

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 14, 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, August 14, 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 Karas to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-abstain, 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website 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. Included in the update was a report on the progress and status being made on the brush complaint notices that were sent to those landowners who were in non-compliance of the statutory requirements for maintaining roadside brush. Mr. Darveau reported that approximately 90% of those notices that were sent were coming into compliance.

The Board also reviewed with Mr. Darveau the requested FY24-25 budget and presented to him the County Board's proposed reductions to the proposal.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center the past week. It was reported that there are 8 inmates currently being held in the Jail with 2 of those being held for other agencies. Deputies will be working overtime during the period of August 16 through September 2 which will be reimbursed through grant funding received from the NE Department of Transportation.

The Sheriff also reported that he had received a report from the Nebraska Crime Stoppers regarding agriculture implements on county road right-of-way causing hazardous conditions for traffic who utilize this roadway, located near the intersection of 657 Avenue and 709 Road. Board members will be making a trip to this site to review and will make a report back to the Sheriff to remedy a solution to this problem.

Sheriff Hardesty also requested the need for an executive session to discuss personnel matters and the Board instructed the Sheriff that this could be held at approximately 11:00 a.m.

COUNTY TREASURER

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer reviewed with the Board the requested FY24-25 budget for the County Treasurer's Office.

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Kim Riggs, County Assessor reviewed with the Board the requested FY24-25 budget for the County Assessor's Office.

Motion was by Sickel to approve an agreement with Pritchard & Abbott to provide professional appraisal services for oil and gas mineral interest for tax years 2025 & 2026. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Kaytlyn Kennedy, Extension Educator reviewed with the Board the requested FY24-25 budget for the Cooperative Extension Service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Karas to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:55 a.m. with the Sheriff Hardesty and Clerk Eickhoff to discuss personnel matters and for the protection of the reputation of an individual(s). Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 11:25 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

1% Additional Budget Authority

Motion made by Sickel to approve the 1% budget authority for FY2024-2025 pursuant to Nebraska Revised State Statute 13-519(2). Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Barada Tower

Motion was made by Caverzagie to authorize the advertisement to offer for sale a county parcel of 1.35 acres located in S14, T3, R16 (Barada tower site) on September 11, 2024. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Caverzagie 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

Buchholz, Daryl, fee	56.18
Consolidated Management Co., serv	133.15
Datashield, serv	13.60
Douglas County Sheriff, serv	24.20
ES&E, supp	255.20
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	75.96
Falls City Journal, adv	1097.84
Falls City Mercantile, supp	147.69
Farm & City Supply, supp	106.12
Geyer, Lucas, reimb	66.50
Hullman's Ford, serv	475.80
Karas, Rick, fee	56.18
Koch's Auto Service, serv	360.36
Merz Ink, serv	126.96
Meyer Laboratory, supp	423.85
Nine-1-1 Custom, supp	1778.13
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	290.36
Postmaster, supp	292.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	27.35
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	124.00

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	157.00
SNC, serv	1082.29
SumnerOne, serv	110.67
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1104.68
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$8,455.95

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Cornhusker International Trucks, supp	1937.83
Farm & City Supply, supp	246.62
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	15484.15
Mr. Automotive, supp	16.28
Norris Quarries, rock	4634.03
Rueter's, supp	142.98
SNC, serv	104.11
Truck Center Companies, supp	1709.59
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$24,275.59

COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND

Richardson County, rent	25.00
TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND	\$25.00

COUNTY VISITOR'S IMPROV FUND

Richardson County Historical Society, funding	1500.00
Verdon, Village of, funding	5000.00
TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR'S IMPROV FUND	\$6,500.00

DRUG COURT FUND

Attoungle, Ashley, reimb	80.40
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$80.40

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Falls City Edge, funding	7500.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$7,500.00

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv	2257.63
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$2,257.63

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:49 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 21, 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