

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 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 Tuesday, January 10, 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 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

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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