

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 23, 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, October 23, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. Chairman Caverzagie gave the Invocation and Vice-Chairman Sickel led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room. It was also noted that in the absence of County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff that Deputy County Clerk, Stacey Bailey would be serving as Secretary for this meeting.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2024, meeting with a change in the 1st sentence from Sickel to Caverzagie and the remainder as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the October 16, 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 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

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this past week. It was reported that the new stop signs were being installed.

Mr. Darveau also reported that the response and compliance has been good with the landowners who have received notices regarding the overhanging and overgrown brush along the road right-of-way. Additional notices are being prepared to be sent to additional landowners in the next month.

Information was also presented to the Board for consideration regarding the possibility of leasing a loader from NE Machinery Company or Murphy Tractor. This will be discussed further at the next meetings.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business at the Law Enforcement Center the past week. It was reported there were 12 inmates currently held in the jail.

Notification was also received that the E-Citation grant has been received in the amount of approximately \$20,300 for the purchase of equipment in which the county must contribute \$5,000 of this amount.

Discussion was also held on the upcoming renewal of the Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Humboldt in August of 2025.

The quote received from Jim Hill's regarding the plans to create an enclosure at the jailer observation area from the countertop to the ceiling with a metal frame and Marguard was further discussed. More research and planning will be done this week and reviewed further at next week's meeting.

COUNTY ASSESSOR

County Assessor, Kim Riggs presented to the Board a contract with Lake Mac Assessment. It was determined that this contract needed to be reviewed by the County Attorney before the County Board would consider.

It was also reported to the Board that the Assessor's Office are reviewing the commercial properties.

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SE NE COMMUNITY ACTION

Shannon McQueen of the SENCA Head Start program in Falls City presented to the Board an update on the activity and success of the program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Sickel to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:15 .am. with EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall; Sheriff Hardesty; Deputy Sheriff, Jeremiah Franks; Patty Brown, Deputy of Elections and Stacey Bailey, Deputy County Clerk 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 Karas 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.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Notification was received from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency that Richardson County has been awarded the 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$39,092.39 (EMK-2024-EP-05001 / 97.042).

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

Amazon, supp	13.61
AT&T, serv	1271.56
Farm & City Supply, supp	29.98
Handley Law Office, serv	1206.50
CR23-117 S. Watkins	
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1487.56
Medica, ins	59748.16
Merz, Douglas, reimb	430.70
Midwest Special Services, serv	410.70
NCEA, dues	120.00
Nestor & Mercure, reimb	300.00
Physicians Laboratory, serv	3174.00
Principal Life, ins	36.79
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	112.00
Tedder Industries, supp	180.19
Tyler Technologies, serv	898.00
Unifirst, serv	87.94
Universal Medical, supp	4122.06
UNL, reimb	4902.16
Vision Care Direct, ins	3.72
Wolfe's Printing, supp	165.04
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$78,700.67

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ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	40.99
Capital Business Systems, serv	527.36
Capital One Trade Credit, supp	406.91
Falls City Journal, adv	66.00
Myers Tire Supply, supp	94.70
NPPD, serv	136.85
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Safety-Kleen Systems, supp	390.70
Sapp Bros., fuel	6859.03
Truck Center Companies, truck	159250.00
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$167,797.54

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, October 30, 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

Stacey Bailey, Deputy County Clerk