

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 21, 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 21, 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 August 14, 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 Board of Equalization minutes of the August 14, 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 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to go into an executive session at 9:05 a.m. with Sheriff Hardesty and EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall 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 Caverzagie to close the executive session at 9:15 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Sickel. Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Commissioner Karas had requested that County Officials and Department Heads meet for a discussion and review of the FY2024-2025 budget with regards to the recent changes that were passed by the NE Legislature in the special session that will take affect on July 1, 2025.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week.

A quote was received from Midwest Infrastructure, Inc. of Lincoln, NE to make repairs and improvements to the bridge that leads into the County Shop area. They can start the project September 1, 2024, at \$49,385.35.

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 10 inmates currently being held in the Jail. A report for fees collected during the month of July 2024, totaling \$1,736.49 was also submitted and approved by the Board.

Motion was made by Karas to approve a quote of \$7,575.00 from Campbell Construction for the repairs to be made to the ceilings in the holding cells. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

JOE BUCKMINSTER, COUNTY IT

Joe Buckminster, County IT reported to the Board on a quote received from Electronic Contracting Company of Lincoln to make improvements to the electronic control programming and stations at the Law Enforcement Center. He also reported that he has made every effort to work with the current provider of the system, Sweeper, but they are not very responsive to

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getting things done and do not have good support service. Some of the current equipment has failed during the past year and it has been very difficult to get these items repaired, issues resolved and/or some equipment parts replaced. The software programming in the system has become outdated and support on it has been difficult to obtain. He reported that with the quote from Electronic Contracting Company (ECC), a support system for several years is included within the proposal with an option to renew it.

Motion was made by Caverzagie that pursuant to NE Revised State Statute 23-3109 to waive the bidding requirements as an emergency does exist which threatens serious loss of life, health and property in the county and, to approve the update with the electronic control programming and stations within the Law Enforcement Center and to approve a quote from Electronic Contracting Company in the amount of \$251,388.45 which will include equipment, installation and support and a maintenance contract. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

FALLS CITY OUTREACH OFFICE SENCA

Sherry Huddleston reported on the activity of the SENCA Falls City Outreach Office for the past several months. Volunteer, Kathy Gulland was also present for the meeting.

RICHARDSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Leon Wilhelm representing the Richardson County Historical Society presented to the Board the annual financial report from the past year and the request for continued support of \$10,000 for the organization.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Samantha Scheitel, County Attorney reviewed the FY2024-2025 budget request for the County Attorney's Office with the Board.

A proposed agreement with Blue Valley Behavioral Health was also reviewed.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to not approve the agreement between Richardson County Board of Commissioners and Blue Valley Behavioral Health. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Board continued the review of the budget requests submitted by all the county departments and made changes to arrive at the County Board's proposed budget for FY2024-2025. The County Board's proposed budget for each department will be returned to each office and/or department before next week's meeting. The Board will review the proposed budget further at next week's meeting.

The Public Budget Hearing has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Karas to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 11:37 a.m. with Samantha Scheitel, County Attorney, Sheriff Hardesty and Clerk Eickhoff to discuss possible litigation and for the protection of the public interest. 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 12:16 p.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Transfer of Funds

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-9 to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$150,000. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 103)

Veterans Service Committee Appointment

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reappoint Terry Malcolm to the Veterans Service Committee for a term of 5 years beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2029. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

Armbruster Motor Co., serv	147.95
AT&T, serv	1236.68
Brite, supp	13524.00
Clerk of District Court, fees	295.00
CMC, serv	3427.49
Consolidated Management, serv	9620.70
Culligan, serv	192.40
DAS State Accounting, serv	485.50
Eldridge, Terri, serv	800.00
Falls City Journal, adv	81.38
Falls City Mercantile, supp	236.50
Falls City Sanitation, serv	60.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	51.96
First Concord, fees	235.00
Handley Law Office, serv	190.00
JV24-9	
Humboldt Standard, adv	165.57
KexRx, supp	525.82
Ligouri, Angelo, serv	905.50
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1434.33
Medica, ins	55571.34
Nemaha County Sheriff, serv	2145.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9000.00
OPPD, serv	96.74
Principal, pmt	73.57
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Ramada Inn, lodg	214.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	31.36
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	84.73
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	649.16
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24184.15
Sapp Bros., fuel	5460.28
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	112.00
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

True Value, supp	41.76
Wolfe's Printing, supp	238.77
Payroll Expense	114755.99
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$248,322.63

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	40.89
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	16181.36
NMC, supp	344.75
NPPD, serv	94.74
Norris Quarries, rock	8683.00
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	89.94
Powerplan, supp	35.18
Sapp Bros., fuel	23848.51
Seton, supp	935.90
Truck Center Companies, supp	1344.65
Unifirst, supp	58.45
Woods & Aitken, serv	9334.41
Payroll Expense	32326.33
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$93,318.11

DRUG COURT FUND

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

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

County Treasurer, transfer	150000.00
Motorola, pmt	24681.40
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$174,681.40

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 12:39 p.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 28, 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