

**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

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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