

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 20, 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, November 20, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. Chairman Caverzagie gave the Invocation and Commissioner 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 November 13, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting of November 13, 2024, as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE Karas-abstain, 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.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. He reported that there have been 2 persons hired and began employment with the Department with the possibility of 1 more being hired with experience operating a motor grader.

Mr. Darveau also reported that quotes have been received and that a Henderson dump box was ordered at a price of \$44,014.00. A second dump box has been ordered with Bebo for delivery next year as the manufacturer is about 40 weeks out for delivery.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business at the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that deputies will be participating in the "Drive Sober, Get Pulled Over" grant that provides for payment of overtime to deputies working from December 13, 2024 – January 1, 2025.

A review of the Humboldt Law Enforcement Contract was held and the information that was received from the Humboldt City Council meeting that Sheriff Hardesty attended last week. Sheriff Hardesty proposed an amount to the City Council for consideration for the next contract period which will begin September 1, 2025, at a price of \$103,000/year with a 5% increase each year for a 3-year contract period. The Humboldt City Council came back with a price of \$94,000/year with a 2% increase each year for a 5-year contract period.

The Board responded that consideration may be given to the City's proposal if a clause would be included within the contract to cover the County's expense if salary increases were more than the 2% increase as stated in a contract.

Motion was made by Sickel to authorize the Sheriff to proceed with the development of a contract with the City of Humboldt at a price of \$94,000/year with a 2% increase each year for a 5-year contract period and that a clause shall be included that if it is necessary that a salary increase for this deputy should exceed the 2% that the City would incur the additional cost for that year, and that this contract shall be presented to the Humboldt City Council prior to the new contract period of September 1, 2025 for approval. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Sheriff Hardesty also reported that he is obtaining quotes from 2 different companies to upgrade the generators at the Law Enforcement Center.

The Sheriff is also meeting with the Village of Stella on December 2 to discuss with them ordinance enforcement within the Village and the possibility of developing an agreement for the County Sheriff to carry out this enforcement. The Sheriff indicated that if there is an agreement developed that it would be charged on a "per call" basis.

The staff at the Law Enforcement Center has also been reviewing the different options to provide for the inmate meals. The current contract with Consolidated Management Company

goes through October, 2025, with a buy-out clause. The plan is to staff more jailers which would meet the Jail Standards recommendation and that these jailers would also be in charge of preparing the inmate meals.

There has also been some discussion of hiring an additional dispatcher.

COUNTY TREASURER

Motion was made by Karas to approve the pledge security replacement as presented by County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey: pledge security receipt #JC93034B from F&M Bank to replace the following receipts #JC93026C and #JC93010C. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

iCrimeFighter

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the final contract and order with At-Scene LLC for the purchase of application from iCrimeFighter Enterprise which is a mobile and web-based evidence gathering application for the County Attorney Office. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

NACO Lease Purchase

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-18 regarding Richardson County to enter into a lease purchase agreement with NACO and D.A. Davidson for the purpose of electronic upgrades at the County Jail to be completed by Electronic Contracting Company of Lincoln, NE. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 17)

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

Ankrom, Jami, reimb	294.20
AT&T, serv	1681.35
Consolidated Management Co., serv	10000.65
Country Inn & Suites, lodg	428.00
Culligan, serv	110.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	1187.62
Falls City Journal, adv	39.71
Falls City Mercantile, supp	356.24.
Farm & City Supply, supp	66.68
Good News Assembly of God, rent	200.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	322.50
Kawres, supp	63.75
KexRx, supp	401.08
Koch's Auto, serv	906.39
Kuker, Frances, serv	1000.00
Malcolm, Terry, serv	280.00
MIPS, supp	1503.00
NACO, fee	160.00

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

NE Health & Human Services, serv	93.00
OPPD, serv	33.08
O'Reilly, supp	123.97
Positive Concepts, supp	450.00
Quill, supp	237.95
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	196.00
Spartan Nash, supp	51.80
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, rent	100.00
TK Elevator Corp., serv	555.65
Unifirst, serv	87.94
Wolfe's Printing, supp	35.30
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$21,013.86

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Baker's Gas & Welding Supplies, supp	101.79
Black Hills Energy, serv	41.98
Capital One Trade Credit, supp	24.90
Concrete Industries, supp	870.00
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	20.16
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	16275.69
NPPD, serv	136.85
Norris Quarries, rock	6432.12
Northern Safety Co., supp	85.78
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	4378.87
Unifirst, supp	40.88
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$28,434.02

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv	1250.48
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$1,250.48

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, November 27, 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

