

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 30, 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 30, 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.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the October 23, 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 Karas. 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.

COUNTY TREASURER

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey presented to the Board the distress warrant report for 2023 taxes due. A total of 2 distress warrants have been issued and will be presented to the County Sheriff to pursue collection. Motion was made by Karas to approve the 2023 distress warrant report as presented and authorize the Sheriff to pursue collection. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. It was reported that the truck purchased from has been delivered and is in working operation. The crews are continuing to put up the new stop signs.

Information was also received on the possible purchase of a loader and doing the finance through the NACO lease purchase program to help with budgeting plans that may be affected by LB34 of the special session of the legislature in 2024. This matter will be reviewed further.

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 were 13 inmates in jail today. Deputies will be putting in some overtime during November 17 through November 23 through the Make It Click grant through the .

Motion was made by Karas to approve the purchase of 4 in-car computers and programs from Brite in the amount of \$20,362.00 which \$15,271.50 will be reimbursed to Richardson County through the Nebraska Dept. of Highway Safety "Improving Data Mini-Grant" with

matching funds from the County of \$5,000. Motion was seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A revised quote was reviewed from Jim Hill's to create an enclosure at the jailor observation area at the Law Enforcement Center which will include the installation of the frame and ¼" marguard as stated with the quote dated 10/24/24 making the total cost of \$11,000. Motion was made by Sickel to approve the revised quote with ¼" marguard for this enclosure of the jailor observation area from Jim Hill's at the price of \$11,000. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A discussion was also held regarding the jail meals and alternatives to providing and further research is being done.

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Kim Riggs, County Assessor presented to the Board the Contract for Services with Lake Mac Assessment, LLC of Ogallala, NE. The contract is to provide appraisal maintenance for Richardson County Assessor and help to build and adjust appraisal models in the CAMA (Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal) system for the county commercial properties. To provide five, four-hour WebEx appraisal maintenance trainings to the Assessor to create/adjust depreciation tables for the commercial properties in Richardson County. The amount of the contract is \$2,500.00.

Motion was made by Karas to approve and enter in the contract as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Kristy Richardson, EMA Deputy Director presented to the Board the Annual Verification of Emergency Plan Letters of Agreement between Richardson County, NE and Nebraska Public Power District (Cooper Nuclear Station).

Motion was made by Sickel that with no changes to the Richardson County Emergency Response Plan to authorize the Chairman to sign the Annual Verification form as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

FC EDGE

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of the FC EDGE presented to the Board the quarterly report and the activity of the organization. With a group of approximately 14 interested citizens in attendance for this report, Mr. Froeschl elaborated on agreements that are in place to develop the Mid-America Rail Campus which is being planned for a location south of Falls City and the discussion with potential prospects.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Audit Report

The Fiscal Year End June 30, 2024, audit report was received from the Nebraska State

Auditor dated June 30, 2024.

NACO Lease Purchase

Motion was made by Sickel to pursue a NACO Lease purchase plan to cover the expense of the replacement of the electronic system at the Law Enforcement Center to be installed by Electronic Contracting Company of Lincoln in the amount of \$251,..... Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Sickel. 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.)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will not be meeting on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, due to the General Election week. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, November 13, 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

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