

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SEPTEMBER 4, 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, September 4, 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 28, 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 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 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.

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-10 to authorize the Chairman to sign the Annual Certification of Program Compliance with the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications & Standards. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 105)

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center the past week. It was reported that the State Jail Standards will be doing the annual inspection of the facility on October 2.

A report was given on the activity that was done during the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" grant period of August 16 through September 2 in which there were a total of 509 total calls received which includes 48 arrests made (7 from other agencies and 41 from the Sheriff Office and 363 traffic stops. The total statistics for August were calls for service at 1,028 which includes 562 traffic stops, 58 arrests (10 from other agencies and 48 from Sheriff Office).

**BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director met with the Board to review the grant application for the State of NE Emergency Program grant funding (EMPG).

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the 2024 EMPG job description and salary verification form to provide with the Fiscal Year 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) sub-recipient application form in which \$72,491.51 is being requested by Richardson County EMA. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**COOPER NUCLEAR STATION, Brownville, NE**

Kimberly Tanner, Emergency Preparedness Offsite Coordinator with the Cooper Nuclear Station at Brownville, NE presented to the Board a report on the station which included their plans to transition to the Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS). IPAWS is FEMA's national system for local alerting that provides authenticated emergency and life-saving information to the public through mobile phones using Wireless Emergency Alerts, to radio and television via the Emergency Alert System, and on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Weather Radio. This will eventually eliminate NPPD to no longer maintain sirens located in the 10-mile radius of Cooper Nuclear Station which impacts Shubert and the Indian Cave State Park.

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**IAN SHADA, ALLIANT INSURANCE SERVICES, INC.**

Ian Shada of Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. met with the Board to review the employee health insurance needs and current options of coverage. He informed the Board that he could prepare a quote for coverage options that Alliant offers for review and consideration at renewal.

**BEACON BID**

Joseph Harry of Beacon Bid requested to visit with the Board via teleconference regarding the services that they have to offer with assisting public entities with the solicitation of obtaining bids for supplies and services, etc. The Board relayed to Mr. Harry that Richardson County would not have a need for these services at this time.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Fee Reports**

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of August, 2024:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 112.75
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$11,036.00
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist. Court	\$ 1,581.00

**Appointment of Special Legal Counsel**

Motion was made by Karas to appoint Jerry Pigsley as special legal counsel to represent Richardson County for Case No 1569 with the Court of Industrial Relations filed by the NE Association of Public Employees/AFSCME Local 61, Road Department Union. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-ye, 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**

BuckIT, serv	7005.46
Crowne Plaza, lodg	449.85
Culligan, serv	33.60
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	300.70
Falls City Journal, adv	455.18
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	6792.50
CR24-98 T. Alexander, CR24-107 R. Merryman, CR24-58 R. Prentice, Cr24-108 C. Smith, CR24-101 A. Tull, JV22-14, JV22-38, JV23-37, JV23-38, JV 23-20, JV21-17, JV21-20, JV21-19	
Handley Law Office, serv	3334.50
CR24-275 D. Charles, CR24-38 C. Anderson, CR24-59 S. O'Banion, CR24-60 S. Vice	
Karas, Rick, reimb	352.15
Kawres SuperStore, supp	90.00
MIPS, serv	3277.10
Morehead, Mandy, reimb	38.86
Nemaha County Sheriff's Office, serv	18.50
Otoe County Sheriff's Office, serv	12.50

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GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Quill, supp	384.78
Red Willow County Sheriff's Office, serv	19.40
Region V Systems, serv	1284.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	10.24
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	339.27
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	25743.96
Riggs, Kim, reimb	314.90
Samuelson, Elizabeth, serv	3116.00
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	650.00
Scott, Pamela, reimb	23.05
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
SumnerOne, serv	41.04
Unifirst, serv	87.94
Verizon, serv	303.74
Payroll Expense	121558.53
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$178,077.75</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan, serv	70.00
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	432.53
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	22932.49
NPPD, serv	31.58
Norris Quarries, rock	5706.78
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	145.50
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	195.92
Powerplan, supp	163.52
Salem, Village of, serv	22.85
Truck Center Companies, supp	922.48
Unifirst, serv	54.70
Verdon, Village of, serv	31.86
Payroll Expense	31591.56
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$62,341.77</b>

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	319.05
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$319.05</b>

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will be holding the Public Budget Hearing on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, September 11, 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