

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 27, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 27, 2023. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Sickel. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-abstain, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine business with County roads and bridges this past week.

OPEN SEALED BIDS FOR COUNTY ROAD ROCK 2024

Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of advertisement for the opening of sealed bids for road rock for 2024. Bids were received from the following: 1) Hamm Quarry, Troy KS—1 ¼' roadstone quantity of 100 tons for \$18.30/ton and AB-3/AS-1 (dry) quantity of 5,000 ton for \$17.30/ton; 2) Norris Quarries, Maitland, MO—1 ½ road rock \$15.40/ton.

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

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty reported to the Board that currently there are 21 inmates being held in the Jail. The Department is also reviewing the sex offender registry for those persons residing within Richardson County to check their compliance with the registry requirements.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the use of STOP funds for repair of the data master with Intoximeters, Inc. for \$1,607.25 and to purchase a new simulator for the data master at Guth Laboratories, Inc. for \$1,309.95. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The Sheriff had sent information to the Board regarding what he recommends would be needed for the dispatching of the Sheriff's Office if it would be moved from the Southeast NE Communications Beatrice 911 to the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center. The upfront costs to return the dispatch were also reviewed. No action was taken at this meeting and the Board will continue this discussion at next week's meeting.

COUNTY TREASURER

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer presented to the Board the report on the distress warrant collection by the Sheriff which consisted of one warrant in the amount of \$73.35 which has been collected. Motion was made by Karas to approve the report as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

County Depository Applications

The Board will consider the applications at next week's meeting from financial

institutions as depositories for county funds for the year 2024.

Transfer

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-22 to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$225,000.00 as per FY23-24 budget document. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 60)

Other

A change order was presented to the Board regarding the project on the north entrance from Schawang Masonry. While completing the project it was decided to remove some additional existing concrete and replace with new to ensure that all water would be drained away from the building to avoid any future water leaks in the lower-level entrance. The cost of this change was \$530.00 and was approved with the claim for payment.

CLAIMS

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

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

GENERAL FUND

Ankrom, Jami, reimb	170.30
Armbruster Motor Co., serv	195.00
Comfort Inn, lodg	359.85
CMC, serv	9202.84
Dorr & Clark, serv	1000.00
East Richardson RWD #2, serv	283.72
F&M Bank, fees	1951.56
First Concord Benefits, fees	220.00
Handley Law Office, serv	940.50
CR22-54 S Fritts, CR21-159 S Fritts, CR23-60 K Black, CR23-61 A Hidalgo, CR23-101 C Thompson	
Jim Hill's, serv	625.00
Karas, Rick, reimb	483.13
Medica, ins	44333.73
Mercure, Steve, serv	5916.66
Meyer Laboratory, supp	529.35
Nartec, serv	188.55
NE Assoc. of Weed Control, dues	150.00
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	861.54
Quill, supp	222.74
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	859.99
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	56.64
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	527.94
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	47.16
SumnerOne, serv	53.63
True Value, supp	13.99
Weaver & Merz, reimb	877.97
Wolfe's Printing, supp	174.96
Payroll Expense	114593.03
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$184,887.78

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ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Falls City Journal, ads	140.26
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	48.82
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	3407.25
Omaha Public Power District, serv	83.45
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, fuel	4296.23
UniFirst Corporation, serv	55.53
Woods & Aitken LLP, fees	1951.50
Payroll Expense	32111.28
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$42,094.32

STOP PROGRAM DIVERSION FUND

City of Falls City, serv	3830.74
TOTAL STOP PROGRAM DIVERSION FUND	\$3,830.74

DRUG COURT FUND

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

FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUND

Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	100.00
TOTAL FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS	\$100.00

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

County Treasurer, transfer	225000.00
Schawang Masonry, LLC, serv	24256.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$249,256.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2023, in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

John Caverzagie, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk