

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 22, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 22, 2023. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

ROAD DEPARTMENT

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Sickel to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 9:20 a.m. with Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. and Samantha Scheitel, County Attorney, to discuss possible litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

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

Motion was made by Sickel to enter into an agreement with Animal Health Center, PC for short term boarding services for dogs and cats. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 53)

COOPER NUCLEAR STATION

Representatives from the Nebraska Public Power District Cooper Nuclear Station requested to meet with the Board to make introductions and answer any questions the Board would have regarding the emergency preparedness off-site procedures and agreement. Those representatives were Kim Tanner and Josh Unruh.

SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL

Katy Gildersleeve and Shannon McQueen, representatives from the Southeast Nebraska Community Action HeadStart program in Falls City presented to the Board the Annual report of the program.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Courthouse Roof

A change order, #1, with Skyline Construction, Inc. for the Courthouse roof replacement was reviewed and will be considered at a later meeting.

Public Defender Policy Review Board Recommendation

A notice was published for the receipt of applications to serve as the Richardson County Public Defender on a contractual basis to be reviewed and considered by the Richardson County Public Defender Policy Review Board. The Policy Review Board submitted to the County Board of Commissioners their recommendation for this contract to be entered into with Nestor & Mercure Law Office of Tecumseh, NE. Their proposal is for \$108,000 for 2024, \$110,00 for 2025, \$112,000 for 2026, \$114,000 for 2027 and \$116,000 for 2028.

Motion was made by Sickel to draft a contract with Nestor & Mercure Law Office to serve as Public Defenders. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Subdivision

The subdivisions presented were reviewed and will be considered after further details and information are submitted.

CLAIMS

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

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

GENERAL FUND

CMC, serv	5000.00
Consolidated Management Co., serv	54.25
DAS State Accounting, serv	485.50
Falls City Journal, adv	228.37
Falls City Utilities, serv	80.00
Hy-Vee, supp	24.84
Kawres, supp	87.50
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	377.59
Koch's Auto Service, serv	126.66
Lincoln National Life, life ins	1174.29
Medica, ins	46574.27
OPD Business Solutions, supp	139.96
Quill, supp	141.89
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	290.78
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	649.57
True Value, supp	18.99
Unifirst, serv	72.55
Wolfe's Printing, supp	56.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$55,583.01

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	65.81
CCS, Inc., serv	862.00
Diversified Drug Testing, serv	325.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	551.43
Farmer's Repair, supp	10955.87
Koch's Auto Service, supp	1475.70
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	22600.56
NPPD, serv	136.42
Norris Quarries, rock	5670.89

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ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)

OPPD, serv	64.70
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	62.72
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Safety-Kleen, supp	387.51
Sapp Bros., fuel	5799.14
Truck Center Companies, supp	727.21
Unifirst, supp	40.41
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$49,750.37

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

John Caverzagie, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk