

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JUNE 5, 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, June 5, 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 29, 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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. did not meet with the Board this week due to other business matters and projects happening within the County Dept. of Roads.

**SHERIFF**

Chief Deputy Sheriff, Jeremiah Franks updated the Board on the routine business at the Law Enforcement Center the week. It was reported that there was a total of 14 inmates in jail today and that for the month of May there were 49 bookings into the Jail with 3 of those from other agencies, 639 total calls for service during the month of May with 400 being traffic stops.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the Memorandum of Understanding that was presented by Ashley Fischer, Dispatch Supervisor at the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center, with the City of Falls City for Public Safety Answering Point ("PSAP") made and entered into on August 1, 2024, by and between the City of Falls City, NE hereinafter referred to as "Primary PSAP" and the County of Richardson, NE hereinafter referred to as "Secondary PSAP". Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. This matter will be considered by the City of Falls City at the next council meeting to be held on June 17.

A review was held regarding the past purchase of patrol units, the condition of the patrol units and plans to include the purchase of a patrol unit in the next fiscal year.

**OPPD**

Michaela Valentin JD, Government & Community Relations Manager of OPPD introduced to the Board Chris Meeks, Government & Community Relations Strategist who has joined OPPD in this department.

They informed and provided the Board with a general update on the generation growth that will be occurring in the next 10 years. There is also a website that is available for the citizens to inquire on the OPPD projects and to explain the future generation growth, [www.oppdcommunityconnect.com](http://www.oppdcommunityconnect.com).

**INSURANCE BIDS**

At 10:30 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the opening of sealed bids to purchase insurance coverage for Richardson County. One bid was received from Miller Farrell.

A motion was made by Sickel to accept the bid only for the purpose of further review from Miller Farrell to provide insurance for the County. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The total premium amount included on the bid was \$313,023.40, a 9.3% increase from the prior year. The increase in premium was shown to be on auto, inland marine, property and

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umbrella coverages. The information included within the bid will be reviewed further to ensure that proper coverage is included for the next policy year July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, and the Board will consider approval of the premium and coverage at the June 19, 2024, meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Monthly Operating Statement**

The Board reviewed the May 2024 monthly operating statement.

### **Fee Reports**

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

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 358.88
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$23,151.75
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$ 1,560.00

### **Sub-division**

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a sub-division for Anthony Kopf located in S24, T2, R17 and to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-44. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 90)

## **CLAIMS**

A motion was made by Karas 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**

BuckIT, serv	7322.33
Cass County Sheriff, serv	59.60
Clerk of District Court, fees	255.00
Consolidated Management Company, serv	92.30
Dept Correctional Services, serv	813.15
East Richardson Rural Water, serv	411.07
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	5820.27
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, fees	1824.00
CR23-671 B. Evans, CR24-34 S. Mackey	
Gastroenterology Specialties PC, serv	583.00
Humboldt Standard, adv	497.70
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	75.04
Koch's Auto Service, serv	169.49
Lancaster County Sheriff, fees	51.40
Lincoln Fire & Rescue Service, serv	91.45
Merz Ink, serv	540.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
Miller-Monroe, notary	40.00
MIPS, serv	3218.84
NACO, dues	1741.16
Nebraska County Attorney's Association, reg	1100.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	146.41

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Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash Acct., reimb	28.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash Acct, reimb	673.82
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	1183.23
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	423.64
Unifirst, serv	79.11
Weaver & Merz Law Office, reimb	1131.25
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$28,521.26</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Agco Finance, supp	497.89
Barco Municipal Products, supp	1670.40
Culligan of Percival, serv	80.00
East Richardson Rural Water District #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	85.86
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	17499.75
Norris Quarries, rock	7708.78
Northern Safety Co., Inc, supp	108.81
Quill LLC, supp	69.16
Rose Equipment Inc., supp	11949.30
Salem, Village of, serv	23.70
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$39,759.65</b>

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

Government Forms & Supplies, supp	200.14
MIPS, serv	315.57
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$515.71</b>

DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND

Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	220.00
<b>TOTAL DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND</b>	<b>\$220.00</b>

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Schawang Masonry, serv	1000.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. Due to the County Board members attending the Annual County Board Workshop sponsored by Nebraska Association of County Officials, the Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, June 11, 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