

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MAY 8, 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, May 8, 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 May 1, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

**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. A quote was received from Home City Grain for the application of a dust control product on the driveway to the Falls City County Shop and a few areas of the yard area for approximately \$2,800.00. He reported that crews are working on the hard surfaced roads repairing areas. Discussion was held concerning the 2017 Dodge patrol unit to install a remanufactured engine with possibly a 100K 3-year warranty and the Road Dept would agree to do the installation but with the understanding that the truck would be returned to the Road Department when Sheriff makes plans to replace.

An agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for Project #NH-73-1 (120) Falls City North Bridges—request for local detour route 709 Road, 652 Avenue and 710 Road during repairs to bridges on NH-73-1 (120) tentatively scheduled for late summer of 2025 was reviewed. This agreement will be considered further at a later meeting.

**AMANDA BARTEK-RAMSEY**

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the transfer of the 2022 unpaid tax certificates into the County Tax Sale. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the activity and business at the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that during April there were 631 total calls of which 410 were traffic stops with 48 arrests (4 from other agencies and 44 from Richardson County Sheriff).

Discussion was held on the replacement of the patrol unit that was damaged on April 1 from hitting a deer which has been considered totaled from the insurance company.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the purchase of communication console equipment from 911 Custom of Olathe, KS in the amount of \$11,297.69 for a new patrol unit that will replace the unit that was totaled in the April 1 accident with insurance providing proceeds of approximately \$5,000 to replace those items that were damaged. Motion seconded by Karas. Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-41 regarding the number of deputy positions to be established by the County Board for the Richardson County Sheriff. Motion seconded by Caverzagie-aye. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**AARON LEVENGOOD**

Aaron Levengood requested to meet with the Board regarding concerns with criminal complaints but failed to appear for the appointment.

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## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Fee Reports**

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of April 2024:

Sheriff Hardesty	\$4,296.26
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist. Court	\$1,243.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk of	\$ 665.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$8,927.25

### **Health Insurance Renewal**

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the renewal for the county employee health insurance coverage with Medica through Gallagher Insurance Agency of Aurora, NE at an increase of 23% from the prior year rate which is estimated to cost the county \$132,839 in additional premiums. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Other coverage options were quoted with United Healthcare and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NE.

### **Falls City Area Jaycees Special Designated Liquor License**

Motion by Caverzagie to approve the special designated liquor licenses for the upcoming events sponsored by the Falls City Area Jaycees at the Jaycees Community Field located south of Falls City: 1) Tractor Pull on July 12, 2024, and 2) Demolition Derby on August 24, 2024. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **Sub-Division**

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a sub-division for Gary L Bierman Revocable Living Trust located in S33, T3, R17 and to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-40. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **CLAIMS**

A motion was made by Caverzagie to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Sickel. 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	22.82
Assistency LLC, serv	1229.00
Bryan Heart, serv	1018.00
BuckIT, serv	7322.33
City of Beatrice, serv	47740.50
Clerk of District Court, fees	361.00
Comfort Inn, lodg	377.00
Consolidated Management, serv	10797.35
Continental Fire Sprinkler, serv	820.00
Culligan, serv	110.00
Dept. Correctional Services, serv	1535.95
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	334.66
ES&S, supp	8097.14

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	5745.21
Farm & City Supply, supp	99.99
Ferebee, Elizabeth, serv	4959.00
Fields, Odis, reimb	378.26
GWorks, serv	20396.00
Holiday Inn, lodg	479.85
Jim Hill's, serv	155.00
KS Haug Communications, serv	115.00
Lancaster County Sheriff, fees	25.40
Lexipol, serv	563.64
Midwest Mobile Radio Service	30.00
MIS, serv	110.00
NACO, fees	675.00
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	917.64
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	272.12
Postmaster, supp	1384.00
Pritchard & Abbott, serv	2080.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	146.41
Quill, supp	1040.73
Richardson County Court, fees	1337.91
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	60.05
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	952.45
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	520.64
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	101.17
Safe Life Defense, supp	642.60
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	269.00
SNC, serv	2221.54
Subway, supp	50.33
SumnerOne, serv	113.00
True Value, supp	53.40
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$125,701.09</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Capital One Trade Credit, serv	639.00
Culligan of Percival, serv	50.00
East Richardson Rural Water District #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Autp Supply, supp	376.12
Falls City Utility Department, serv	497.13
Farmers Repair & Machine Shop, supp	2193.29
Inland Truck Parts & Service, serv	154.83
Mainelli Wagner & Associates, serv	1922.50
Martin Marietta Materials, serv	10914.48
Metal Culverts, Inc., serv	16676.22
Mr. Automotive, supp	202.50
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	31.58
NMC, Inc., serv	470.47
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	12222.83
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	185.79
Powerplan, serv	2207.37
Quill, LLC, supp	142.68
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc., supp	398.80
Salem, Village of, serv	22.85
SNC, serv	102.25
Truck Center Companies, serv	938.73
True Ag & Turf, supp	2000.00

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ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)

UniFirst Corporation, serv	38.83
Verdon, Village of, serv	30.88
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$52,465.13</b>

DRUG COURT FUND

Blackburn Technologies, supp	1556.10
Glenn's Corner Market, incentives	300.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, reimb	220.93
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>2,077.03</b>

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

Hullman's Ford, vehicle	43987.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$43,987.00</b>

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv	1737.15
SNC, serv	155.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$1,892.15</b>

HIGHWAY BOND REPAYMENT FUND

BOK Financial Corp, pmt	112120.00
<b>TOTAL HWY BOND REPAYMENT FUND</b>	<b>\$112,120.00</b>

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.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, May 15, 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