

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 22, 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 22, 2024. Roll call was answered by Sickel and Caverzagie. Commissioner Karas was absent. 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 15, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzaige. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the May 15, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, 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-absent, 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.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week. Patching on the county's hard surfaced roads is being done and rock is being hauled and placed on those areas of county roads that are in need. The Board also approved a request from Mr. Darveau to set the wage of the seasonal part-time employee at \$14.00/hour.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to enter into an agreement with NE Dept of Transportation 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. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 88)

SHERIFF

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business at the Law Enforcement Center the past few weeks.

A motion was made by Sickel to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 9:45 a.m. with Sheriff Hardesty and Clerk Eickhoff to discuss personnel matters and for the prevention of needless injury to an individual(s). Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzaige-aye. Motin carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to close the executive session at 10:16 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

SE NE ADULT DRUG COURT & PROBATION DIST 1

Chief Probation Officer of District 1, Melaine Stormer presented to the Board a report on the statistics of the Probation District which showed that during the 2023 year there were 1,022 individuals supervised, 833 investigations conducted for the courts, completed 53 juvenile intakes, and conducted 21,807 drug tests for 1,205 individuals. The proposed budget for FY2024-2025 was also presented which indicates that Richardson County would provide \$11,636.34 to District 1. This is a decrease of \$112.97 from the prior year.

Chris Reece, Problem Solving Court Coordinator for the SE NE Adult Drug Court presented to the Board a report on the activity of the Drug Court this past year. In 2023 there were 8 participants from Richardson County in the SE NE Drug. The FY2024-2025 budget totaling \$34,575 funded by the counties of Pawnee, Nemaha, Johnson, Otoe, and Richardson was also presented to the Board which indicated that Richardson County would be responsible for \$9,762.96.

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SE NE ADULT DRUG COURT (Cont.)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve an interlocal agreement with Otoe, Nemaha, Johnson, and Pawnee Counties to fund the Southeast Nebraska Adult Drug Court for the 2024-2025 fiscal year at a cost to Richardson County of \$9,762.96. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 89)

HUMBOLDT SHARES, INC.

Deb Lewis, Treasurer of the Humboldt Shares, Inc. presented to the Board the quarterly report of the organization. A request was also made that the County consider the continued funding for FY2024-2025 in the amount of \$5,000.

REGION V SYSTEMS, Patrick Kreifels, Regional Administrator APACE, Matt Kasik, Director

Matt Kasik, Director of Apace, formerly known as Region V Services which provides community-based services to persons with developmental disabilities, presented to the Board the Annual Report for 2023 of the organization. He also reported that the organization will not need to request funding from Richardson County for this fiscal year which in the past has been \$14,886/year.

Laura Osborne representing the 4 County Collaborative Coordinator also updated the Board on the activity within this organization that addresses housing, childcare availability, after school support especially for ages 8-12 and other school-based endeavors, behavioral/mental health needs, resource coordination and senior citizen needs.

Patrick Kreifels, Regional Administrator of Region V Systems which provides community-based behavioral health services presented the annual report of this organization to the Board. There were 117 encounters in Richardson County serviced by Region V Systems in FY2022-2023. A request for continued funding was also made by Region V Systems for FY2024-2025 from Richardson County in the amount of \$19,674.

PAM SCOTT, CLERK OF DIST COURT

Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court presented to the Board the plan developed by the Clerk of District Court Office and District Judge, Julie Smith to dispose of books within the County Law Library pursuant to NE Rev. §51-220. She reported that activity within the law library has not been used in the past several years due to all the information being available on website services. Storage for these books is taking up much needed space for other items that are required to be maintained in county storage to comply with current records retention schedules. The books will be offered first to local law offices, then to the historical societies within the county and then eventually offered to the general public.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

A motion by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-43 to cancel check issued in error. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 87)

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Sickel to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, 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

Acton, Megan, reimb	229.01
Amazon, supp	20.48
AT&T, serv	1084.89
Brown, Patty, reimb	53.33
BuckIT, serv	2050.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	150.00
Dollar General, supp	30.00
Eickhoff, Mary, reimb	215.74
Election Source, supp	686.76
Falls City Volunteer Ambulance Squad, serv	878.80
Farm & City Supply, supp	43.98
Geocomm, fee	5750.00
Handley Law Office, serv	3704.50
CR23-86 R. Paxson, CR23-34 Z. Bokelman	
Holiday Inn, lodg	374.85
Hy-Vee, supp	169.48
Johnson County Sheriff's Office, serv	1430.00
Meyer Laboratory, supp	183.70
Midwest Auto Fire Sprinkler, serv	475.00
Miller Monroe, bond	40.00
MIPS, serv	71.25
NACO, fees	375.00
NCRAAO Conference	300.00
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	128.27
Quill, supp	1191.09
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	18.65
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	287.10
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	437.28
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	148.07
Riggs, Kim, reimb	147.40
Sapp Bros., fuel	11021.97
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	269.00
Sisco, Emily, reimb	662.23
True Value, supp	13.48
Wolfe's Printing, supp	1886.75
Election Board/Poll Worker Expense	11367.30
*****POLL WORKERS*****	
<i>Norma Arington</i>	<i>231.00</i>
<i>Thomas Bartek</i>	<i>210.00</i>
<i>Christy Berglund-Lovett</i>	<i>228.49</i>
<i>Sharon Buckminster</i>	<i>210.00</i>
<i>Joyce Burnison</i>	<i>217.00</i>
<i>Tracy Burns</i>	<i>154.00</i>
<i>Elaine Croston</i>	<i>217.00</i>
<i>Jan Deckinger</i>	<i>210.00</i>
<i>Doris DeJonge</i>	<i>217.00</i>
<i>Linda Dovel</i>	<i>267.18</i>
<i>Barbara Ebel</i>	<i>210.00</i>
<i>Jerri Elwonger</i>	<i>210.00</i>
<i>Deanna Ewing</i>	<i>217.00</i>
<i>Beverly Frederick</i>	<i>225.56</i>
<i>Judy Fritz</i>	<i>293.24</i>
<i>Mary Jane Gist</i>	<i>84.00</i>
<i>Carol Glathar</i>	<i>280.10</i>
<i>Carolyn Glathar</i>	<i>84.00</i>
<i>Victoria Gordon</i>	<i>232.56</i>
<i>Dona Hall</i>	<i>236.80</i>

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

<i>Lois Hersh</i>	253.00
<i>Gloria Hunzeker</i>	210.00
<i>Ruth Ann Huppert</i>	273.96
<i>Susan James</i>	238.14
<i>Denise Keithley</i>	147.74
<i>Barb Kelly</i>	217.00
<i>Elizabeth Ketner</i>	329.42
<i>Linda King</i>	217.00
<i>Denise Koso</i>	235.76
<i>Rita Kreifels</i>	223.40
<i>Phyllis Kreuzer</i>	224.00
<i>Denise Kurpgeweit</i>	245.00
<i>Hailey Liberty</i>	226.08
<i>Lois Luthy</i>	293.91
<i>Rick Martin</i>	28.00
<i>Nancy McKim</i>	249.02
<i>Jean McNeely</i>	210.00
<i>Carmen Mendenhall</i>	230.80
<i>Pam Mendenhall</i>	217.00
<i>Judy Miller</i>	217.00
<i>Silvano Munoz</i>	230.40
<i>Marsha O'Grady</i>	217.00
<i>Katherine Perkins</i>	243.50
<i>Mary Beth Rowell</i>	231.00
<i>Deborah Russ-Farwell</i>	229.60
<i>Ann Shafer</i>	84.00
<i>Eva Stark</i>	224.00
<i>Glenda VonBehren</i>	84.00
<i>Mary Ann Wenz</i>	210.00
<i>Lana Willman</i>	226.08
<i>Linda Winsterman</i>	224.00
<i>Kellie Workman</i>	217.00
<i>Jane Zentner</i>	225.56

TOTAL GENERAL FUND **\$45,895.36**

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Brazos Trailers, trailer	39890.00
Martin-Marietta, rock	21977.01
NPPD, serv	75.77
Quill, supp	73.14
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	13527.00
Woods & Aitken, serv	665.00
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$76,232.92

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND

Heartland Fine Arts Gallery, funding	548.50
TOTAL VISITOR'S PROMO FUND	\$548.50

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, reimb	225.12
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$225.12

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 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