

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 9, 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, October 9, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas and Sickel. Commissioner Caverzagie was absent. Vice-Chairman Sickel gave the invocation and Commissioner Karas led the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 October 2, 2024, 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 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. He reported that staff is beginning to install the new posts and stop signs that were purchased through the NE Department of Transportation Statewide Stop Sign Program which is 100% funded. Crews are also working on cleaning out ditches. Future equipment purchases were also discussed.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall presented to the Board an emergency declaration from a high-water event that occurred on June 19, 2024, causing severe damage to public and private property, disruption of utility service, and endangerment of health and safety of the citizens of Richardson County within the disaster area.

Motion was made by Karas to declare a state of emergency for the high-water event of June 19, 2024, authorized under NE §81-829.50 which will make possible application to the State of Nebraska for assistance from the Governor's Emergency Fund to assist public organizations and individuals who have experienced financial loss. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Cost Allocation Plan

Motion was made by Sickel to accept the Cost Allocation Plan for the fiscal year end June 30, 2023, that was prepared by Maximus. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

Other

Commissioner Karas presented correspondence from Stan and Joan Stalder from Humboldt which included a donation of \$200 for the Richardson County Sheriff's Department to purchase candy and other items for distribution to the youth during community events which the Department participates in.

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.

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

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

GENERAL FUND

Amazon, supp	171.39
Auburn Newspapers, adv	20.00
Bahr, Dennis, serv	500.00
BuckIT, serv	7005.46
Falls City Journal, adv	229.33
Farm & City Supply, supp	762.45
Gage County Treasurer, serv	11636.34
Handley Law Office, serv	1406.00
CR24-77 M. Bratsovsky, CR24-159 A. Pelletier	
Hunzeker, Greg, serv	600.00
Jim Hill's, serv	210.00
Maximus US Services, serv	2500.00
Pawnee Republican, adv	20.00
Pitney Bowes, serv	186.54
ProServ Business Systems, serv	270.03
Quill, supp	205.92
Region V Systems, serv	4168.50
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	569.80
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1674.54
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	112.00
SNC, serv	1058.56
SumnerOne, serv	128.63
Tecumseh Chieftain, adv	19.00
Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters, serv	249.65
True Value, supp	30.93
Ultra-Chem, supp	213.75
Unifirst, serv	87.94
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1226.75
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$35,263.51

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

East Richardson Rural Water District #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	356.11
K.C. Bobcat, supp	351.28
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	11197.92
NPPD, serv	31.58
Norris Quarries, rock	11229.07
NMC, serv	2308.25
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	223.00
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	80.76
Powerplan, supp	26.84
Richardson County Vendor, tax	2719.00
Salem, Village of, serv	22.00
SNC, serv	107.20
Truck Center Companies, supp	341.27
Verdon, Village of, serv	33.52
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$29,093.80

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, October 16, 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.

John Caverzagie, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk