on May 1, 2024, with GeoComm, Inc. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Notice was also received that the cost of the jail inmate meals provided by Consolidated Correctional Foodservice a division of Consolidated Management Company will be increasing on October 3, 2024 as provided for in the contract section 3.2 (a) which is based on the CPI increase of the prior year, which is 4%. Prices for each meal are calculated and grouped with the number of inmates: 21-24 \$5.99/meal; 16-20 \$7.20/meal; 11-15 \$9.41/meal; 6-10 \$14.60/meal; 1-4 \$40.99/meal.

QUARTELY JAIL INSPECTION

The Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection and found the facility to be in good order. The ceilings in the padded cell and holding cell areas have been replaced and were found to be in a better condition than what was originally installed.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Agreement with County Attorney Office

Motion made by Sickel to enter into an agreement with the Richardson County Attorney's office to approve the reimbursement of office expenses and rent incurred by Weaver

& Merz Law Office. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 11)

Special Mitigation Funding Opportunity

The Board received correspondence from the NE Department of Natural Resources regarding a special mitigation funding opportunity for flood-prone properties in Nebraska. For Richardson County those properties approved for the opportunity are located in the Lewis and Clark Estates area south of Rulo.

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for September, 2024.

Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of September, 2024:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 347.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$10,031.50
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$ 1,218.00

CLAIMS

A 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	348.40
BuckIT, serv	8751.60
Clerk of District Court, fees	222.00
Culligan, serv	33.60
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	249.76
Eickhoff, Mary L., reimb	284.88
El Camino Electric, serv	1376.25
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	6193.99
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	5661.00
CR24-98 T. Alexander, CR23-112 T. Alexander, CR24-113 R. Carter, CR24-107 R. Merryman, CR24-40 T. Rogers, CR24-108 C. Smith, CR24-101 A. Tull, JV22-26, JV22-38, JV23-37, JV23-38, JV22-14, JV23-20, JV21-20, JV24-4	
Generators for Sale, serv	1226.60
Godemann, Bethany, reimb	5.00
Hillyard, supp	196.16
Humboldt Standard, adv	64.00
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	183.58
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
MIPS, serv	3277.10
Nemaha County, reimb	6337.91
NSA/POAN, reg	440.00
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	991.00

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Postmaster, supp	1298.50
Prochaska & Assoc., serv	200.45
Restraint Chair, supp	2900.00
Richardson County Court, fee	771.40
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	664.23
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24699.39
Security Equipment, serv	261.78
Sentco.net, serv	475.38
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
SumnerOne, serv	41.04
TK Elevator, serv	402.87
University of NE, supp	2504.25
Verizon, serv	204.89
Visual Edge IT, serv	723.38
Woods & Aitken, serv	595.00
Payroll Expense	111775.04
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$185,540.43

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan, serv	50.00
Haug Communications, rent	900.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	16988.03
NPPD, serv	42.11
Norris Quarries, rock	5759.74
OPPD, serv	82.73
Rueter's, supp	32.60
Sapp Bros., fuel	935.25
Unifirst, serv	53.12
Woods & Aitken, serv	1527.61
Payroll Expense	31870.14
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$58,241.33

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	319.05
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND	\$319.05

ADJOURNMENT

A 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 Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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 9, 2024**

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, October 9, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas and Sickel. Commissioner Caverzagie was absent. Vice-Chairman Sickel gave the invocation and Commissioner Karas led the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice-Chairman Sickel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. He reported that staff is beginning to install the new posts and stop signs that were purchased through the NE Department of Transportation Statewide Stop Sign Program which is 100% funded. Crews are also working on cleaning out ditches. Future equipment purchases were also discussed.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall presented to the Board an emergency declaration from a high-water event that occurred on June 19, 2024, causing severe damage to public and private property, disruption of utility service, and endangerment of health and safety of the citizens of Richardson County within the disaster area.

Motion was made by Karas to declare a state of emergency for the high-water event of June 19, 2024, authorized under NE §81-829.50 which will make possible application to the State of Nebraska for assistance from the Governor's Emergency Fund to assist public organizations and individuals who have experienced financial loss. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Cost Allocation Plan

Motion was made by Sickel to accept the Cost Allocation Plan for the fiscal year end June 30, 2023, that was prepared by Maximus. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

Other

Commissioner Karas presented correspondence from Stan and Joan Stalder from Humboldt which included a donation of \$200 for the Richardson County Sheriff's Department to purchase candy and other items for distribution to the youth during community events which the Department participates in.

CLAIMS

A 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.

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

GENERAL FUND

Amazon, supp	171.39
Auburn Newspapers, adv	20.00
Bahr, Dennis, serv	500.00
BuckIT, serv	7005.46
Falls City Journal, adv	229.33
Farm & City Supply, supp	762.45
Gage County Treasurer, serv	11636.34
Handley Law Office, serv	1406.00
CR24-77 M. Bratsovsky, CR24-159 A. Pelletier	
Hunzeker, Greg, serv	600.00
Jim Hill's, serv	210.00
Maximus US Services, serv	2500.00
Pawnee Republican, adv	20.00
Pitney Bowes, serv	186.54
ProServ Business Systems, serv	270.03
Quill, supp	205.92
Region V Systems, serv	4168.50
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	569.80
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1674.54
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	112.00
SNC, serv	1058.56
SumnerOne, serv	128.63
Tecumseh Chieftain, adv	19.00
Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters, serv	249.65
True Value, supp	30.93
Ultra-Chem, supp	213.75
Unifirst, serv	87.94
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1226.75
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$35,263.51

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

East Richardson Rural Water District #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	356.11
K.C. Bobcat, supp	351.28
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	11197.92
NPPD, serv	31.58
Norris Quarries, rock	11229.07
NMC, serv	2308.25
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	223.00
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	80.76
Powerplan, supp	26.84
Richardson County Vendor, tax	2719.00
Salem, Village of, serv	22.00
SNC, serv	107.20
Truck Center Companies, supp	341.27
Verdon, Village of, serv	33.52
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$29,093.80

October 9, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 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 16, 2024**

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 16, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. Chairman Caverzagie gave the Invocation and Vice-Chairman Sickel led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-abstain. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted with the deletion of the Courthouse roof review. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business at the Law Enforcement Center the past several weeks. It was reported there were currently 15 inmates at the Jail and that he was researching different options that might be available to provide the meals to the inmates more cost efficiently.

A grant application through the NE Department of Transportation, "Make It Click" is being submitted to provide for overtime for Sheriff's deputies from November 23-December 1 for patrolling traffic. Sheriff Hardesty also reported that he will be requesting a speed trailer to use in the next several weeks to monitor traffic on highways within the County.

The Nebraska Jail Standards also conducted the annual inspection of the jail and found the facility to be in full compliance. The Sheriff also reported that approval has been received from the Nebraska Jail Standards for the replacement and improvements to the electronic control programming and stations at the Law Enforcement Center. This project will be completed by Electronic Contracting Company of Omaha, NE.

A quote was also received from Jim Hill's of Falls City to create an enclosure at the jailer observation area from the countertop to the ceiling with a metal frame and Marguard at \$12,750.00 and to add a reflective Marguard at an additional \$4,000. The Board will review this quote further.

County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel reviewed with the Board and Sheriff Hardesty the Interlocal Agreement that was presented to Richardson County from Pawnee County for Law Enforcement Mutual Aid between Richardson County and Pawnee County. Motion was made by Karas to enter into the interlocal agreement with Pawnee County for Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Assistance. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 13)

CANDACE MEREDITH, NACO

Candace Meredith, Deputy Director of the NE Association of County Officials met with the Board to update them on the activity of NACO, legislation that was passed in the special session of the Legislature that will have a direct impact on county government financing and the educational sessions that are being planned for the Annual Conference of the NE Association of County Officials in December.

CLAIMS

A 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

Clerk of District Court, fees	180.00
Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, lodg	363.00
Culligan, serv	81.20
DAS State Accounting, serv	485.50
Falls City Journal, adv	325.50
Falls City Mercantile, supp	186.16
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Fields, Odis, reimb	174.36
First Concord, fees	227.00
First Wireless, serv	4118.00
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	21.48
KexRx, supp	512.21
Koch’s Auto Service, serv	1114.27
Meyer Home Center, serv	626.50
Miller-Monroe, ins	40.00
NE APCO/NENA, fees	380.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	993.57
NE Sheriff’s Assoc., fees	30.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9000.00
Nine-1-1, supp	7710.38
ODP Business Solutions, supp	471.12
OPPD, serv	83.45
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	80.00
Quill, supp	141.23
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	113.98
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	25309.79
Riggs, Kim, reimb	144.72
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	157.00
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
SNC, serv	832.73
SumnerOne, serv	240.18
Weaver & Merz, reimb	7.47
Wolfe’s Printing, supp	1.20
Payroll Expense	122810.70
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$179,052.58

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Capital One Trade Credit, supp	52.29
Farm & City Supply, supp	298.84
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	633.18
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	10423.29
NMC, supp	206.16
Norris Quarries, rock	3566.64
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	216.13
Sign Solutions USA, supp	3900.00
Truck Center Companies, supp	5210.48
Unifirst, serv	53.12
Payroll Expense	32000.23
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$56,560.36

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1200.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1200.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$2,400.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS

CPC, serv	1372.44
Lincoln Journal Star, sub	1245.00
SNC, serv	155.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS	\$2,772.44

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 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 23, 2024, 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 23, 2024**

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 23, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. Chairman Caverzagie gave the Invocation and Vice-Chairman Sickel led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room. It was also noted that in the absence of County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff that Deputy County Clerk, Stacey Bailey would be serving as Secretary for this meeting.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2024, meeting with a change in the 1st sentence from Sickel to Caverzagie and the remainder 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 October 16, 2024, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this past week. It was reported that the new stop signs were being installed.

Mr. Darveau also reported that the response and compliance has been good with the landowners who have received notices regarding the overhanging and overgrown brush along the road right-of-way. Additional notices are being prepared to be sent to additional landowners in the next month.

Information was also presented to the Board for consideration regarding the possibility of leasing a loader from NE Machinery Company or Murphy Tractor. This will be discussed further at the next meetings.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business at the Law Enforcement Center the past week. It was reported there were 12 inmates currently held in the jail.

Notification was also received that the E-Citation grant has been received in the amount of approximately \$20,300 for the purchase of equipment in which the county must contribute \$5,000 of this amount.

Discussion was also held on the upcoming renewal of the Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Humboldt in August of 2025.

The quote received from Jim Hill's regarding the plans to create an enclosure at the jailer observation area from the countertop to the ceiling with a metal frame and Marguard was further discussed. More research and planning will be done this week and reviewed further at next week's meeting.

COUNTY ASSESSOR

County Assessor, Kim Riggs presented to the Board a contract with Lake Mac Assessment. It was determined that this contract needed to be reviewed by the County Attorney before the County Board would consider.

It was also reported to the Board that the Assessor's Office are reviewing the commercial properties.

October 23, 2024

SE NE COMMUNITY ACTION

Shannon McQueen of the SENCA Head Start program in Falls City presented to the Board an update on the activity and success of the program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Sickel to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:15 .am. with EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall; Sheriff Hardesty; Deputy Sheriff, Jeremiah Franks; Patty Brown, Deputy of Elections and Stacey Bailey, Deputy County Clerk 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 and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Notification was received from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency that Richardson County has been awarded the 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$39,092.39 (EMK-2024-EP-05001 / 97.042).

CLAIMS

A 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	13.61
AT&T, serv	1271.56
Farm & City Supply, supp	29.98
Handley Law Office, serv	1206.50
CR23-117 S. Watkins	
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1487.56
Medica, ins	59748.16
Merz, Douglas, reimb	430.70
Midwest Special Services, serv	410.70
NCEA, dues	120.00
Nestor & Mercure, reimb	300.00
Physicians Laboratory, serv	3174.00
Principal Life, ins	36.79
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	112.00
Tedder Industries, supp	180.19
Tyler Technologies, serv	898.00
Unifirst, serv	87.94
Universal Medical, supp	4122.06
UNL, reimb	4902.16
Vision Care Direct, ins	3.72
Wolfe’s Printing, supp	165.04
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$78,700.67

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	40.99
Capital Business Systems, serv	527.36
Capital One Trade Credit, supp	406.91
Falls City Journal, adv	66.00
Myers Tire Supply, supp	94.70
NPPD, serv	136.85
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Safety-Kleen Systems, supp	390.70
Sapp Bros., fuel	6859.03
Truck Center Companies, truck	159250.00
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$167,797.54

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 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 30, 2024, 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

Stacey Bailey, Deputy County Clerk

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 30, 2024**

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 30, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. Chairman Caverzagie gave the invocation and Vice-Chairman Sickel led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

COUNTY TREASURER

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey presented to the Board the distress warrant report for 2023 taxes due. A total of 2 distress warrants have been issued and will be presented to the County Sheriff to pursue collection. Motion was made by Karas to approve the 2023 distress warrant report as presented and authorize the Sheriff to pursue collection. Motion seconded by Sickel. 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 road and bridge maintenance being done this week. It was reported that the truck purchased from Truck Center Companies has been delivered and is in working operation. The crews are continuing to put up the new stop signs.

Information was also received on the possible purchase of a loader and doing the finance through the NACO lease purchase program to help with budgeting plans that may be affected by LB34 of the special session of the legislature in 2024. This matter will be reviewed further.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center the past week. It was reported that there were 13 inmates in jail today. Deputies will be putting in some overtime during November 17 through November 23 through the Make It Click grant through the .

Motion was made by Karas to approve the purchase of 4 in-car computers and programs from Brite in the amount of \$20,362.00 which \$15,271.50 will be reimbursed to Richardson County through the Nebraska Dept. of Highway Safety "Improving Data Mini-Grant" with matching funds from the County of \$5,000. Motion was seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A revised quote was reviewed from Jim Hill's to create an enclosure at the jailor observation area at the Law Enforcement Center which will include the installation of the frame and ¼" marguard as stated with the quote dated 10/24/24 making the total cost of \$11,000. Motion was made by Sickel to approve the revised quote with ¼" marguard for this enclosure of the jailor observation area from Jim Hill's at the price of \$11,000. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A discussion was also held regarding the jail meals and alternatives to providing and further research is being done.

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Kim Riggs, County Assessor presented to the Board the Contract for Services with Lake Mac Assessment, LLC of Ogallala, NE. The contract is to provide appraisal maintenance for Richardson County Assessor and help to build and adjust appraisal models in the CAMA

(Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal) system for the county commercial properties. To provide five, four-hour WebEx appraisal maintenance trainings to the Assessor to create/adjust depreciation tables for the commercial properties in Richardson County. The amount of the contract is \$2,500.00.

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

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Kristy Richardson, EMA Deputy Director presented to the Board the Annual Verification of Emergency Plan Letters of Agreement between Richardson County, NE and Nebraska Public Power District (Cooper Nuclear Station).

Motion was made by Sickel that with no changes to the Richardson County Emergency Response Plan to authorize the Chairman to sign the Annual Verification form as presented Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

FC EDGE

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of the FC EDGE presented to the Board the quarterly report and the activity of the organization. With a group of approximately 14 interested citizens in attendance for this report, Mr. Froeschl elaborated on agreements that are in place to develop the Mid-America Rail Campus which is being planned for a location south of Falls City and the discussion with potential prospects.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Audit Report

The Fiscal Year End June 30, 2024, audit report was received from the Nebraska State Auditor dated October 23, 2024.

NACO Lease Purchase

Motion was made by Sickel to pursue a NACO Lease purchase plan to finance the expense of the replacement of the electronic system at the Law Enforcement Center to be installed by Electronic Contracting Company of Lincoln in the amount of \$251,388.45 that was approved by the County Board on August 21, 2024. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

A 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

Concrete Industries, serv	870.00
Consolidated Management Co., serv	10032.49
DAS State Accounting, serv	702.12
Datashield Corp., serv	132.75
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv	226.24
Falls City Journal, adv	3457.42
Falls City Mercantile, supp	174.36

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
First Concord Benefits, fees	400.00
Frontier Bank, supp	106.06
Handley Law Office, serv	4180.00
CR24-47 R. Scarberry, CR24-83 B. Adams, CR24-373 H. Berry, CR24-125 C. Brown	
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	190.00
Karas, Rick, reimb	391.28
Miller Farrell Insurance, ins	3899.00
NE Assoc. of County Treasurers, supp	360.00
NE Assoc. of Weed Control, fee	225.00
NE State Fire Marshal, fee	120.00
NE UC Fund, fees	4165.65
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	991.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	371.52
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	22542.29
Road & Bridge Fund, levied tax	174500.60
SumnerOne, serv	274.92
Verizon, serv	1715.90
Visual Edge, fee	230.65
Wolfe’s Printing, supp	230.00
Payroll Expense	121495.58
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$352,024.83

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Farm & City Supply, supp	926.54
Jim Hawk Truck & Trailer, supp	120.47
K.C. Bobcat, supp	153.38
Merz Ink, supp	231.00
NMC, supp	956.00
OPPD, serv	81.69
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	22.00
O’Reilly Automotive, supp	30.27
Powerplan, supp	60.85
Quill, supp	147.34
Tri State Truck & Tractor Repair, supp	42.68
Truck Center Companies, supp	615.87
Unifirst, serv	53.12
Woods & Aitken, serv	70.00
Payroll Expense	30618.64
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$34,129.85

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will not be meeting on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, due to the General Election week. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 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
EMERGENCY MEETING
OCTOBER 31, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

An Emergency Meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted and submitted to the media. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

DISASTER DECLARATION

Motion was made by Sickel to declare an emergency disaster declaration for Richardson County from a straight-line high wind event that occurred on October 30, 2024, causing severe damage to public and private property, disruption of utility service, and endangerment of health and safety of the citizens of Richardson County within the disaster area. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The declaration of emergency is authorized under NE State Statute R.R.S. 81-829.5 on behalf of Richardson County, and will execute for and on behalf of Richardson County, the expenditure of emergency funds from all available sources, the invoking of mutual aid agreements, and the applying to the State of NE for assistance from the Governor's Emergency Fund and any other resources he deems necessary in the fulfillment of his duties.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 2:42 p.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

John Caverzagie, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 13, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 8:55 a.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2024. Roll call was answered by Sickel and Caverzagie. Commissioner Karas was absent. Chairman Caverzagie gave the Invocation and Commissioner Sickel led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT DAY

At 9:00 a.m. the Board attended the Cornhusker Boy's & Girl's County Government Day Program sponsored by the American Legion in the District Courtroom where they participated in the opening and welcome. They returned to the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Samantha Scheitel, County Attorney presented to the Board information on a program for evidence and case management.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the purchase of a GOLD package of iCrimeFighter from the At-Scene, LLC for the County Attorney's Office for the tracking of evidence. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, 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 are currently 14 inmates being held in the County jail at this time. The review and the possibility of different options to reduce costs are still being considered for providing the jail inmate meals.

The plans to improve the jailer station in the jail area were discussed and Sheriff Hardesty informed the Board that the NE Jail Standards would require that an architect review the plans that are being considered before this improvement could be made. It would also require approval from the NE State Fire Marshal.

EXTENSION EDUCATOR

Kaytlyn Kennedy, Extension Educator requested to meet with the Board regarding the job vacancy in the office. Plans are to advertise this position in the Falls City Journal, social media websites and on the NE Department of Labor website.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Lease Purchase with NACO and D.A. Davidson

Information was not ready for consideration on this matter and will be included on next week's agenda.

Region V and Apace Revised Agreements

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the proposed revised agreements with

November 13, 2024
Region V and Apace Agreements (Cont.)

Region V and Apace that were recently approved on September 18, 2024. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.
The final agreements will be submitted to the Board for signature at a later date.

Transfer of Funds

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-16 to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$275,000 per FY24-25 budget document. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Monthly Operating Statement

The Monthly Operating Statement for October 2024 was reviewed by the Board.

Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of October:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 292.52
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$14,232.50
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$ 929.00

CLAIMS

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

BuckIT, serv	7005.46
Buffalo County Sheriff, serv	21.72
Clerk of District Court, fees	404.00
Culligan, serv	194.80
ES&S, supp	9502.82
F&M Bank, supp	52.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	249.60
Falls City Journal, adv	44.30
Falls City Mercantile, supp	95.49
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	5940.29
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	5018.50
CR24-113 R. Carter, CR24-107 R. Merryman, CR24-108 C. Smith, CR24-101 A. Tull, JV22-38, JV22-14, JV21-17, JV21-20, JV21-19, JV24-4, JV24-13	
Farm & City Supply, supp	49.51
Humboldt Standard, adv	182.66
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	313.56
Koch’s Auto Service, serv	1091.64
Merz Ink, serv	135.00
Meyer Home Center, serv	65.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
MIPS, serv	3277.10
MIS, serv	110.00
NACO, dues	2541.16
ODP Business Solutions, supp	68.54
O’Reilly Automotive, supp	398.50

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	160.00
Petersen Reporting, serv	234.92
Printelect, supp	359.39
Quill, supp	68.48
Richardson County Court, fees	913.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	362.78
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	1184.90
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	553.27
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24829.03
Riggs, Kim, reimb	141.37
Sapp Bros., fuel	7016.57
Scheitel, Samantha, reimb	34.39
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	175.00
SNC, serv	1929.26
Summit Fire Protection, serv	769.00
SumnerOne, serv	225.00
True Value, supp	41.46
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1139.75
Wiltse Electric, serv	100.00
Payroll Expense	113321.12
Election Poll Worker Expense	11685.18
*****Poll Worker Expense*****	
<i>Norma Arington</i>	<i>203.00</i>
<i>Thomas Bartek</i>	<i>241.50</i>
<i>Christy Berglund-Lovett</i>	<i>189.00</i>
<i>Sharon Buckminster</i>	<i>217.00</i>
<i>Joyce Burnison</i>	<i>251.57</i>
<i>Tracy Burns</i>	<i>206.50</i>
<i>Elaine Croston</i>	<i>189.00</i>
<i>Gracie Deckinger</i>	<i>217.00</i>
<i>Jan Deckinger</i>	<i>213.50</i>
<i>Doris DeJonge</i>	<i>189.00</i>
<i>Linda Dovel</i>	<i>246.18</i>
<i>Barbara Ebel</i>	<i>213.50</i>
<i>Jerri Elwonger</i>	<i>210.00</i>
<i>Deanna Ewing</i>	<i>217.00</i>
<i>Janis Fischer</i>	<i>213.50</i>
<i>Beverly Frederick</i>	<i>229.06</i>
<i>Judy Fritz</i>	<i>307.24</i>
<i>Mary Jane Gist</i>	<i>161.00</i>
<i>Carol Glathar</i>	<i>258.57</i>
<i>Carolyn Glathar</i>	<i>161.00</i>
<i>Victoria Gordon</i>	<i>189.00</i>
<i>Dona Hall</i>	<i>243.80</i>
<i>Lois Hersh</i>	<i>224.00</i>
<i>Gloria Hunzeker</i>	<i>189.00</i>
<i>Ruth Ann Huppert</i>	<i>264.80</i>
<i>Susan James</i>	<i>189.00</i>
<i>Denise Keithley</i>	<i>224.74</i>
<i>Elizabeth Ketner</i>	<i>301.42</i>
<i>Linda King</i>	<i>189.00</i>
<i>Denise Koso</i>	<i>233.08</i>
<i>Rita Kreifels</i>	<i>223.40</i>
<i>Phyllis Kreutzer</i>	<i>217.00</i>
<i>Denise Kurpgeweit</i>	<i>245.00</i>
<i>Lee Kurpgeweit</i>	<i>161.00</i>

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

<i>Hailey Liberty</i>	<i>189.00</i>
<i>Lois Luthy</i>	<i>268.62</i>
<i>Richard Malcolm</i>	<i>213.50</i>
<i>Nancy McKim</i>	<i>245.00</i>
<i>Jean McNeely</i>	<i>213.50</i>
<i>Carmen Mendenhall</i>	<i>185.50</i>
<i>Pam Mendenhall</i>	<i>189.00</i>
<i>Judy Miller</i>	<i>217.00</i>
<i>Silvano Munoz</i>	<i>229.06</i>
<i>Troy Nelson</i>	<i>199.50</i>
<i>Marsha O’Grady</i>	<i>213.50</i>
<i>Katherine Perkins</i>	<i>217.00</i>
<i>Mary Beth Rowell</i>	<i>234.50</i>
<i>Deborah Russ-Farwell</i>	<i>185.50</i>
<i>Ann Shafer</i>	<i>161.00</i>
<i>Eva Stark</i>	<i>234.50</i>
<i>Lana Willman</i>	<i>233.08</i>
<i>Linda Winsterman</i>	<i>217.00</i>
<i>Kellie Workman</i>	<i>182.00</i>
<i>Jane Zentner</i>	<i>229.06</i>

TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$202,125.40

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

159 Lumber & Rentals, supp	129.97
Bruna Implement Co., supp	193.80
CapitalOne Trade Credit, supp	119.66
City of Humboldt, serv	92.56
Culligan, supp	60.00
Danielson/Tech Supply, supp	575.00
Dept. of Correctional Services, supp	7500.00
Diversified Drug Testing, serv	355.00
East Richardson Rural Water District #2, serv	46.00
Egger Bros, supp	735.00
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	677.85
Farm & City Supply, supp	1690.53
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	9433.94
Mr. Automotive, supp	34.34
NMC, supp	322.63
Norris Quarries, rock	727.34
NPPD, serv	31.58
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	46.00
Quill, supp	72.77
Salem, Village of, serv	24.55
Sapp Bros., fuel	12070.74
Schendel Pest Control, serv	250.00
SNC, serv	104.40
Unifirst, serv	12.24
Verdon, Village of, serv	39.68
Payroll Expense	31472.92
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$66,838.50

COUNTY VISITOR’S PROMO FUND

Richardson County, rent	25.00
Scott, Pamela, serv	100.00
SE NE Tourism Council, fee	200.00
TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR’S PROMO FUND	\$325.00

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	319.05
MIS, serv	665.00
TOTAL REG OF DEED P&M FUND	\$984.05

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Estate of Ricky E. Nutzman, refund	10150.53
Estate of Susan M. Nutzman, refund	2766.29
County Treasurer, transfer	275000.00
TOTAL OF INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$287,916.82

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

SNC, serv	155.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$155.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 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
NOVEMBER 20, 2024**

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 20, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. Chairman Caverzagie gave the Invocation and Commissioner Sickel led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting of November 13, 2024, as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE Karas-abstain, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. He reported that there have been 2 persons hired and began employment with the Department with the possibility of 1 more being hired with experience operating a motor grader.

Mr. Darveau also reported that quotes have been received and that a Henderson dump box was ordered at a price of \$44,014.00. A second dump box has been ordered with Bebo for delivery next year as the manufacturer is about 40 weeks out for delivery.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business at the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that deputies will be participating in the "Drive Sober, Get Pulled Over" grant that provides for payment of overtime to deputies working from December 13, 2024 – January 1, 2025.

A review of the Humboldt Law Enforcement Contract was held and the information that was received from the Humboldt City Council meeting that Sheriff Hardesty attended last week. Sheriff Hardesty proposed an amount to the City Council for consideration for the next contract period which will begin September 1, 2025, at a price of \$103,000/year with a 5% increase each year for a 3-year contract period. The Humboldt City Council came back with a price of \$94,000/year with a 2% increase each year for a 5-year contract period.

The Board responded that consideration may be given to the City's proposal if a clause would be included within the contract to cover the County's expense if salary increases were more than the 2% increase as stated in a contract.

Motion was made by Sickel to authorize the Sheriff to proceed with the development of a contract with the City of Humboldt at a price of \$94,000/year with a 2% increase each year for a 5-year contract period and that a clause shall be included that if it is necessary that a salary increase for this deputy should exceed the 2% that the City would incur the additional cost for that year, and that this contract shall be presented to the Humboldt City Council prior to the new contract period of September 1, 2025 for approval. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Sheriff Hardesty also reported that he is obtaining quotes from 2 different companies to upgrade the generators at the Law Enforcement Center.

The Sheriff is also meeting with the Village of Stella on December 2 to discuss with them ordinance enforcement within the Village and the possibility of developing an agreement for the County Sheriff to carry out this enforcement. The Sheriff indicated that if there is an agreement developed that it would be charged on a "per call" basis.

The staff at the Law Enforcement Center has also been reviewing the different options to provide for the inmate meals. The current contract with Consolidated Management Company

goes through October, 2025, with a buy-out clause. The plan is to staff more jailers which would meet the Jail Standards recommendation and that these jailers would also be in charge of preparing the inmate meals.

There has also been some discussion of hiring an additional dispatcher.

COUNTY TREASURER

Motion was made by Karas to approve the pledge security replacement as presented by County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey: pledge security receipt #JC93034B from F&M Bank to replace the following receipts #JC93026C and #JC93010C. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

iCrimeFighter

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the final contract and order with At-Scene LLC for the purchase of application from iCrimeFighter Enterprise which is a mobile and web-based evidence gathering application for the County Attorney Office. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motin carried.

NACO Lease Purchase

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-18 regarding Richardson County to enter into a lease purchase agreement with NACO and D.A. Davidson for the purpose of electronic upgrades at the County Jail to be completed by Electronic Contracting Company of Lincoln, NE. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 17)

CLAIMS

A 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	294.20
AT&T, serv	1681.35
Consolidated Management Co., serv	10000.65
Country Inn & Suites, lodg	428.00
Culligan, serv	110.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	1187.62
Falls City Journal, adv	39.71
Falls City Mercantile, supp	356.24.
Farm & City Supply, supp	66.68
Good News Assembly of God, rent	200.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	322.50
Kawres, supp	63.75
KexRx, supp	401.08
Koch's Auto, serv	906.39
Kuker, Frances, serv	1000.00
Malcolm, Terry, serv	280.00
MIPS, supp	1503.00
NACO, fee	160.00

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

NE Health & Human Services, serv	93.00
OPPD, serv	33.08
O’Reilly, supp	123.97
Positive Concepts, supp	450.00
Quill, supp	237.95
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	196.00
Spartan Nash, supp	51.80
St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, rent	100.00
TK Elevator Corp., serv	555.65
Unifirst, serv	87.94
Wolfe’s Printing, supp	35.30
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$21,013.86

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Baker’s Gas & Welding Supplies, supp	101.79
Black Hills Energy, serv	41.98
Capital One Trade Credit, supp	24.90
Concrete Industries, supp	870.00
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	20.16
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	16275.69
NPPD, serv	136.85
Norris Quarries, rock	6432.12
Northern Safety Co., supp	85.78
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	4378.87
Unifirst, supp	40.88
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$28,434.02

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv	1250.48
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$1,250.48

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 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 27, 2024, 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

Stacey Bailey, Deputy County Clerk

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 27, 2024

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 27, 2024. Roll call was answered by Sickel and Caverzagie. Commissioner Karas was absent. Chairman Caverzagie gave the Invocation and Commissioner Sickel led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

COUNTY TREASURER

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer presented to the Board the replacement for a pledge security receipt from State Bank of Table Rock.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve an Irrevocable Letter of Credit No. 90428 as a replacement for pledge security receipt #JC78556E from State Bank of Table Rock which was presented by County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

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

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-19 to authorize the Chairman to sign the Certification of County Highway Superintendent to be submitted to the NE Department of Transportation so Richardson County would qualify for the annual incentive payment. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 18)

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Jeremiah Franks, Chief Deputy Sheriff updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. It was reported that 12 inmates are being held at the Jail as of today.

A request was made by the Sheriff to hire an additional dispatcher. After discussion, the Board relayed to Deputy Franks that this would be approved but that they would recommend employment of the new hire begin after January 1.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Caverzagie to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Sickel. 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	59.81
Brown, Patty, reimb	25.19
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv	215.75

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Eickhoff, Mary L., reimb	85.09
Falls City Journal, ads	1597.82
Falls City Mercantile, supp	74.59
First Concord, fees	234.00
Frederick, Keia, reimb	12.60
Jefferson County Sheriff, fees	44.60
Kawre’s Superstore, supp	18.81
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1480.21
Medica, ins	45898.37
Miller-Monroe, ins	80.00
MIPS, serv	3277.10
National Assoc. of Counties, dues	450.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9000.00
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	1012.02
O’Reilly Automotive, supp	27.99
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash Acct., reimb	12.10
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24346.37
Summit Fire Protection, serv	372.00
SumnerOne, serv	76.00
Wolfes Printing, supp	143.75
Payroll Expense	115948.21
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$204,492.38

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Farm & City Supply, supp	233.10
Hullman’s Ford Lincoln, Inc., supp	23.26
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	26080.70
NMC, Inc., supp	217.86
Norris, Quarries, LLC, rock	4298.61
UniFirst Corporation, supp	53.12
Payroll Expense	32660.49
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	63,567.14

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	319.05
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND	\$319.05

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1200.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1200.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$2,400.00

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Quad County Historical Society, fund	5000.00
TOTAL OF INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$5,000.00

HWY BOND REPAYMENT FUND

BOK Financial Corp., pymnt	1817.50
TOTAL HWY BOND REPAYMENT FUND	\$1,817.50

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, 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
DECEMBER 4, 2024

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 4, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. Chairman Caverzagie gave the Invocation and Commissioner Sickel led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner’s Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

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

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that there are 11 inmates currently being held in the jail.

A report on the activity done during the Click It Ticket grant period, November 23rd through December 1st was presented. There were 338 traffic stops (333 proactive and 5 driving complaints; 91 not on Hwy 75, 247 on Hwy 75), 120 citations (118 proactive and 2 driving complaints; 55 for speed, 1 for careless driving and 12 for seat belts including 5 for child restraints), 9 motorist assists, 1 accident, 13 arrests (12 proactive and 1 driving complaint; 1 for felony drug, 1 for DUI, 6 for driving suspended/revoked, 5 for warrants), and 1 missing person located. Deputies who worked during this grant period incurred overtime which is reimbursed to the County through the grant funds from the NE Department of Transportation.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director requested authorization to sell surplus cellular phones and accessories through the social media sites.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to authorize the sale of cellular phones and accessories that have been determined to be surplus and to ask that a report of such sale be made to the County Board. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

A 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	30.78
Crook, Eric, serv	975.00
Culligan, serv	11.20
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	313.56
ProServ Business Systems, serv	161.00

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Purchase Power, serv	405.00
Quill, supp	227.99
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	32.00
Richardson County Court, fees	893.70
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	54.84
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	112.00
SumnerOne, serv	160.81
Verizon, serv	1815.90
Visual Edge IT, serv	230.65
Wolfe’s Printing, supp	35.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$5,459.43

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Bruna Implement Co., supp	87.60
Capital Business Systems, supp	18.40
Capital City Concepts, serv	14900.00
Culligan, serv	40.00
East Richardson Rural Water District #2, serv	46.00
Lewis Implement Co., supp	99.10
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	12374.09
Murphy Tractor & Equipment, supp	697.08
Norris Quarries, rock	3353.97
OPPD, serv	84.33
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	95.98
T.C.A. Outdoor Power, supp	2020.95
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$33,817.50

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of November, 2024:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 92.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$22,405.00
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$ 781.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 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 11, 2024, 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
DECEMBER 11, 2024**

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 11, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. Chairman Caverzagie gave the Invocation and Commissioner Sickel led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING ZONING REGULATIONS

Commissioner Karas requested that a discussion be held regarding the implementation of zoning within Richardson County. Those present for this discussion were Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. and Assessor, Kim Riggs. County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel was also in attendance.

Motion was made by Karas to move on with the process to update the County's Comprehensive Plan and meet with the County Planning Commission to start the process to adopt and implement zoning regulations in Richardson County. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on the county roads and bridges this past week. He reported that equipment is being prepared for snow removal. The 1&6 Year Road plan is being developed and structures that are planned for being repaired and/or replaced were reviewed.

Phil Bletscher was present for this meeting to express a few concerns with county roads.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. Patrol vehicle maintenance and repairs that are being done were discussed. Research is also being done on providing generator service to the entire area of the Law Enforcement Center when electrical service is down. Currently only the jail and a portion of the dispatch area is being serviced.

The grant funds provided for through the Nebraska Department of Transportation, Highway Safety "Drive Sober Get or Get Pulled Over" begins December 13, 2024, through January 1, 2025. Deputies will be working overtime during this period which will be funded by this grant.

The Sheriff will be meeting next week with the Village Board of Trustees of Stella and Dawson to review the possibility of the Sheriff's Department to provide a service on a flat rate per call to enforce certain ordinances.

4 COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES PROGRAM

Linda Volker from Nemaha County presented the grant application for the Four County Juvenile Services Program. The Four County Community Plan needed to be redone this year which will remain in effect from 2025 through 2029. The Four County Collaborative Team meets every 6 weeks and the grant, and the plan will be considered for approval at next week's meeting.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to enter into 2 Memorandums of Understanding with Johnson, Pawnee, Nemaha and Richardson Counties to approve that Nemaha County apply for

County Juvenile Services Aid Program Funds (LB640) and that Nemaha County will be responsible in the distribution of grant funds, quarterly program reporting, and financial reporting and to implement the planned services throughout the four-county area per the Comprehensive Juvenile Services Community Plan developed by the Four-County Juvenile Justice Team plan. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 21)

HUMBOLDT SHARES, INC.

Mark Joy of Humboldt Shares, Inc. presented to the Board the quarterly report of the organization.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Cancel Check Resolution

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-20 to cancel a check that was issued in error. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 19)

Audit Engagement Letter

Motion was made by Caverzagie to enter into an agreement engagement letter with the Nebraska State Auditor to perform the fiscal year end audit for the years 2025, 2026 and 2027. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 20)

Official County Newspaper

Motion was made by Karas to designate the Falls City Journal as the official county newspaper for 2025. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

A 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	420.76
At-Scene, serv	9000.00
BuckIT, serv	7345.46
Culligan, serv	93.60
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	4004.57
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	1938.00
CR24-112 T. Alexander, CR24-98 T. Alexander, CR24-107 R. Merryman, JV22-38, JV23-37, JV23-38, JV24-18, JV24-17, JV24-19	
Farm & City Supply, supp	36.98
Handley Law Office, serv	5329.50
CR24-72 D. Stone, CR24-111 A. Gibson, CR24-87 A. Gibson, CR24-88 A. Gibson, CR 24-93 N. Meyer	
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
MIS, serv	110.00
NE State Auditor, serv	15994.93

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Quill, supp	334.90
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	8.68
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	765.60
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	982.93
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	26103.53
Sapp Bros., fuel	249.01
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	150.00
SNC, serv	1082.46
Spartan Nash, supp	38.81
Washington County Sheriff, serv	46.00
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1139.75
Payroll Expense	122914.74
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$198,160.21

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

ABK Fire & Safety, serv	477.00
Ace Irrigation, supp	19622.40
Bruna Implement, supp	479.90
Falls City Journal, adv	73.21
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	330.38
Harmon’s OK Tire, serv	155.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	7714.40
Mr. Automotive, supp	31.05
NPPD, serv	31.58
Norris Quarries, rock	4500.04
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	130.00
O’Reilly Automotive, supp	630.24
PowerPlan, supp	697.08
Salem, Village of, serv	22.85
SNC, serv	102.23
Unifirst, serv	53.12
Verdon, Village of, serv	33.52
Woods & Aitken, serv	840.00
Payroll Expense	33909.20
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$69,853.20

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Motorola, pmt	12340.70
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$12,340.70

JAIL BOND REPAY FUND

BOK Financial Corp., int	8638.75
TOTAL JAIL BOND REPAY FUND	\$8,638.75

ADJOURNMENT

A 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. Due to the Nebraska Association of County Officials Conference next week, the Board will meet again on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, 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
DECEMBER 17, 2024

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 17, 2024. Roll call was answered by Sickel and Caverzagie. Commissioner Karas was absent. Chairman Caverzagie gave the Invocation and Commissioner Sickel led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting from the December 11, 2024, as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting from December 4, 2024, as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Quarterly Safety Committee meeting from December 11, 2024, as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Monthly Operating Statement

The monthly operating statement for November, 2024 was reviewed.

Transfer of Funds

A motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-21 to approve the transfer of funds from the ARPA Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$70,848.34 as per budget document FY24-25 which will assist in the expense of the Courthouse roof replacement project. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 20)

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Caverzagie to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Sickel. 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	46.94
AT&T, serv	1231.36
Centec Cast Metal Products, supp	2021.63
Charm-Tex, supp	3020.88
Clerk of District Court, fees	490.00
Consolidated Management Co., serv	10708.65
Culligan, serv	80.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	1037.62

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)	
F&M Bank, rent	76.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	430.76
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	20.97
KexRx, supp	521.85
Malcolm, Terry, serv	420.00
Merz Ink, supp	110.00
MIPS, serv	326.27
NE Health & Human Services, serv	90.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, serv	250.00
Postmaster, supp	955.00
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Sapp Bros., fuel	11216.84
SNC, serv	916.83
True Value, supp	17.97
Unifirst, serv	87.94
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$34,215.39

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	
Agco Finance, supp	261.34
Black Hills Energy, serv	133.79
CapitalOne Trade Credit, supp	29.97
Cornhusker International, supp	132.33
Farm & City Supply, supp	149.99
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	11201.06
NE State Fire Marshal, fee	240.00
NPPD, serv	66.41
Norris Quarries, rock	1733.58
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	41.97
Sapp Bros., fuel	7615.45
Unifirst, serv	40.88
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$21,646.77

ARPA FUNDS	
County Treasurer, transfer	70848.34
TOTAL ARPA FUNDS	\$70,848.34

INHERITANCE TAX FUND	
Brite, supp	18050.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$18,050.00

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	
CPC, serv	838.07
SNC, serv	155.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$993.07

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. Due to the observance of Christmas on Wednesday, December 25, the Board will meet again on Tuesday, December 24, 2024, 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.

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 24, 2024**

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 24, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas and Caverzagie. Commissioner Sickel was absent. Chairman Caverzagie gave the Invocation and Commissioner Karas led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

The minutes of the December 17, 2024, will be considered at next week's meeting.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda with the addition of the Resolution for a transfer of funds and to approve the remaining 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

No report was given from the Road & Bridge Department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Due to conflicts in scheduling, the executive session will be held at next week's meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. It was reported that there were only 6 inmates being held in the jail. Research is still being done to find a more suitable plan to provide for the meals for the inmates after the current contract with Consolidated Correctional Food Service ends on August 26, 2025.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Agreement with Falls City for Joint Aerial Photo Project

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve an addendum #3 to the original agreement with the City of Falls City for the Joint Aerial Photo Project (Pictometry) that was entered into on November 24, 2015. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 23)

Transfer of Funds

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-22 to approve the transfer of funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$100,000.00 as per budget document FY24-25 which will. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 22)

CLAIMS

A 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-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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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND

Ankrom, Jami, reimb	174.20
Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimb	54.69
DAS State Accounting, serv	150.00
Eickhoff, Mary L., reimb	316.24
First Concord, fees	232.00
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, serv	2660.00
Hy-Vee, supp	92.19
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	135.34
MIPS, supp	60.40
NE Weed Control Assoc., fee	150.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9000.00
OPPD, serv	33.08
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	395.66
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24921.11
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	34.84
Riggs, Kim, reimb	334.33
Skyline Construction, serv	103660.45
Payroll Expense	118601.78
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$261,006.31

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Diversified Drug Testing, serv	100.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	657.50
Hullman's, supp	264.76
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	69.58
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	20659.62
NPPD, serv	56.75
NMC, supp	590.25
Norris Quarries, rock	3466.84
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	103.87
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	5690.28
Unifirst, supp	53.12
Wausau Equipment Company, supp	4102.07
Wolfe's Printing, supp	333.87
Payroll Expense	33660.20
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$69,833.71

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1200.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1200.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$2,400.00

ARPA FUND

Drainage District #7, serv	97157.00
TOTAL ARPA FUND	\$97,157.00

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Brite, supp	2312.00
County Treasurer, transfer	100000.00
Electronic Contracting Company, serv	87985.96
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$190,297.96

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. Due to the observance of New Year’s Day on Wednesday, January 1, 2025, the Board will meet again on Tuesday, December 31, 2024, 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

DECEMBER 31, 2024

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 31, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. Chairman Caverzagie gave the Invocation and Commissioner Karas led the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 17, 2024, 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 December 24, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-abstain, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

PLEDGE SECURITY RECEIPTS

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the replacement of pledge security receipts from F&M Bank: Richardson County Clerk receipt #JC93013 to be replaced with receipts #JC93052A and #JC93069B and for the Richardson County Treasurer receipt #JC93092B and #JC93014B to be replaced with receipts #JC93069A and #JC93033. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

COUNTY DEPOSITORY FOR 2025

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-23 to approve the applications submitted by the following financial institutions to be County Depository's for the year 2025: State Bank of Table Rock, Humboldt; F&M Bank, Falls City; American National Bank, Humboldt; First Interstate Bank, Falls City; Nebraska Federal Investment Trust, Lincoln; and the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust NPAIT. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 25)

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

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

Aaron Caskey of Cintas requested to meet with the Board to present information and pricing on services and supplies that the County is currently receiving from UniFirst. The Board will be considering this pricing information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Karas to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 9:30 a.m. with Sheriff Hardesty, Deputy Sheriff Franks, County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel, Bob Campbell and Clerk Eickhoff to discuss personnel matters and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual(s). 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 9:44 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. It was reported there were 6 inmates currently being held at the Jail.

CLAIMS

A 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

Advanced Assoc. Mgmt., supp	1000.00
Amazon, supp	114.00
Benchmark Government Solutions, serv	133.45
CMC, serv	2946.76
Culligan, serv	11.20
DAS State Accounting, serv	702.12
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	360.13
Falls City Mercantile, supp	74.59
Falls City Volunteer Ambulance, serv	638.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	11.98
Hampton Inn, lodg	374.85
Karas, Rick, reimb	156.51
Koch’s Auto Service, serv	2646.54
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1409.30
Midwest Special Services, serv	451.40
Nemaha County, reimb	5570.86
ODP, supp	149.61
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	514.90
Pitney Bowes, supp	507.00
Platter, Paul, serv	300.00
Riggs, Kim, reimb	43.19
Scott, Pamela, reimb	313.56
SumnerOne, serv	189.18
VDO Communications, supp	65.65
Verizon, serv	215.91
W&D Auto Care, serv	102.13
Wolfe’s Printing, supp	250.29
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$19,253.11

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Capital One Trade Credit, supp	99.98
City of Humboldt, serv	88.87
Diesel Laptops, supp	4475.00
Harmon’s, supp	23.00
Koch’s Auto, supp	345.50
Martin Marietta, rock	5501.62
NMC, supp	173.45
Norris Quarries, rock	7104.63
OPPD, serv	97.31
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$17,909.36

December 31, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 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