

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**JUNE 26, 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 26, 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 June 19, 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 minutes of the June 18, 2024, special meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2024, Board of Equalization 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 Karas. 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 road and bridge maintenance being done this week. The Board reviewed with Mr. Darveau the condition of the roads and areas that are needing rock. Correspondence was received from Vicki Jacobitz regarding some areas that are needing rock and to thank the County Road Dept. for the great job maintaining the roads.

Mr. Darveau presented to the Board 18 specific areas of brush complaints that will also be provided to the County Attorney for action with notices to be sent to the landowners.

The Board also agreed that a notice should be put in the county newspapers regarding the responsibility of landowners to mow the roadsides in July and September and to also to remove brush along the county road right-of-way.

**BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director reviewed with the Board the potential flooding that may occur along the Missouri River in the next few days. The prediction is that the river will crest at 23.8' on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 a.m. and return to 16' on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Kirkendall also reported that the Governor has declared an emergency for the counties along the Missouri River and that this action will free up resources to assist with the flood damage.

**SHERIFF**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center the past week. He reported that there are 23 inmates in the Jail today. He also reported that he assisted Pawnee County with two search warrants this past week.

A discussion was held on the repairs that need to be made to the padded cell in the jail which an inmate damaged back in April. The County is waiting on a response from the messages left with representatives from the NE Jail Standards as to approval of this major repair which is in accordance with the NE Jail Standards regulations.

**BLUE VALLEY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

John Day, Executive Director of the Blue Valley Behavioral Health presented to the Board a brief report on the services they provide here in Richardson County and to ask for the continued support in funding of \$8,000 for the next fiscal year.

The Board relayed to Mr. Day that the County needs to have a contract in place for this funding to be in compliance with auditing standards. County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel was

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in attendance for this meeting and indicated that she would draft a contract and forward to Mr. Day for Blue Valley's review.

### **MILLER FARRELL**

Scott Miller of Miller Farrell Insurance Agency reviewed with the Board the bid that was submitted for the County's insurance coverage for July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. Different options for property coverage for the Courthouse were obtained by Miller Farrell and were presented to the Board for consideration in addition to the coverage that was submitted with the bid on June 5.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the bid received at the June 5, 2024, meeting from Miller Farrell Insurance Agency for all lines of insurance coverage for Richardson County with the alternate bid that was presented to the Board today labeled as "option #4" for property coverage on the Courthouse making the total amount of premium at \$320,180 for the year. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

#### **SE NE Development District**

The Annual Report of the Southeast Nebraska Development District was submitted to the Board for review. Also included was the membership packet and the request for FY24-25 dues in the amount of \$4,192.00.

#### **Quad County Golf Association**

Motion was made by Karas to approve the applications for the additions to the facility of the Quad County Golf Association Kirkman's Lakeview Golf Course: 1) application #16018 addition of indoor area 35' X 40' and 2) application #16054 addition of indoor storage area 24' X 12'. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **Resolution 2023-2024-46 Budgets Overspent**

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-46 to approve the use of the unencumbered funds remaining within the Miscellaneous Budget of the General Fund to cover the expenses overspent in the Surveyor, Humboldt Law Enf Agreement, Communications Dispatch and Dist Court Child Support budgets in the General Fund. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 93)

#### **Joint Public Hearing Notices**

A recommendation from the NE Association of County Officials was received regarding the printing for the notices to be sent to all tax parcels of a joint public hearing if required with them recommending that CSG International do the printing for the counties.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the CSG print company as recommended by NACO for the notices of the joint public hearing if required. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-ye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **Sub-division**

A sub-division for Karen D. Ramsey, Trustee of the Ramsey Living Trust located in S7, T2, R15 will be considered at a later meeting.

#### **Other**

Funds were received for the Opioid settlement from Janssen (#4) in the amount of \$3,700.62.

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## 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

Alcohol Countermeasure Systems, supp	111.84
American AED, supp	1264.00
AT&T, serv	1084.89
BuckIT, LLC, serv	1492.00
Caverzagie, John, reimb	316.91
Centec Cast Metal Products, supp	3071.63
Clerk of District Court, reimb	18.22
Consolidated Management Company, serv	10075.26
Crowne Plaza, lodg	839.70
Culligan, serv	93.60
Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, serv	500.00
Eickhoff, Mary L., reimb	100.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	147.69
Family Medicine, supp	328.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	1805.00
CR23-98 S. Dillard	
Farm & City Supply, supp	18.36
First Concord Benefits Group, fees	224.00
Gage County Clerk, supp	39.10
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	116.58
Ligouri, Angelo, serv	133.00
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1482.29
Malcolm, Terry, serv	140.00
Mary's Appliance, supp	1115.85
Medica, ins	53263.75
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, serv	250.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9000.00
Nussbaum, Emily, reimb	131.88
ODP Business Solutions, supp	34.27
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	43.41
Ramada, lodg	214.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	75.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash Acct, reimb	304.18
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24260.15
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	269.00
Senca, funding	19718.00
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
Southeast Community College, rent	50.00
Tichy Land Survey, serv	1851.13
True Value, supp	90.88
Wolfe's Printing, supp	38.98
Payroll Expense	115918.40
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$252,030.95</b>

### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Armbruster Motor Co., serv	340.82
Mainelli Wagner & Associates, serv	2251.35
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	11415.70
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	4532.69

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ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)

UniFirst Corporation, supp	55.97
Payroll Expense	32923.58
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$51,520.11</b>

VETERAN'S AID FUND

Richardson County Veteran's Aid, transfer	1000.00
<b>TOTAL VETERAN'S AID FUND</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1200.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1200.00
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,400.00</b>

JAIL BOND REPAYMENT FUND

BOK Financial Corp., pmt	290238.75
<b>TOTAL JAIL BOND REPAYMENT FUND</b>	<b>\$290,238.75</b>

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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