

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting of November 29, 2023, as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the Quarterly Safety Committee meeting of November 29, 2023, as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

**4 COUNTY JUVENILE DIVERSION SERVICES**

Linda Volker, presented to the Board a report on the 4 County Juvenile Services program. and a summary of the services that are provided by Jill Hahn, mentor director.

Motion was made by Karas to approve and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Johnson, Pawnee and Nemaha Counties to apply for Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program Funds through the Nebraska Crime Commission for the year 2024-2025. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. No matching funding is required from the counties. (Resolution Book 27, Page 58)

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

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

He reported that construction has begun on the concrete box culvert construction site CO07423425 located on 704 Road 4 ½ miles west of Hwy 73 on Pony Creek Road. This project is expected to be completed by early Spring.

Road grading and rock placement on county roads was also reviewed.

Motion was made by Karas to authorize the advertisement to solicit for sealed bids for rock purchases in 2024 to be opened on Wednesday, December 27, 2023. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that there were 666 calls with 447 of those traffic stops, 53 arrests of which 48 were by the Sheriff's department and from other agencies and there are a total of 20 inmates be held by Richardson County as of today. The "Stuff the Cruiser" event will be held in Falls City this Saturday to collect donations and toys for the Christmas season.

The Sheriff's Department will be conducting a "Drive Sobber" period this month from December 15 through January 1 with grant funding for this program being received from the NE Department of Transportation not to exceed \$10,000.

He also reported on seized monies totaling approximately \$27,000 from an illegal drug investigation and these funds to be submitted to the Federal Forfeiture program. Richardson County will receive a return of a portion of these funds.

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**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Monthly Operating Statement**

The Board reviewed the November, 2023 monthly operating statement.

**Fee Reports**

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

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 183.50
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$8,341.75
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$1,166.00

**Official County Newspaper**

Motion was made by Karas to designate the Falls City Journal as the official newspaper for the County of Richardson, Nebraska for the year 2024. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**STOP Funds Request**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the request from the City of Falls City for \$3,830.74 to cover matching share of total cost (\$15,322.98) for 3 new computers with mounting brackets, printers and scanners for patrol vehicles which will be covered by a grant from NE Dept of Transportation. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Karas to continue to hold a claim to Amazon for \$119.92 for further review and to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

**GENERAL FUND**

Amazon, supp	5.66
Animal Health Center, dues	35.00
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	136.24
BuckIT, serv	7103.33
Comfort Inn, serv	321.00
Consolidated Mgmt Co., serv	43.50
Datashield Corp, serv	40.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	27.60
Falls City Journal, ad	2013.26
Falls City Mercantile, supp	257.10
Falls City Sanitation, serv	60.00
Falls City Utilities, serv	5753.51
Harmon's OK Tire, serv	20.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	634.25
Kuker, Frances, mowing	1000.00
Meyer Home Center, serv	989.95
Meyer Laboratory Inc, serv	246.95
MIPS, serv	3218.84
MIS, serv	110.00
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	130.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Petersen Reporting, serv	202.38
Positive Concepts, supp	450.00
ProServ Business systems, serv	146.41
Quill.com, supp	45.98
Radiology Associates, serv	42.00
Ramada Kearney, fees	236.52
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	257.87
Richardson County Clerk of Dist. Crt, claims	536.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	8.56
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	715.66
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	655.59
Sapp Bros., fuel	5222.85
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	135.00
Southeast Nebraska Communications, serv	2186.93
Weaver & Merz, reimb	8.56
Wolfe's Printing, supp	49.96
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$33,046.46</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

ABK Fire & Safety, serv	497.00
Barco Municipal Products, supp	3421.50
Capital Business Systems, serv	1.63
Culligan, serv	40.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	43.50
Falls City Utilities, serv	354.07
Farm & City Supply, supp	185.48
Harmon's, supp	9.00
Hullman's, supp	45.43
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	4544.12
NE Snow Equipment, supp	17728.27
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	25.00
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	17.99
Salem, Village of, serv	22.85
Sapp Bros., fuel	21485.07
Southeast Nebraska Communications, serv	101.49
Stella, Village of, serv	61.60
Unifirst, supp	40.41
Verdon, Village of, serv	32.64
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$48,657.05</b>

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

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

LATCF FUND

OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	45223.99
<b>TOTAL LATCF FUND</b>	<b>\$45,223.99</b>

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS

Southeast Nebraska Communications, serv	145.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$145.00</b>

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will **meet again on Tuesday, December 12, 2023**, and not on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, due to the attendance of the Commissioners and other county officials at the NACO Conference in Kearney. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk