

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 10, 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, July 10, 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 July 3, 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 minutes of the July 3, 2024, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

COUNTY TREASURER

County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey presented to the Board the semi-annual report for January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024.

Motion was made by Sickel to accept the semi-annual report as presented by the County Treasurer. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. was unable to meet with the Board this week.

Motion was made by Karas to approve and enter into an agreement with Felsburg, Holt and Ullevig for the Environmental Services on the Stella Southwest Project No. BRO-7074(26), bridge over Little Muddy Creek, located 2.25 miles southwest of Stella on 717 Road and to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-2 to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 95)

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center the past week. A report was approved for fees collected during the month of June, 2024 totaling \$2,277.00. He reported that there are 14 inmates being held at the Jail as of today. Discussion also included an update on the deputies and those who are in the training, upcoming grants that will be used to assist with traffic patrol and the current condition of the patrol vehicles.

Sheriff Hardesty also reported that he has assisted Pawnee County a few times in the past several weeks as they struggle to fill vacant officer positions. County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel indicated that the County should not be assisting Pawnee County without a contract in place to cover liability, etc. The Sheriff indicated that Pawnee County was drafting an agreement to be submitted to Richardson County for review.

He also provided an update to the Board on the transfer and handling of the dispatching calls that are being answered by the Richardson County Sheriff's Department which was implemented on Monday, July 8.

SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL, JERRY PIGSLEY

Jerry Pigsley, special legal counsel reviewed with the Board a petition that has been filed with the Nebraska Commission of Industrial Relations, Case #1569, by the Nebraska Association of Public Employees/AFSCME Local 61 on behalf of the employees of the Richardson County

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Roads/Highway Department on or about June 21, 2024.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to ratify and confirm that the offer presented to the Union on February 14, 2024, was the final offer from Richardson County to the NAPE/AFSCME Local 61. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

An engagement letter was signed by Chairman, John Caverzagie with the Nebraska State Auditor to perform the fiscal year end June 30, 2024, audit.

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	29.98
Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc., serv	14490.00
BuckIT, serv	475.00
Falls City Sanitation, serv	60.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, fees	3220.50
CR22-101 M.Luna, CR23-83 D. Moseley	
Farm & City Supply, supp	565.58
Handley, Dylan, fees	200.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	150.00
Koch's Auto Service, serv	2794.31
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	945.00
Pitney Bowes, supp	186.54
ProServ Business Systems, serv	419.10
Quill, supp	148.43
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	958.40
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	25407.44
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc., fuel	11989.25
Scholl Lawn & Landscape LLC, serv	613.00
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
Summit Fire Protection, serv	393.50
TK Elevator Corporation, serv	402.87
Wing, Lonnie, reimb	75.00
Payroll Expense	120791.82
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$186,345.72

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Hullman's Ford Lincoln, Inc., supp	77.88
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	6600.63
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	6852.39
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	89.64
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc, supp	60.87
Richardson County Vendor, motor fuel	2266.00
Truck Center Companies, serv	3607.93
UniFirst Corporation, supp	58.07
Payroll Expense	32310.50
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$51,923.91

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 17, 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.

John Caverzagie, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk