

Richardson County Commissioners Approve Bridge Projects and Agree to Pay Fines of Employees (KLZA) Richardson County Commissioners voted to enter into an agreement with Nemaha County, Kansas for the replacement of a bridge on the State Line Road located between 632 and 633 Avenue, when they met Tuesday. The new 60 x 24 foot bridge will cost \$56,700 and the cost will be split by the two counties.

Commissioners also finalized the contract with the M.E. Collins Company on a bridge project northwest of Falls City. Right-of-Way acquisition contracts for temporary and permanent easements for the project were also approved.

Commissioners also met with Road Department employees Jimmy Counce and Matt Cromer. The two employees were issued citations by the Nebraska State Patrol for overweight loads on an axle or set of axles.

Counce had two counts and was fined \$75 on count one and \$950 on count two. Cromer was facing just one count and was fined \$75. Each was also assessed \$48 in court costs making the total cost in fines and court costs \$1,196. Following discussion with the two employees, Commissioners voted unanimously to pay the fines and costs for the employees.

Kenneth Schawang met with the Board regarding the condition of a bridge and questioned by certain projects are being done and other projects are not moving forward. Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert is to review the structure and present Commissioners with alternatives to improve or replace the bridge.

In other action Commissioners met with EDGE Executive Director Beckie Cromer who submitted a request for continued funding from Richardson County for the Falls City Economic Development and Growth Enterprise organization. EDGE is requesting a \$25,000 donation. In each of the last two years Richardson County has made a \$20,000 investment.

Commissioners also recommended approval for the addition of the area to include the entire golf course to the liquor license for the Quad County Golf Association northwest of Humboldt. Board members also discussed applying a dust control substance on two miles of 613 Boulevard leading to the Kirkman's Cove Golf Course but took no action at this time.

After a discussion with Darrell Rannebeck, Chairman of the Richardson County Noxious Weed Control Authority Board, Commissioners voted to put a question on the ballot in November of whether or not to dissolve Noxious Weed Board and have it's duties and authority be exercised by the county board?

Commissioners also scheduled the review and discussion of the procedures for the use of emergency sirens in the Village of Shubert for next week so the matter can be reviewed with Emergency Management Director Jim Gerweck.

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