

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 28, 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, February 28, 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.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion did not pass. This matter will be considered further at next week's meeting.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the Board of Equalization minutes of the February 21, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion did not pass. This matter will be considered further at next week's meeting.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. 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, Jr. updated the Board on the maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. He reported that crews are doing some dirt work on county roads, cleaning ditches, etc.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to recess and go into an executive session at 9:27 a.m. with Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. and Clerk Eickhoff to review personnel matters and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty reported that there are currently 20 inmates being held with an additional 3 inmates being held in other facilities. He will be meeting on March 11 with HTRS regarding the school resource officer position to be reinstated. A donation was received from the St. Thomas Episcopal Church for \$500.00 for the benefit of the drug dog program.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with NRIN for the installation of equipment on the communication tower at the Law Enforcement Center. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, NOX WEED SUPT.

Brian Kirkendall, Noxious Weed Superintendent presented to the Board the 2023 Annual Report and Compliance on the Noxious Weed Control program in Richardson County which was received from the NE Department of Agriculture.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the reports and requirements summary for the 2023 year. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Karas to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an

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executive session at 10:15 a.m. with special legal counsel, Jerry Pigsley and Clerk Eickhoff to review collective bargaining negotiations for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 10:30 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

Advertisement for Insurance

The Board will consider the advertisement to accept sealed bids for the county's general liability insurance coverage further at a later meeting.

CLAIMS

A 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-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

Auditor of Public Accounts, fees	18000.16
Bruna Implement Company, supp	661.25
BuckIT, serv	3200.00
City of Falls City, fees	1200.00
Community Medical Center, serv	940.08
DAS State Acctg, fees	163.18
Falls City Journal, ads	927.75
Falls City Mercantile, supp	150.56
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	9842.00
CR23-420 S. Mackenzie, JV23-35, JV22-14, JV22-38, JV23-37, JV23-38, JV23-20, JV21-17, JV21-20, JV21-19	
Farm & City Supply, supp	2.98
Karas, Rick, reimb	313.02
Koch's Auto Service, serv	1481.11
MIPS, serv	3218.84
Nebraska State Patrol, dues	665.00
ODP Business Solutions, supp	72.99
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	865.98
Petersen Reporting, serv	172.82
Quill LLC, supp	179.92
Region V Systems, serv	1498.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash Acct., reimb	112.94
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash Acct., reimb	612.38
Weaver & Merz Law Office, reimb	1082.18
Weaver, Bill, serv	135.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$45,498.14

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Falls City Journal, ads	66.00
Hullman's Ford Lincoln, supp	45.43
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	12473.29
Midwest Service & Sales Co., supp	10457.00

Nebraska Public Power District, serv	74.44
NMC, Inc., serv	207.13
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	124.50
Quill LLC, supp	48.46
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc., fuel	1793.49
Tri State Truck & Tractor Repair, supp	68.38
Woods & Aitken LLP, fees	847.70
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$26,230.82

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	315.57
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND	\$315.57

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1100.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$1,100.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 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, March 6, 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