

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 17, 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 Tuesday, January 17, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas and Caverzagie. Commissioner Sickel was absent. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

EMERGENCY DISASTER DECLARATION

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director met with the Board to present and review the Emergency Disaster Declaration that was signed by Chairman Caverzagie on Saturday, January 13, 2024, with regards to the serious snow storm with high winds that Richardson County had experienced since January 11, 2024. The disaster declaration was made and forwarded to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. The Governor has not yet declared a disaster declaration for the State of Nebraska for this period of time.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

The Board did not meet with Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent as other tasks at the Road and Bridge Department required immediate attention today.

The Board commended Mr. Darveau and the entire Road and Bridge Department employees on the completion of the difficult task they had in removing snow from the county roads while fighting the sub-zero temperatures and high winds the past week. It was a "Job Well Done"!

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty reported to the Board that currently there are 20 inmates being held in the Jail.

There was discussion on preparing for the termination of dispatch services with Southeast Communication 911 at Beatrice on July 31, 2024, and returning of the dispatching for the Sheriff's Office to the Law Enforcement Center and what equipment and other items need to be completed before the end of July, 2024.

FALLS CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROWTH ENTERPRISE

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of the FC EDGE presented to the Board the quarterly report on the organization.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Increase Petty Cash for County Court

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-28 to increase the petty cash amount for the County Court from \$75 to \$125. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 66)

Other

A purchase order was presented by EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall for the purchase of a drone. The Board requested that Mr. Kirkendall obtain 2 more quotes for this purchase to comply with the County Purchasing Act. This matter will be considered further at next week's meeting.

A check for dividends in the amount of \$23,353.00 was received from EMC Insurance Companies and Miller LLC resulting from the good claim experience from the past year (7/1/2022 thru 6/30/2023).

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Caverzagie to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, 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

Community Medical Center, serv	6907.97
Consolidated Management Company, serv	10900.64
Culligan, serv	60.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	335.50
Falls City Journal, adv	81.38
Farm & City Supply, supp	29.98
Franzen, Linda, serv	23.08
Harmon's, serv	20.00
Harring, Barbara, serv	37.50
K9 Working Dogs International, serv	25996.42
Koch's Auto, serv	173.22
Midwest Card & ID Solutions, sub	1750.00
Modern Marketing, supp	91.87
NE Assoc. of District Court Clerks, dues	50.00
Nemaha County Sheriff, serv	1045.00
Norris, Dan, serv	156.00
OPPD, serv	123.16
Physicians Laboratory, serv	2350.00
Pitney Bowes, serv	90.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	28.75
Richardson County Court, petty cash	50.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	178.87
Spartan Stores, supp	14.58
Stevicks, Billy, serv	208.80
Tyler Technologies, serv	898.00
Unifirst, serv	72.55
UNL, reimb	4397.60
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$56,070.87

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

CapitalOne Trade Credit, supp	52.94
Farm & City Supply, supp	342.59
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	13907.27
NPPD, serv	63.16
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	20.90
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$14,386.86

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 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