



Richardson County Board Minutes



RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sickel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2013. Roll call was answered by Standerford, Davidson and Sickel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sickel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Davidson. Chairman Sickel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2013, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting of September 10, 2013. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse on the First Floor Lobby, the Commissioner's Meeting Room, the Third Floor of the Sheriff's Office and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPT.

Scott Huppert, Highway Superintendent, updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week.

An update on the Preston Road hard surfacing project was given. The recent rains have caused a setback on the project. Mr. Huppert also reported that recent bridge inspections by the State and Federal agencies went well and that the County appears to be in compliance.

A safety meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 4 at 7:30 a.m. Mr. Huppert also informed the Board that Steve Darveau, Jr. will be the safety coordinator for the Road and Bridge Department and will be the representative on the County's Safety Committee.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Sickel presented the proof of publication and declared that the public budget hearing was open to receive public comment regarding the FY2013-2014 budget.

Ralph Huettner, Veterans Service Officer was present for the meeting and made comment at the hearing. One person from the media was present. No other persons from the public were in attendance.

Chairman Sickel closed the hearing at 10:07 a.m.

ADOPT FY2013-2014 BUDGET

Motion was made by Standerford to adopt Resolution 2013-2014-5 to formally adopt the FY2013-2014 budget. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 20, Page 77)

PUBLIC HEARING TO SET TAX RATE

At 10:15 a.m. Chairman Sickel presented the proof of publication and declared that the public hearing be opened to receive input from the public regarding the tax rate for Richardson County



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to be set at a different rate than the prior year.

One person from the media was in attendance. No one from the public appeared at the hearing. Chairman Sickel closed the hearing at 10:20 a.m.

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SET TAX RATE FOR 2013

Motion was made by Davidson to adopt Resolution 2013-2014-6 to set the tax rate for the tax year 2013 for Richardson County at .364761, a decrease from the 2012 tax rate of .389684. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 20, Page 78)

COUNTY TREASURER

County Treasurer, Austin Duerfeldt and Deputy Treasurer, Amanda Young requested to meet with the Board to present further information on a refund of personal property taxes to Black Hills Energy.

Motion was made by Davidson pursuant to NE §77-1736.06 regarding the refund of personal property taxes paid by Black Hills Energy for the tax years 2009 and 2010 after Nebraska Department of Revenue ruling regarding valuation of the company's personal property, to authorize the County Treasurer's Office to send a notice regarding such refund to those political subdivisions affected but to waive such notice to those entities whose share of the refund is less than \$200.00, ESU#4, Nemaha Natural Resources District, Humboldt Rural Fire and the Ag Society. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

The 2011 uncollected distress warrant report was also submitted to the Board in which 5 warrants are still to be collected totaling \$6,605.25. A report was also submitted to the Board detailing the remaining real estate taxes to be paid for 2012 at \$885,926.06 or 93.7% having been collected and the remaining personal property taxes for 2012 at \$21,532.99 or 98.7% having been collected.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Armory Roof

Motion was made by Davidson to award the bid for the re-roof on the Armory building to Roofers Inc of Nebraska City for a total bid price of \$40,384.85. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The start date for this project is October 1, 2013 and is projected to be completed within 15 days.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Davidson to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today and to continue to hold the claim to the City of Falls City for \$192.50 for further information. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

Armbruster Motor Co., serv	209.85
Auditor of Public Accounts, audit	18742.40
Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance	47925.77
Comfort Inn, serv	147.82
Brian Dixon, reimb	106.99
F&M Bank, supp	10.00



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FC Family Practice, serv	115.00
FC Journal, adv	54.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, fee	119.40
Farm & City Supply, supp	84.13
James Gerweck, reimb	1103.00
Halbert, Dunn & Halbert, fee	580.00
Sterling Lampe, serv	145.00
Larrys Auto Service, serv	50.00
Ligouri Law Office, fee	417.98

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Madison Nat'l Life, insur	13.53
Meyer Home Center, serv	56.00
Midtown Service Center, serv	75.80
NACO, reg fee	225.00
Region V Systems, fee	726.00
Ameritas, retire	6308.91
Richardson County Vendor, FICA	6766.22
NE Secy of State, reg fee	80.00
Smith & Smith Attorneys, contract/reimb	5082.99
Weaver & Merz, reimb	171.73
Wolfes, supp	41.90
Woods & Aitken, fee	3549.92
Payroll Expense	57914.91
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$150,824.25

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

Binder Bros., supp	466.81
Black Hills Utility Holdings, serv	28.44
Int'l Assessment Institute, testing	1470.00
Martin-Marietta, rock	32917.76
Midwest Service & Sales, supp	97.30
Myer Tire Supply, supp	210.34
NE Machinery Co., supp	566.36
Norris Quarries, rock	307.11
OPPD, serv	16.56
Safelite Fulfillment, postage	178.93
Julie Vollmer, reimb	127.46
Payroll Expense	34038.24
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$70,425.31

CHROMATOGRAPH FUND

Community Medical Center, serv	203.00
TOTAL CHROMATOGRAPH FUND	\$203.00



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COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND

Enterprise Publishing Co., visitor guide	269.00
FC Area Jaycees, adv	5150.00
Humboldt Chamber of Commerce, adv	1250.00
Humboldt Community Foundation, adv	250.00
Richardson Foundation, adv	73.67
TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND	\$6,992.67

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

Maria Oliver, rent	138.00
TOTAL GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND	\$138.00

STATE INSTITUTIONS FUND

NE Dept of HHS, lab fee	372.00
TOTAL STATE INSTITUTIONS FUND	\$372.00

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Prochaska & Associates, jail needs assessment fee	15945.19
County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	15.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$15,960.19

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND

Joseph Wittwer, reimb	184.19
Payroll Expense	416.00
TOTAL NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND	\$600.19

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel.
 ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 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.

David D. Sickel, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk