



Richardson County Board Minutes



RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

NOVEMBER 27, 2018

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, November 27, 2018. Roll call was answered by Frank, 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 Davidson to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2018, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-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.co.richardson.ne.us.

QUARTERLY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Sickel called to order the quarterly safety committee meeting at 9:10 a.m. Those present were Commissioners Frank, Davidson, Sickel; Tammie Beckner, Courthouse Maintenance; Sheriff Don Pounds; Tyler Cooper, County Maintenance Technician; Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent. Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director, Annie Frederick, LEC employee and Jesse Vollmer, Road Department employee were absent.

Tammie Beckner, Courthouse Maintenance reported that work is always being done to keep the sidewalks clear of ice and snow.

Steve Darveau reported that the stairs on the north side of the Courthouse should be closed off during inclement weather as it is very difficult to keep clean from ice and snow. He also recommended that a snow blower attachment be bought for the skid steer for use around the Courthouse. The Board also requested that Mr. Darveau contact local contractors to inquire on the cost and availability of the snow removal for the Courthouse block.

Sheriff Pounds submitted a letter during the safety committee meeting of his opposition regarding the recent decision of the County Board to cease security during the Courthouse hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. He also submitted a second letter regarding the safety of the Sheriff deputies responding alone to violence with weapons calls. Both letters referred to the retention of sworn and certified officers being difficult with the current wage and benefit package that Richardson County offers to the Sheriff's deputies.

Chairman Sickel declared the quarterly safety committee meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 5, 2019.

SHERIFF, DON POUNDS

Sheriff Pounds updated the Board on the business within the Sheriff's Office and the Law Enforcement Center. He reviewed with the Board the current distress warrants that he and his staff are working to collect.

District Courtroom security check is being done at the entrance to the Courtroom by Law Enforcement Center staff. A brief discussion was also held concerning the courtesy holding of cell phones while persons enter the District Courtroom. The Board stated that signs should be posted regarding the prohibition of cell



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phones and the penalty for possessing them in the District Courtroom and that persons should be informed that it will be their responsibility to find a safekeeping place for their cellphones while in the District Courtroom. The County and the County Sheriff will not be responsible for the safekeeping of cell phones.

Sheriff Pounds also presented to the Board an inter-local agreement with Nemaha County for Law Enforcement Mutual Aid and Assistance. The Board requested that County Attorney, Doug Merz review the agreement and the Board will consider at a later meeting.

Sheriff Pounds also reported that he is working the schedule to provide the 24 hour call service coverage in the County.

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ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week.

The discussion on the maintenance of roads after the recent heavy snowstorm was held. He reported that crews were out some on Sunday evening and that crews began their work on Monday morning about 4:30 a.m. Most roads were cleared by Monday evening and the remainder will be done today.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Davidson to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:15 a.m. with Pam Vice, County Assessor to discuss personnel matters and for the protection of a reputation of an individual(s). Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Davidson to close the executive session at 10:20 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Noxious Weed Control Supt.

The Board reviewed the idea of combining the duties of the Noxious Weed Control Superintendent with the Emergency Management Agency Director. No action was taken.

Audit Proposal from NE State Auditor

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the proposal from the Nebraska State Auditor to perform the FY end June 30, 2019 audit for Richardson County at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00 and to perform the audit for 2020 and 2021 at the same cost. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Sickel to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion



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seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

Aetna, ins	55210.44
Clerk of District Court, fees	465.00
Culligan, serv	153.38
Falls City Mercantile, supp	129.83
Family Medicine, serv	535.20
Humboldt Standard, adv	28.00
Hunzeker, Greg, serv	600.00
Information Technologies, serv	7666.50
Kirkendall, Jonathan, reimb	1272.90
Lincoln National Life, ins	994.09
Midwest Radar & Equipment, serv	400.00
Pest Control Services of SE NE, serv	40.00
Principal Life Insurance, ins	94.30
Quill, supp	130.78
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	24.70
Stonebarger, Clinton, reimb	195.11
Stripes & Signs, supp	40.00
SumnerOne, serv	15.13

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

US Foods, supp	926.27
Wolfe's Printing, supp	291.16
Woods & Aitken, serv	269.50
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$69,482.29

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	32200.00
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$32,200.00

REG OF DEEDS P & M FUND

MIPS, serv	227.84
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JUVENILE SERV LB640 GRANT FUND

Osbourne, Laura, reimb	87.46
TOTAL JUVENILE SERV LB640 GRANT FUND	\$87.46



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ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will also meet on Thursday, November 29, 2018 with Johnson, Pawnee and Nemaha County Commissioners in Tecumseh at the Johnson County Courthouse, District Courtroom at 9:00 a.m. to review the possibility of forming a SE NE Drug Court. The Board will meet for their regular meeting again on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 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