

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JULY 31, 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 31, 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 24, 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 June 24, 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. A brief discussion on the road department proposed budget was held.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board this week on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported on several different items: 1) 17 inmates currently held in the Jail; 2) reported on the progress on the implementation of the dispatch control center; 3) reported that an officer attending the Law Enforcement Academy will be graduating on August 16; 4) reported that there are active shooter drills being planned; 5) reported on the trial period with the use of 3 cell phones being utilized on a trial basis which appear to be receiving a better reception in those areas that have no service with the current cell phones being used; and 6) and also the idea of creating an outside yard for inmates to utilize for a few hours each day.

The Sheriff reported that he received notification from Bryan Tuma, Executive Director of the NE Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice that the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center has met the requirements to remain accredited under the Commission's program.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:00 a.m. with Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director; Sheriff Hardesty and Clerk Eickhoff for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to close the executive session and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**BRIAN KIRKENDALL, WEED CONTROL SUPT.**

Brian Kirkendall, Noxious Weed Control Supt reported that those areas in the County with CRP acres who don't comply with the regulations for controlling the noxious weeds by the deadline will be receiving notices of non-compliance.

He also reported that he is making plans to control the sericea lespedeza on the County owned right-of-way on 660 Avenue south of Rulo.

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**KIM RIGGS, COUNTY ASSESSOR**

Kim Riggs, County Assessor presented information to the Board regarding the Eagleview program and the flyovers. A request has been made to approve the additional expense of \$7,809.00 to complete the flyovers every 2 years instead of 3 years. This would help with determining new construction/improvements and removal of structures for assessment purposes.

The Board did not make a decision on this request at this time.

**Consider NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 Final Offer**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reject the NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 final offer dated February 14, 2024, and February 21, 2024. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Maximus Cost Allocation Plan**

A motion was made by Sickel to approve an agreement with Maximus to prepare the Cost Allocation Plan for Richardson County for FY end 2023, 2024 and 2025. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**Grant Award from NE Dept of Health & Human Services for Clk Dist Court**

A motion was made by Karas to authorize Clerk of District Court, Pam Scott to sign the Grant Award with the State of NE Department of Health and Human Services for the Child Support Enforcement in Richardson County for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2029, for a total of \$50,737.00. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**Other**

A check was received from the NE Public Power District in the amount of \$75,850.00 to assist with funding of the Emergency Management Agency for fiscal year 2024-2025.

The FY2024-2025 preliminary budget document was presented to the County Board by the budget-making authority, Mary L. Eickhoff, Richardson County Clerk. The Board will be holding hearings with all department officials to review their budget requests.

**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**

Charm-Tex	9.18
Consolidated Management Co., serv	104.15
DAS State Accounting, serv	163.18
Dept. of Correctional Services, serv	3336.93
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	334.66
Farm & City Supply, supp	79.56
Home Again, fee	24.99
Nebraska.gov, fee	87.00
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	24.21

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	670.46
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	494.00
SNC, serv	1068.07
SumnerOne, serv	148.01
Unifirst, serv	79.11
Verizon, serv	303.74
Weaver & Merz, reimb	225.40
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$7,200.65</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	46.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	28727.63
Norris Quarries, rock	7313.48
OPPD, serv	85.23
Register of Deeds, fee	56.00
Rose Equipment, supp	2017.15
Sapp Bros., fuel	1407.06
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$39,652.55</b>

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

Government Forms & Supplies, supp	548.99
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEED P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$548.99</b>

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS

SNC, serv	155.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$155.00</b>

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. 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