

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JULY 17, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice-Chairman Sickel at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas and Sickel. Commissioner Caverzagie was absent. The Invocation was given by Vice-Chairman Sickel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Sickel. Vice-Chairman Sickel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2024, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. 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-absent. 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).

**EMA DIRECTOR, BRIAN KIRKENDALL**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director reported that the generator at the Courthouse has been repaired and is operational.

**FALLS CITY EDGE**

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of the Falls City Economic Development & Growth Enterprise presented to the Board the quarterly report of the organization.

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board this week on the routine maintenance being done on the county roads and bridges. He reported that an on-site review of culverts is being done and that some will most likely need to be replaced.

Mr. Darveau also reported on the projects that will be considered for funding through the State of NE BRO project funding in which Federal funds are received by the State of NE and then distributed to counties for structure funding. Those projects are: 1) north of Strausville then east on 710 Road or west of Hwy 73/75 on 710 Road estimated cost of \$1.1 million and 2) NW of Humboldt on 717 Road estimated cost of \$1.6 million.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty was unable to meet with the Board this week.

**QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION**

The Board will conduct the quarterly jail inspection at next week's meeting.

**JERRY PIGSLEY**

Motion was Karas to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:46 a.m. with special legal counsel, Jerry Pigsley on the pending CIR case brought by NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 v. Richardson County and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 11:05 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALLVOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

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## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Grant Award with NE Dept of HHS**

Motion was made by Sickel to authorize the County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel to sign the grant award with the State of NE Department of Health & Human Services for the child support enforcement in Richardson County. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

### **Notice of Hearing Barada Tower site**

Motion was made by Karas to authorize the advertisement for a hearing to determine the fair market value of real estate located in S14, T3, R16 (Barada tower site) to be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

### **Sub-division**

Motion was made by Karas to approve subdivision for Karen D. Ramsey, Trustee of the Ramsey Living Trust located in S7, T2, R15 and to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-3. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 97)

### **Contract with Maximus**

The Board was informed that Robert Aitken, CPA would not be doing the Cost Allocation Plan for Richardson County for the fiscal year end June 30, 2023, and that the firm of Maximus has been contacted to perform this service. A contract will be forwarded to Richardson County for review and approval which will be considered at a later meeting.

### **Pledge Securities**

Motion was made by Karas to approve the replacement of the following pledge security receipts from F&M Bank: current receipts #JC93066, #JC93059, #JC93022A to be replaced with new receipts #JC93406A, #JC93066B, #JC93408B. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

### **Courthouse Roof**

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a change order adding additional costs of \$21,465.00 for the Courthouse roof replacement project to complete the Coating Stone cap by Conklin Affinity and to authorize the Chairman to sign the order when the final document is received and signed by the contractor, Skyline Construction. Motion seconded by Karas. Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

### **Other**

A report was received from the proceeds received from surplus items that have been advertised and sold through social media totaling \$46.00.

### **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-absent. Motion carried.

*(The claims listed below are available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.)*

**GENERAL FUND**

ABK Fire & Safety, serv	346.00
Charm-Tex, supp	111.10
Clerk of District Court, fee	324.00
CMC, serv	2134.93
Consolidated Management Co., serv	230.75
DAS State Accounting, serv	485.50
Falls City Mercantile, supp	440.71
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	1463.00
CR23-671 B. Evans, CR24-100 B. Winters	
Farm & City Supply, supp	38.61
Guth Laboratories, supp	20.12
Handley Law Office, serv	3439.50
JV24-5, JV24-7, JV24-9, JV23-16, JV23-20, JV23-36, JV23-27, JV23-38	
CR24-56 A. Schulenberg	
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	150.00
KexRx, supp	704.46
Miller Farrell, ins	149504.32
Morehead, Mandy, reimb	46.90
Nine-1-1 Custom, supp	1809.18
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	333.39
Physicians Laboratory, serv	3284.50
Postmaster, supp	275.80
Region V Systems, serv	30.00
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	129.80
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1181.63
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	112.00
Sentco.net, supp	342.66
SumnerOne, serv	520.45
Weaver & Merz, reimb	274.08
Wolfe's Printing, supp	6.90
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$167,810.17</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Black Hills Energy, serv	43.75
City of Humboldt, serv	91.24
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	428.61
Farm & City Supply, supp	83.01
Home City Grain, serv	3654.00
Hullman's Ford, supp	325.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	12744.12
Midwest Engineering, serv	2535.00
Miller Farrell, ins	141400.00
Mr. Automotive, supp	18.06
NPPD, serv	63.16
Norris Quarries, rock	4667.12
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	18.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	6184.91
Stella, Village of, serv	46.20
Tri-State Truck & Tractor, serv	241.97
Truck Center Companies, supp	1116.95
Woods & Aitken, serv	3686.96
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$177,348.06</b>

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**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 24, 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



