

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 21, 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, February 21, 2024. Roll call was answered by Sickel and Caverzagie. Commissioner Karas was absent. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Sickel. 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 February 14, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting that was held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, 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-absent, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://www.co.richardson.ne.us).

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. He reported that 2 new employees have been hired and will start in about 2 weeks.

The Board discussed publishing an advertisement for sealed bids for the purchase of road rock. The Board will consider this and review specifications for the bid at next week's meeting. Tyson Vogt from Martin-Marietta was present at the meeting to answer any questions regarding the road rock price.

A request from a developer and/or producer of a chicken facility was briefly discussed as they have requested to remove a stop sign on the road to the development area. The County's engineer has recommended that the stop sign could not be removed. The Board recommended that this developer and/or producer schedule a time on the County Board meeting agenda to submit and review these requests.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty reported that there are currently 22 inmates on the books. A grant is being prepared to submit to the NE Department of Transportation, "U Text. U Pay." If the grant is awarded it will be conducted from April 1-April 8 in Richardson County. It was also reported that a donation of \$1,000 was received from Carico Farms for the drug dog.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the final Omnigo Software, LLC contract for the service to be implemented and serviced over a period of five years with the pricing for each year to be charged as follows: Year 1--\$20,782.56; Year 2--\$21,821.70; Year 3--\$22,912.71; Year 4--\$24,058.20; Year 5--\$25,261.01. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**HUMBOLDT SHARES, INC.**

Mark Joy of Humboldt Shares, Inc. presented to the Board the quarterly report of the organization. He reported that the program they have implemented for the assistance to landowners to tear down uninhabitable houses is doing great and that 4 of these houses in Humboldt have been removed. He reported that several new businesses have opened in Humboldt and are doing well.

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**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

A letter was received from Daniel T. Pleiss, President of the Pennsylvania Colony Historical Society of Nebraska inviting the County Board to visit the museum site north of Dawson.

**CLAIMS**

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

Amazon, supp	115.16
AT&T, serv	1014.99
Clerk of District Court, fees	216.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	150.00
Datashield, serv	11.36
Farm & City Supply, supp	39.03
First Concord Benefits Group, fees	228.00
Hullman's Ford, serv	124.47
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	978.98
Medica, ins	47725.28
Merz Ink, serv	47.00
Meyer Home Center, serv	315.00
NACO, reg	160.00
NAEM, fee	220.00
NE Association of Extension Boards, dues	100.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9000.00
OPPD, serv	118.13
Radiology Associates, serv	232.00
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	120.48
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	780.97
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	23310.09
Road & Bridge Fund, levy tax	501641.52
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
SumnerOne, serv	152.54
True Value, supp	575.55
Payroll Expense	111558.52
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$700,983.07</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Barco Municipal Products, Inc., supp	1164.45
Diversified Drug Testing, serv	422.50
Falls City Journal, ads	25.51
Hamilton Equipment Company, supp	301.51
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	27579.82
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	60.46
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	179.88
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., supp	97.06

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ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)

Quill LLC, supp	62.97
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc., supp	397.17
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc., fuel	8834.32
UniFirst Corporation, supp	55.58
Van Kirk Bros. Contracting, serv	224925.36
Payroll Expense	32657.50
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$296,764.09</b>

VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND

Omaha Magazine, adv	355.00
<b>TOTAL VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND</b>	<b>\$355.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk