

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 11, 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, December 11, 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 December 4, 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 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.

CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING ZONING REGULATIONS

Commissioner Karas requested that a discussion be held regarding the implementation of zoning within Richardson County. Those present for this discussion were Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. and Assessor, Kim Riggs. County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel was also in attendance.

Motion was made by Karas to move on with the process to update the County's Comprehensive Plan and meet with the County Planning Commission to start the process to adopt and implement zoning regulations in Richardson County. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on the county roads and bridges this past week. He reported that equipment is being prepared for snow removal. The 1&6 Year Road plan is being developed and structures that are planned for being repaired and/or replaced were reviewed.

Phil Bletscher was present for this meeting to express a few concerns with county roads.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. Patrol vehicle maintenance and repairs that are being done were discussed. Research is also being done on providing generator service to the entire area of the Law Enforcement Center when electrical service is down. Currently only the jail and a portion of the dispatch area is being serviced.

The grant funds provided for through the Nebraska Department of Transportation, Highway Safety "Drive Sober Get or Get Pulled Over" begins December 13, 2024, through January 1, 2025. Deputies will be working overtime during this period which will be funded by this grant.

The Sheriff will be meeting next week with the Village Board of Trustees of Stella and Dawson to review the possibility of the Sheriff's Department to provide a service on a flat rate per call to enforce certain ordinances.

4 COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES PROGRAM

Linda Volker from Nemaha County presented the grant application for the Four County Juvenile Services Program. The Four County Community Plan needed to be redone this year which will remain in effect from 2025 through 2029. The Four County Collaborative Team meets every 6 weeks and the grant, and the plan will be considered for approval at next week's meeting.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to enter into 2 Memorandums of Understanding with Johnson, Pawnee, Nemaha and Richardson Counties to approve that Nemaha County apply for

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County Juvenile Services Aid Program Funds (LB640) and that Nemaha County will be responsible in the distribution of grant funds, quarterly program reporting, and financial reporting and to implement the planned services throughout the four-county area per the Comprehensive Juvenile Services Community Plan developed by the Four-County Juvenile Justice Team plan. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 21)

HUMBOLDT SHARES, INC.

Mark Joy of Humboldt Shares, Inc. presented to the Board the quarterly report of the organization.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Cancel Check Resolution

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-20 to cancel a check that was issued in error. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 19)

Audit Engagement Letter

Motion was made by Caverzagie to enter into an agreement engagement letter with the Nebraska State Auditor to perform the fiscal year end audit for the years 2025, 2026 and 2027. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 20)

Official County Newspaper

Motion was made by Karas to designate the Falls City Journal as the official county newspaper for 2025. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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	420.76
At-Scene, serv	9000.00
BuckIT, serv	7345.46
Culligan, serv	93.60
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	4004.57
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	1938.00
CR24-112 T. Alexander, CR24-98 T. Alexander, CR24-107 R. Merryman, JV22-38, JV23-37, JV23-38, JV24-18, JV24-17, JV24-19	
Farm & City Supply, supp	36.98
Handley Law Office, serv	5329.50
CR24-72 D. Stone, CR24-111 A. Gibson, CR24-87 A. Gibson, CR24-88 A. Gibson, CR 24-93 N. Meyer	
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
MIS, serv	110.00
NE State Auditor, serv	15994.93

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Quill, supp	334.90
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	8.68
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	765.60
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	982.93
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	26103.53
Sapp Bros., fuel	249.01
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	150.00
SNC, serv	1082.46
Spartan Nash, supp	38.81
Washington County Sheriff, serv	46.00
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1139.75
Payroll Expense	122914.74
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$198,160.21

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

ABK Fire & Safety, serv	477.00
Ace Irrigation, supp	19622.40
Bruna Implement, supp	479.90
Falls City Journal, adv	73.21
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	330.38
Harmon's OK Tire, serv	155.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	7714.40
Mr. Automotive, supp	31.05
NPPD, serv	31.58
Norris Quarries, rock	4500.04
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	130.00
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	630.24
PowerPlan, supp	697.08
Salem, Village of, serv	22.85
SNC, serv	102.23
Unifirst, serv	53.12
Verdon, Village of, serv	33.52
Woods & Aitken, serv	840.00
Payroll Expense	33909.20
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$69,853.20

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Motorola, pmt	12340.70
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$12,340.70

JAIL BOND REPAY FUND

BOK Financial Corp., int	8638.75
TOTAL JAIL BOND REPAY FUND	\$8,638.75

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. Due to the Nebraska Association of County Officials Conference next week, the Board will meet again on Tuesday, December 17, 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

