

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
APRIL 17, 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 Wednesday, April 17, 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 Vice-Chairman Sickel. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://www.co.richardson.ne.us).

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance and business within the County Roads Department this past week. Equipment purchases were discussed.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the activity and business at the Law Enforcement Center this past week. There are 13 inmates currently being held at the Jail. Deputy Franks and the Sheriff both attended a firearms training at the NE State Patrol headquarters last week.

The Board reviewed the status of a patrol vehicle that was a total loss after hitting a deer on April 1, 2024, and the Sheriff's Department will wait for the insurance adjuster to make a final settlement after all damages are determined to make plans for replacement.

A donation was received from F&M Bank for \$100.00 for the benefit of the Drug Dog Program.

The Sheriff reported that he attended the Southeast Regional Governing Committee this past Friday at Beatrice and the Committee voted to approve Richardson County to join the Southeast Regional Governing Committee which will allow for the County to obtain Managed Call Handling (MECH), Lumen through the CenturyLink Master Service Agreement Public Safety Version.

**SE NE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP**

Susan Keholm, Development Director at the SE NE Community Action Partnership provided the 2024 annual report of the organization.

Debbie Green provided a report on the CASA program and mentioned that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Funding for CASA was explained and that Richardson County had 12 children monitored through 2023 and 10 children in the program currently today.

Sherry Huddleston reported on the activity within the Falls City Outreach Services Office.

Motion was made by Sickel to proclaim May as Community Action Month in Richardson County. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**DISTRICT 1 PROBATION OFFICE**

Melanie Stormer, Chief Probation Officer presented to the Board an update and statistics that are specific to Richardson County regarding probation services. A review of the budget for the department was also held and what expenditures are being planned for the upcoming FY24-25 budget.

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## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Resolution 2023-2024-35 Fee Schedule

Motion by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-35 setting the fees to be collected by county departments for copies, FAX, e-mail and scans, phone calls, voter lists and plat book, etc. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page )

### Apac/Region V Systems

A motion was made by Karas to approve the additional funding for Apac (Region V Systems) because of funding cut by the State of Nebraska which would total an additional \$3,961.00 in funding requirements from Richardson County making the total due for FY24-25 from Richardson County at \$19,674.00. Motion seconded by Sickel. Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### Other

A purchase order was approved for Emergency Management Agency for a Signature Em-40-HR wide format 40" roll laminator for \$3,119.99.

## CLAIMS

A motion was made by Sickel 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

Amazon, supp	98.13
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	198.62
Axon Enterprise Inc., supp	8280.00
Clerk of District Court, fees	256.00
Comfort Inn, serv	479.80
Community Medical Center, serv	6747.29
DAS State Acctg, serv	150.00
F&M Bank, supp	52.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	286.69
First Concord Benefits, fees	233.00
Galls Inc., supp	144.96
Home Lumber, supp	370.00
Hullman's Ford, serv	81.97
Koch's Auto Service, serv	2404.46
Lincoln National Life Insurance, life ins	1505.72
Malcolm, Terry DDS, serv	420.00
Medica, ins	45125.35
Merz Ink, serv	45.98
Mid-States Organized Crime Info, dues	100.00
Midwest Special Services, serv	648.95
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9000.00
ODP Business Solutions, LLC, supp	177.35
Omaha Public Power District, serv	112.15
Radiology Associates, serv	203.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash Acct., reimb	551.91
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash Acct., reimb	875.42
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	25343.30

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Riggs, Kim, reimb	476.01
SatPhone City, fees	819.00
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Scholl Lawn & Landscape LLC, serv	314.50
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
Spartan Nash, supp	123.57
Wolfe's Printing, supp	392.49
Payroll Expense	123225.45
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$231,312.95</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

AGCO Finance, serv	68.79
Black Hills Energy, serv	92.07
Falls City Journal, ads	66.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	40.05
Lenard Heating & Cooling, serv	3145.00
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	64.98
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	85.42
UniFirst, serv	56.21
Payroll Expense	34896.47
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$38,514.99</b>

DRUG COURT

Hawkins, Seth, serv	2100.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	2100.00
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT</b>	<b>\$4,200.00</b>

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 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, April 17, 2024, 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