

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**JANUARY 8, 2025**

**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 8, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. Chairman Caverzagie gave the Invocation and Commissioner Karas led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Caverzagie 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 December 31, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-abstain, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, 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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week.

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-27 authorizing the Chairman to sign the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement between Richardson County, Nebraska and Speece-Lewis Engineers, LLC (dba Speece Lewis, A Bowman Company) for project BRO-7074(27) which is located NW of Falls City on 710 Road between 650 and 651 Avenue. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. Karas-ye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 28)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-28 authorizing the Chairman to sign the Environmental Services Agreement between Richardson County, Nebraska and HDR Engineering, Inc. for project BRO-7074(27) which is located NW of Falls City on 710 Road between 650 and 651 Avenue. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 29)

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. It was reported there were 11 inmates currently being held at the Jail. A review of the incidents that occurred during the past weekend severe snowstorm was held.

A report on the statistics for 2024 was given with total bookings at 527 with 72 of those done by other agencies and 23 holds from other counties and the Sheriff's Office doing 472. Total calls were 7,190 of which 4,281 were traffic stops, 50 search warrants, 25 residential search warrants with 34 persons being arrested (total search warrants being done in Falls City-14, Stella-1, Humboldt-5, Dawson-4).

Sheriff Hardesty also reported that they continue to advertise for jailers and dispatchers to fill vacancies.

**COUNTY TREASURER**

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer presented to the Board the semi-annual report for the period ending December 31, 2024. Motion was made by Karas to accept the report as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**PAM SCOTT, VISITOR'S COMMITTEE**

Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court and secretary for the County Visitors' Committee reviewed with the Board the current by-laws for the Committee and requested a change be considered to Article VI, Section 1 to provide that "all business records of the Visitors' Committee will be kept located in an office of the Richardson County Courthouse". This requested change will be presented to the Visitors' Committee at their next meeting for

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consideration.

The membership of the Visitors' Committee was also reviewed regarding the fact that at least one member of the Committee shall represent the hotel industry within Richardson County. A letter is being sent to the membership of the Committee for review.

Bill Niedfeldt was also in attendance at this meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Salary Increase**

Motion was made by Karas to document for the record the annual salary increase for 2025 of 2% for staff personnel as per FY2024-2025 budget in the offices of the Assessor, Treasurer, Veterans Service Office, Cooperative Extension Service Office, Courthouse Maintenance, Emergency Management Agency, County Clerk and Clerk of District Court. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **Fee Reports**

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of December, 2025:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 167.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$41,108.50
Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court	\$ 1,080.00

### **Sub-Division**

A sub-division for Robert D and Joyce K Bachman located in S30, T1, R18 will be considered at next week's meeting.

### **Sub-Division**

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-25 to approve a sub-division for Eickhoff Living Trust located in S31, T3, R16. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 26)

### **Mileage Reimbursement**

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-26 to approve mileage reimbursement rate for county officials/employees at .70 cents per mile effective January 1, 2025, pursuant to NE §23-1112. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, page 27)

### **Recognition of Commissioner Sickel Service**

Chairman Caverzagie made a presentation to Commissioner Sickel for his 16 years of dedicated service as District 2 Commissioner from January 8, 2009, through January 8, 2025.

## **CLAIMS**

A 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-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.)*

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

#### GENERAL FUND

Amazon, supp	139.00
BuckIT, serv	7005.46
Clerk of District Court, fees	290.00
Culligan, serv	50.00
F&M Bank, pmt	46625.31
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	5106.79
Farm & City Supply, supp	9.18
Harmon, Leland, serv	15.00
Ligouri, Angelo, serv	1643.50
Medica, ins	59890.83
MIPS, serv	3277.10
NE Assoc. of County Assessors, dues	100.00
Pictometry, serv	39972.20
Pitney Bowes, serv	186.54
Quill, supp	159.96
Richardson County Clerk, reimb	30.00
Richardson County Court, fees	719.50
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	2.77
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	59161.60
SumnerOne, serv	116.00
TK Elevator, serv	402.87
Vision Edge IT, serv	230.65
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1139.75
Payroll Expense	119523.05
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$345,837.06</b>

#### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	674.68
Inland Truck Parts, supp	38.38
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	9848.67
NE Dept. of Revenue, tax	617.87
Norris Quarries, rock	2185.41
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	109.84
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	374.82
Richardson County Vendor, tax	1468.00
Unifirst, supp	53.12
Verdon, Village of, serv	30.88
Payroll Expense	33537.03
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$49,004.70</b>

#### REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	319.05
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$319.05</b>

#### DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, reimb	281.40
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$281.40</b>

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again for the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 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.

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John Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ANNUAL MEETING  
JANUARY 15, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Annual meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Caverzagie. 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 8, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-abstain, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting from January 8, 2025. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-abstain, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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).

**BOARD REORGANIZATION**

Motion was made by Karas to reappoint John Caverzagie as the Chairman of the Board for 2025. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to appoint Rick Karas as the Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2025. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie that the listed duties be designated to the following commissioners:

Commissioner Karas: County Roads, Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) and the Southeast Nebraska Community Action Council

Commissioner Caverzagie: Courthouse Building and Grounds and Law Enforcement Center, Region V Systems & Services, member of the Product Development & Public Policy Committee of the Greater Falls City Economic and Development Growth Enterprise (EDGE) and alternate to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC),

Commissioner Campbell: County Roads, The Greater Falls City Economic and Development Growth Enterprise (EDGE), Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Falls City Airport Road Committee and the Southeast Nebraska Health Board

Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reaffirm the appointment of Steve Darveau, Jr. as the Richardson County Highway Superintendent, License #S-1660 Class A with an annual salary for 2025 approved at \$70,227.00 (2% increase). Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to table the reappointment of Mona Godemann as the Veterans Service Officer for 2025. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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## APPOINTMENTS (Cont.)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reappoint Brian Kirkendall as the Richardson County Emergency Manager and the Noxious Weed Control Superintendent with an annual salary for 2025 approved at \$66,894.64 (2% increase). Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-nay, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## SPECIAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reaffirm the appointment of Dr. Allan W. Tramp to the County Health Board for the year 2025 pursuant to Nebraska State Statute 71-501. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reappoint Charles O'Grady to the Richardson County Planning Commission for a term of 3 years which expires December 31, 2027. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. A position still remains open, and the Board will be considering the appointment to this position at a later meeting.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reaffirm the appointment of the members of the County Safety Committee: Sheriff Hardesty; Jail Administrator, Kristen Morehead; Ryan Curtis, Courthouse Maintenance; Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent; Wyatt Martin, Road and Bridge Department; and Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week.

An agreement with Combined Public Communications, LLC was presented to the Board review and approval. This company provides the phone calling card service, inmate messaging service, commissary and other services for inmates to purchase.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the agreement with Combined Public Communications, LLC and authorize the Sheriff to enter into and sign. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

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

## BRIAN KIRKENDALL, NOXIOUS WEED SUPT.

Brian Kirkendall, Noxious Weed Supt. presented to the Board the 2024 annual report of the Noxious Weed Control Plan program in Richardson County which will be submitted to the NE Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Protection. Mr. Kirkendall reported that the infestation of sericea lespedeza has become less in the County but that it is still prevalent in the County but with areas of infestation smaller than in previous years.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the 2024 annual report of the Noxious Weed Control Plan program in Richardson County as presented and to authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Resolution 2024-2025-24 Sub-Division

Review of the request for a subdivision of property located in S30, T1, R18 for Robert D and Joyce K Bachman was held and the Board requested that the Highway Superintendent review this requested subdivision with the landowners and the Board will consider this further at next week's meeting.

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER (Cont.)

**Other**

A check was received from EMC Insurance Companies and Miller LLC in the amount of \$16,600 representing a dividend resulting from the County's good claim experience and accident prevention.

**CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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	85.58
BuckIT, serv	12750.00
Charm-Tex, supp	147.60
Consolidated Management, serv	8920.76
Crowne Plaza, lodg	419.85
Culligan, serv	110.00
Detectachem, supp	218.65
Electronic Contracting Co., supp	87985.96
Falls City Mercantile, supp	74.59
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Franzen, Linda, serv	23.08
Galls, supp	294.73
Harring, Barbara, serv	37.50
Jake's Paint & Body, serv	15593.31
KexRx, supp	355.19
Ligouri, Angelo, serv	465.50
Midwest Card & ID Solutions, sup	1750.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
MIPS, supp	195.76
MIS, serv	110.00
NE Assoc. of County Treasurers, dues	75.00
NE Sheriff's Assoc., dues	410.00
Norris, Dan, serv	156.00
OPPD, serv	33.08
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	80.00
Postmaster, supp	175.00
Prochaska & Assoc., serv	457.90
Quill, supp	233.99
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	30.00
Richardson County Court, fees	316.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	257.87
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	754.70
Riggs, Kim, reimb	154.60
Sapp Bros., fuel	459.16
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
SNC, serv	1889.34
Stevicks, Billy, serv	208.80
Summit Fire Protection, serv	2921.03
SumnerOne, serv	258.81
Unifirst, serv	87.94
Weaver & Merz, reimb	9.35
Wolfe's Printing, supp	85.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$138,711.51</b>

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

### **ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Bahr Welding LLC, serv	1610.88
Cornhusker International Trucks, Inc, supp	125.69
Davis Plumbing, Heating & Electrical, serv	424.70
Farmers Repair & Machine Shop, supp	103.62
Hullman's Ford Lincoln, Inc., serv	176.25
Jim Hill's, serv	345.00
Koch's Auto Service, Inc., serv	11003.72
Mr. Automotive, supp	66.89
NMC, Inc., serv	1487.79
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	188.74
Sapp Bros. Petroleum Inc., serv	2245.17
SNC, serv	104.16
Village of Salem, serv	22.85
Woods & Aitken LLP, serv	8048.90
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$25,954.36</b>

### **SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND**

CPC, serv	920.93
SNC, serv	155.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>1,075.93</b>

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **JANUARY 22, 2025**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice-Chairman Karas at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas and Campbell. Caverzagie was absent. The Invocation was given by Vice-Chairman Karas and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Campbell. Vice-Chairman Karas announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. 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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov)

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. He also reported that the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan was being developed and that notice has been given that the public hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 12 at 10:00 a.m.

#### **PAM SCOTT, CLERK OF DIST COURT**

Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court submitted to the Board the information on the grant that has been received from the NE Dept of Health & Human Services, Office of Child Support Enforcement for enforcement service in Richardson County.

Motion was made by Karas to accept the grant funding from the NE Dept of Health & Human Services, Office of Child Support Enforcement for Child Support Enforcement IV-D as a subrecipient, awarded on October 1, 2024, assistance listing number is 93.563, FAIN is 2501NECSES. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that there are currently 19 inmates in the Jail and that there are plans to provide more training for the jailers to improve the workflow in the Jail.

#### **QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION**

The Board traveled to the Law Enforcement Center and conducted the quarterly jail inspection where they found the facility to be in good order.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

##### **December operating statement**

The Board reviewed the December 2024 monthly operating statement.

##### **Resolution 2024-2025-24 Sub-Division**

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-24 to approve a sub-division for Robert D and Joyce K Bachman located in S30, T1, R18. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 28)

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## CLAIMS

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

*(The claims listed below are available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.)*

### GENERAL FUND

AT&T, serv	1231.62
Candlewood Suites, lodg	1499.40
Dakota County Sheriff, serv	18.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	507.50
Datashield Corp, serv	170.00
Falls City Journal, adv	383.38
First Concord, fees	211.00
Generators for Sale, sub	69.99
Hy-Vee, supp	94.08
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1526.94
Medica, ins	55581.14
NE Assoc. of District Court Clerks, dues	50.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	93.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9166.66
ProServ Business Systems, serv	410.76
Quill, supp	104.04
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	8.68
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	828.41
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	23178.82
Sapp Bros., fuel	5932.71
Stateline Propane, supp	100.00
SumnerOne, serv	76.00
Wolfe's Printing, supp	66.89
Payroll Expense	105910.27
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$207,219.29</b>

### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	220.74
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	511.60
Farm & City Supply, supp	162.28
Inland Truck Parts, supp	405.71
NMC, serv	3206.87
NPPD, serv	138.11
Northern Safety Company, supp	120.71
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	150.00
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Safety-Kleen Systems, supp	390.70
Stella, Village of, serv	107.80
Unifirst, serv	54.91
Payroll Expense	35588.79
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$41,083.22</b>

### DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1200.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1200.00
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,400.00</b>

## **ADJOURNMENT**

After completing the Jail Inspection at the Law Enforcement Center, a motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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Rick Karas, Vice-Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **JANUARY 29, 2025**

#### **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 Wednesday, January 29, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-abstain. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **PLEDGE SECURITY RECEIPTS**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the pledge security receipt replacements from F&M Bank presented by the County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, receipt #JC93047 replaced with receipt #JC92998A and County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff, receipt #JC93408B replaced with receipt #JC92997D. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. He reported that the engineers will be visiting this week and reviewing projects that might qualify for grant funding. Weather permitting plans are to start getting the motor graders on the roads to begin getting the roads graded and ready for rock where needed. A notice will be sent out to rock suppliers that the Board will be receiving sealed bids for the purchase of rock in 2025.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that there are currently 14 inmates in the Jail. A notice has been sent out and published soliciting bids for a contract to provide food preparation services for the Jail.

The staff will be switching program software services on March 5 as the contract with Omnilgo will be terminated and the staff will switch to the Justice Data software program which will be compatible with most other surrounding agencies.

It was reported that there is an opening for the maintenance position at the Law Enforcement Center as that employee has accepted the position as a Jail Supervisor.

Sheriff Hardesty also reported that the pump system in the sewer drain line is not working and is causing the odor to come into the building. He has requested service from a local contractor to correct the problem.

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Village of Stella regarding the enforcement of ordinances on a call-by-call basis. Other villages have reached out to him for this service as well. If the village decides to move forward with this service, an agreement will be drafted to detail the terms for this service.

#### **BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director requested to meet with the Board to relay his concern of the vote regarding his re-appointment as the EMA Director and the Noxious Weed Superintendent for 2025, and if desired, what aspects of his job performance could be improved upon.

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BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA (Cont.)

Commissioner Karas stated he would like to see a more aggressive type of service, including meeting with firemen at mutual aid meetings, getting more involved. Mr. Karas reported that there are citizens that are upset about the October 30, 2024, storm that went through without the sirens being sounded.

Mr. Kirkendall replied that he has been requested to attend the County's different fire department meetings and does so when invited, at least once a year. At these meetings he provides updates for the "Page My Cell" and other emergency preparation items.

Commissioner Campbell inquired on the incident command trailer and if it was ready for service if needed. Mr. Kirkendall reported that the Emergency Management incident trailer is ready for service if needed. After the trailer was purchased, there was a period of time that it was not in order for service as the new radio equipment had not yet been received. He reported that all radios have been installed and are working and internet modems and other features included are ready to go.

Discussion was then held regarding the storm of October 30, 2024, and why the sirens were not sounded. Mr. Kirkendall reported that even the National Weather Service did not detect this storm on radar. Mr. Kirkendall will be reviewing the outdoor warning siren policy with the Board in the near future.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Resolution 2024-2025-29

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-29 to cancel a check issued in error. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 31)

## CLAIMS

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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	67.05
BW Plus Mid NE Inn & Suites, lodg	271.92
Campbell, Bob, reimb	334.60
Crowne Plaza, lodg	149.95
Datashield, serv	24.00
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	241.27
Falls City Journal, sub	50.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	286.24
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziske & Merwin, serv	3610.00
CR24-134 T. Pelletier, CR24-138 J. Waggoner	
Fritz, Jed, serv	750.00
Godemann, Bethany, reimb	11.77
Inheritance Tax Fund, reimb	87985.96
Peterson Reporting, serv	985.45
Quill, supp	97.55
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	130.57
Road & Bridge Fund, tax	385110.87
Sapp Bros., fuel	140.91
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	800.00
Stateline Propane, fuel	130.40
SE District Assessor Assn., dues	75.00
SumnerOne, serv	44.32

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

Verizon, serv	215.91
Weaver & Merz, reimb	17.13
Wolfe's Printing, supp	19.93
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$481,550.80</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Barco Municipal Products, supp	4780.95
CapitalOne Trade Credit, supp	94.94
Farmers Repair, supp	639.80
NPPD, serv	80.62
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	36.94
Quill, supp	151.41
Sapp Bros., fuel	20141.22
Truck Center Companies, supp	1025.03
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$26,950.91</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **FEBRUARY 5, 2025**

#### **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 Wednesday, February 5, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

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

A review of damages done to 719 Road west of Hwy 75 was held with County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel present also. Motion was made by Campbell to authorize the Highway Superintendent to send a letter describing the damages done to this road to Tender Real Estate, LLC in Omaha, and that any further damage will necessitate legal action. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 9:17 a.m. with Steve Darveau, Highway Superintendent; Sheriff Hardesty; County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel and Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual(s). Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 9:30 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that there are currently 14 inmates in the Jail.

A listing of items was presented to the Board that have been determined to be surplus and the Sheriff requested authorization to sell the items on a law enforcement supply auction site, GovDeals and/or Purple Wave. Motion was made by Karas to authorize the Sheriff to sell the surplus items on these auction sites. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A quote was received from General Fire & Safety for the installation of a Clean Agent Fire Suppression System in the server room at the Law Enforcement Center. Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the quote pending a recommendation from the County's IT person, Joe Buckminster, with General Fire & Safety at a quoted price of \$17,130.00. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **FALLS CITY EDGE**

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director the Falls City Economic Development and Growth Enterprise presented to the Board the quarterly report of the organization.

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## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding by, between and among: County of Atchison, MO; Counties of Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe and Pawnee counties; regarding alert, warning, and notifications sent through FEMA's Integrated Public Alert and Warning System. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 32)

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of January, 2025:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 198.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$ 7,802.25
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$ 1,048.75

### Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for January, 2025.

### Other

Notice was received from the Nebraska Tax Equalization & Review Commission of the hearing set for March 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. regarding the appeal filed by Ronald E. Elliott on the 2024 property valuation, Case No 24R 0635.

## CLAIMS

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

Arbor Cleaning, serv	2107.75
BuckIT, serv	8405.46
Clerk of District Court, fees	472.00
Consolidated Management, serv	9679.16
Culligan, serv	267.20
DAS State Accounting, serv	702.12
Falls City Journal, adv	776.93
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	6936.14
Ligouri Law Office, reimb	18.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
MIPS, supp/serv	10852.16
NE Assoc. of County Clerks, dues	50.00
NE Assoc. of EMA. Fees	270.00
ODP Business Solutions, supp	81.19
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	921.00
Pitney Bowes, supp	609.00
Quill, supp	195.94
Richardson County Court, fees	1449.30
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	2105.83

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**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24783.25
Security Equipment, serv	274.86
SNC, serv	817.19
Spartan Nash, supp	13.57
SumnerOne, serv	116.00
Visual Edge IT, fee	230.65
Payroll Expense	115153.07
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$187,397.77</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

AGCO Finance, supp	738.37
Culligan, serv	110.00
Diversified Drug Testing, serv	240.00
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv	46.00
Metal Culverts, supp	33926.40
OPPD, serv	169.46
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	115.15
Pinnacle Propane, supp	44.00
Stateline Propane Service, supp	366.91
Unifirst, supp	84.79
Woods & Aitken, serv	6574.35
Payroll Expense	33091.15
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$75,506.58</b>

**REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND**

MIPS, serv	319.05
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$319.05</b>

**VETERANS AID FUND**

Richardson County Veterans Aid Fund, transfer	311.00
<b>TOTAL VETERANS AID FUND</b>	<b>\$311.00</b>

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND**

SNC, serv	167.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$167.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **FEBRUARY 12, 2025**

#### **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 Wednesday, February 12, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **SE NE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP, INC.**

Kay Wissmann of SE NE Community Action Partnership, Inc. presented to the Board the documents required for the grant application to the NE Public Department of Transportation for the Richardson County Transit program for July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027. The local match required for the grant funding from Richardson County will be \$10,230 for each fiscal year.

Motion was made by Campbell to enter into the agreement with SENCA to provide and administer the public transportation assistance program in Richardson County funded by the State of Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, and to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-30 authorizing SENCA to apply for the NE Public Transportation Act Funds for FY2025-2026. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 33-34)

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of making application with the U.S. Department of Transportation Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program for funding in cooperation with the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska and the Village of Rulo for improvements to the bridge at the Mouth of the Nemaha River, the improvements on the hard surfaced road south of Rulo and improvements to certain streets within the Village of Rulo.

#### **ONE & SIX YEAR ROAD PLAN**

Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan public hearing and declared the public hearing opened at 10:00 a.m.

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent presented the listing of projects that are included on the 1 year plan and then the next 5 years. A complete listing of the projects can be found on [www.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

Two persons were present for the hearing. Robert Storant spoke in concern of a bridge (C007402805) located on 707 Road east of 630 Avenue southwest of Humboldt and wanted to state for the record that he presented a petition to the Board on September 27, 2022, signed by 120 interested parties impacted by the condition of this bridge. He requested that the County apply for funding through the multi-jurisdictional grant funding program and requested that it be included on the 6-year road plan. There is also concern that third party travelers that cross this bridge frequently are overweight. He also requested that more overweight signs be posted at different locations before approaching this bridge be put in place to deter this overweight traffic over the bridge.

Mr. Darveau, Highway Superintendent indicated that this bridge is not a priority for replacement and that a road has been improved to provide another access to the property in this

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1 & 6 Year (Cont.)

area. He also stated that the cost to replace this bridge would be approximately \$2 million. Chairman Caverzagie declared the public hearing closed at 10:44 a.m.

Motion was made by Campbell to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-31 approving the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan as presented by Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. at the public hearing. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 35)

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Motion was made by Karas to enter into an interlocal agreement with Johnson, Nemaha and Pawnee counties for the Four County Juvenile Diversion program. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 36)

## CLAIMS

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

Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	3315.50
CR24-405 M. Hillyard, CR24-464 D. Shafer, CR24-574 R. Weaver, JV22-38, JV23-37, JV23-38, JV22-14, JV21-20, JV21-19, JV24-4	
Farm & City Supply, supp	228.68
Great Plains Uniforms, supp	3024.65
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, fee	30.00
Koch's Auto Service, serv	3461.49
NE Assoc. of Weed Control, fee	150.00
Nebraska.gov, fee	101.00
ODP Business Solutions, supp	71.48
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	808.88
Postmaster, supp	1460.00
Quill, supp	168.20
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	461.32
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	727.52
SNC, serv	1055.54
SumnerOne, serv	172.53
Unifirst, serv	93.64
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1139.75
Wolfe's Printing, supp	271.96
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$16,782.14</b>

### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Barco Municipal Products, supp	712.28
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	88.61
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	1189.34
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	1562.93
Midwest Engineering, serv	5900.00
NPPD, serv	56.55
NMC, supp	1285.79
Norris Quarries, rock	4619.23
PowerPlan, supp	306.10

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)**

Salem, Village of, serv	22.00
SNC, serv	101.98
Truck Center Companies, supp	287.30
Verdon, Village of, serv	31.76
159 Lumber & Rentals, supp	293.26
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$16,457.13</b>

**COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND**

Richardson County, rent	25.00
<b>TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>

**COUNTY VISITOR'S IMPROV FUND**

Humboldt Ministerial Association, funding	1000.00
<b>TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR'S IMPROV FUND</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** **FEBRUARY 19, 2025**

### **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 Wednesday, February 19, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. With the most recent snow fall he reported that most of the motor graders are out working on the roads.

The staff is working on obtaining and preparing information to be included in the grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program for funding in cooperation with the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska and the Village of Rulo for improvements to the bridge at the Mouth of the Nemaha River, the improvements on the hard surfaced road south of Rulo and improvements to certain streets within the Village of Rulo.

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center and Jail the past few weeks.

An additional listing of items was presented to the Board that have been determined to be surplus and the Sheriff requested authorization to sell the items on a law enforcement supply auction site, GovDeals. Motion was made by Karas to authorize the Sheriff to sell these additional surplus items on the auction site, GovDeals. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Three different quotes received for the repairs and improvements to the grease and sewer drain at the Law Enforcement Center were reviewed. Motion was made by Campbell to accept a quote received from Airstream Heating and Cooling to replace 2 existing sewage ejector pumps, float switches, seal sewage pit and rework pump venting to proper specifications for \$4,100.00. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A quote received for the preparation of the inmate meals was reviewed by the Board. The Sheriff will be meeting with the current contractor of this service, Consolidated Correctional Foodservice of DesMoines, Iowa, to negotiate current pricing. This matter will be reviewed further at next week's meeting.

### **EMA DIRECTOR**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director reviewed with the Board the expenses involved with the maintenance and insurance of the outdoor warning sirens that are located within the corporate limits of the villages and cities in the County. The Board will continue the review of this during next week's meeting and requesting that County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel be in attendance to assist in the drafting of an interlocal agreement with the villages and cities.

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## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### Planning Commission

Motion was made by Campbell to appoint Jerry McKim to the Richardson County Planning Commission for a term of three years which will expire on December 31, 2027. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **Subdivision**

A subdivision for Towle Realty located in S23, T1, R16 was presented to the Board but will be held for further consideration at next week's meeting.

### **CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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	33.77
AT&T, serv	1231.62
Bryan Medical Center, serv	6724.04
Bryan Physician Network, serv	552.00
BuckIT, supp	1400.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	150.00
Falls City Journal, adv	117.50
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv CR24-134 T. Pelletier	304.00
First Concord Benefits, fees	216.00
Handley Law Office, serv CR24-19 D. Baxter, CR24-73 A. Adcock, CR24-87 A. Gibson, CR24-88 A. Gibson	3591.00
Holiday Inn, lodg	279.90
Hy-Vee, supp	23.77
Medica, ins	52676.77
Miller Farrell Insurance, ins	445.00
NE Assoc. of County Extension Boards, dues	100.00
NACO, reg	280.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	93.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9166.66
OPPD, serv	33.08
ProServ Business Systems, serv	161.00
Quill, supp	92.42
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	23676.21
Riggs, Kim, reimb	149.10
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	720.00
Spartan Nash, supp	104.73
Payroll Expense	108532.62
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$210,924.07</b>

### **ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Black Hills Energy, serv	305.03
CapitalOne Trade Credit, supp	169.77

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)**

Egger Bros., supp	390.46
Falls City Journal, adv	25.51
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	832.75
Hullman's Ford, supp	77.88
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	2251.75
Miller-Monroe, ins	3601.00
NACO, reg	40.00
NMC, supp	1814.48
Norris Quarries, rock	1709.56
NPPD, serv	155.02
Sapp Bros., fuel	930.50
Unifirst, supp	55.47
159 Lumber & Rentals, supp	30.20
Payroll Expense	34588.33
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$46,997.71</b>

**DRUG COURT FUND**

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1200.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1200.00
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,400.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **FEBRUARY 26, 2025**

#### **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 Wednesday, February 26, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman 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 February 19, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Quarterly Safety Committee meeting of February 19, 2025, as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **EMA DIRECTOR**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director reviewed further with the Board and County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel the expenses involved with the maintenance and insurance of the outdoor warning sirens that are located within the corporate limits of the villages and cities in the County. An interlocal agreement will be drafted to present to the cities and villages to describe the maintenance costs and the provision for insurance coverage.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center and Jail the past few weeks.

An additional listing of items was presented to the Board that have been determined to be surplus and the Sheriff requested authorization to sell these items on a law enforcement supply auction site, GovDeals. Motion was made by Campbell to authorize the Sheriff to sell these additional surplus items on the auction site, GovDeals. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A proposal from Consolidated Correctional Foodservice of Des Moines, Iowa was presented to the Board for review to provide the inmate meals. If accepted, this quote would become effective on July 1, 2025.

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. He reported on the work being done to complete the grant application for the U.S. Department of Transportation Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program. He also reported that the department will be purchasing a hydro seeder.

Work will begin next week on the bridge that is located on the entrance road to the County Road & Bridge Department in Falls City. The entrance road will be closed off until the bridge has been completed. Entrance to the Road and Bridge Department can be made during this time from W 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### **COUNTY VISITOR COMMITTEE**

Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court and the secretary of the County Visitor's Committee met with the Board regarding a proposed change to the current by-laws for the addition of 2 members to the Committee from 5 to 7 and whereas those 2 additional members would be representatives from the hotel industry within Richardson County.

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COUNTY VISITOR COMMITTEE (Cont.)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the change in the By-Laws of the Richardson County Visitors' Committee, Article IV Membership, Section 2 from 5 to 7 members of which 2 of these members shall be representatives from the hotel industry within Richardson County. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## **FALLS CITY EDGE**

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of Falls City EDGE and Anthony Nussbaum, Falls City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer met with the Board to review the Citroniq project.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Subdivision**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a subdivision for Towle Realty Company, A Nebraska Corporation, located in S23, T1, R16 and to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-32. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 37)

### **Subdivision**

Motion by Karas to approve a subdivision for Janet Warrick McMullen, Trustee of the Janet Warrick McMullen Trust located in S16, T3, R15 and to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-33. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 38)

## **Veterans Service Officer**

The Board received a letter from Mona Godemann informing the County that she would be retiring as the Richardson County Veterans Service Officer effective February 24, 2025. The letter stated: "I appreciate having had the opportunity to serve the Veterans of Richardson County (& others) who reside here and are so important to our community." Mona served in the office of the Veterans Service for the past 25 years, serving as the Veterans Service Officer for 11 years, since January 14, 2014.

Motion was made by Caverzagie with a heavy heart, to accept the letter from Mona Godemann, Veterans Service Officer informing the County Board that she has retired from her position effective Monday, February 24, 2025. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## **CLAIMS**

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

Charm-Tex, supp	313.30
Clerk of District Court, fees	288.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	1059.62
Falls City Journal, adv	3549.01
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Karas, Rick, reimb	327.04
Lynn Peavey Co., supp	87.85
Meyer Home Center, serv	85.00

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**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	125.65
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	390.00
SumnerOne, serv	76.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$6,369.47</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Farm & City Supply, supp	961.76
Lenard Heating & Cooling, serv	2600.00
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	198.74
Overhead Door Company, supp	435.00
NPPD, serv	144.04
Powerplan, supp	8906.15
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$13,270.69</b>

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND**

CPC, serv	687.05
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$687.05</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **MARCH 5, 2025**

#### **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 Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting of February 26, 2025, as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. Mr. Darveau reported that he had received quotes from Murphy Tractor & Equipment, Equipment Blades and NE Machinery Company for the purchase of grader blades and parts. The purchase will be made from Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., Inc. for these blades and parts totaling \$16,871.40.

He reported that with the weather conditions the past few days with the rain then ice and snow that it is impossible to remove the ice cover. So, roads will be soft for a few days and the road graders and rock trucks will be out when the roads have dried some. He asks rural residents to be understanding and patient with the condition of the county roads for the next week or so.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to send to the County Attorney 2 brush complaints for further action pursuant to NE §89-1813. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-34 to approve the Plan-In-Hand Report for project BRO-7074(26) Stella Southwest located on 717 Road and approximately ¼ mile East of 640 Avenue. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 39)

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty was unable to meet with the Board. Ashely Fisher, Dispatch Supervisor provided an update to the Board reporting that there are currently 11 inmates in the Jail. Also reported was that salary increases were given to three employees in the Dispatch.

She also presented to the Board information on the records management program, E Force, for the Law Enforcement Center which would replace the current system, Justice Data Solutions C.R.I.M.E.S. The cost of the program is \$72,303.40 with 50% of the payment due for the 1<sup>st</sup> year of service and 50% due during the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of service. There is also an Annual License and Support fee of \$6,000/year for the next 5 years and a possible 3% increase on this in the subsequent years following.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the purchase of the records management program, E Force and to fund the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the cost from the Inheritance Tax Fund and the 2<sup>nd</sup> year and annual fees to be included within the Communications Dispatch budget for FY2025-2026. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A discussion was also held regarding the quote received from the current provider, Consolidated Correctional Foodservice of DesMoines, Iowa for the inmate meals. The provider

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LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER (Cont.)

indicated in an email sent to the Sheriff that the new proposal could be put into effect immediately with a signed contract. The Board questioned that the current contract should probably be terminated before entering into the new contract with Consolidated Correctional Foodservice of DesMoins, Iowa. This matter will be considered further at next week's meeting.

**COUNTY VISITOR COMMITTEE**

Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court and the secretary of the County Visitor's Committee met with the Board regarding the formalizing of the By-Laws and the appointment of 2 additional members to the Committee.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the changes as printed of the Richardson County Visitor's Committee By-Laws regarding Article IV, Section 2 and Article VI, Section 1 and to sign the By-Laws for the record. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to appoint Brian Poppe and Diana Orton for a term of 4 years which term will expire on December 31, 2028, to the County Visitor's Committee who shall both represent the hotel industry within Richardson County. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**100 YEAR REDEDICATION CEREMONY OF COURTHOUSE**

Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court; Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer; Kim Riggs, County Assessor and Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk met with the Board to discuss the rededication ceremony of the Courthouse which will be 100 years on April 24, 2025. The group requested funds for the event which is planned for Wednesday, April 23, 2025. Plans were discussed and information will be forthcoming.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Monthly Operating Statement**

The Board reviewed the February, 2025 monthly operating statement.

**Fee Reports**

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of February, 2025:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 117.50
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$9,627.25
Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court	\$1,067.00

**CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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	462.49
Ameriflex, fees	140.00
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	413.70
Benchmark Government Solutions, serv	119.50
BuckIT, serv	7005.46

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Consolidated Management Co., serv	10179.25
Culligan, serv	236.00
CVSOAN Treasurer, dues	100.00
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	190.33
Falls City Mercantile, supp	443.80
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	8746.72
Fields, Odis, reimb	50.00
Humboldt Standard, adv	48.00
KexRx, supp	656.74
Koch's Auto Service, serv	1139.48
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1564.54
Merz Ink, serv	220.00
Midwest Auto Fire Sprinkler, serv	1427.01
MIPS, serv	3277.10
MIS, serv	110.00
ODP Business Solutions, supp	532.48
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	929.64
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	80.00
Pitney Bowes, supp	405.00
Quill, supp	65.82
Richardson County Court, fees	434.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	158.26
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	603.53
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1.22
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	25004.51
Sapp Bros., fuel	10183.94
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	300.00
SNC, serv	845.84
SumnerOne, serv	160.32
True Value, supp	17.95
Uline, supp	148.49
Verizon, serv	215.91
Visual Edge IT, serv	256.65
Wolfe's Printing, supp	170.00
Woods & Aitken, serv	355.00
Payroll Expense	116365.88
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$193,804.56</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Culligan, supp	40.00
Martin Marietta, rock	14149.95
Norris Quarries, rock	3138.36
OPPD, serv	168.00
Operation & Expense Acct., reimb	94.97
Sapp Bros., fuel	1514.13
Stateline Propane Service, serv	448.25
Unifirst, supp	55.37
Woods & Aitken, serv	3409.80
Payroll Expense	33911.00
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$56,929.83</b>

**REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND**

MIPS, serv	319.05
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$319.05</b>

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**DRUG COURT FUND**

Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	169.21
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$169.21</b>

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND**

CPC, serv	1304.52
SNC, serv	167.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$1,471.52</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** **MARCH 12, 2025**

### **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 Wednesday, March 12, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. Maintenance on roads was discussed and Mr. Darveau reported that 2 motorgraders were being serviced at this time. He reported that the grant application has been completed and submitted.

Commissioner Campbell inquired on the maintenance being done on school bus routes. Mr. Darveau explained that the designated school bus routes that he currently has on file which were received from the school districts many years ago, are some of the first to be cleared. He suggested that the County request that the school districts submit updated bus routes to the Road Department so that any changes that have been made by the schools can be also made by the County so that everyone is using the same information to help alleviate any misunderstandings.

The bridge on the road leading into the County Yard is being replaced and is being torn out this week with the replacement construction to start next week.

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the law enforcement center the past few weeks. He reported there are 18 inmates as of today. The calls received during the month of February totaled 455 of which 202 were traffic stops, a total of 25 arrests with 24 made from the Sheriff's Office and 1 from another agency.

Electric Contracting Company will be starting within the next week to replace and install the improved electronic system that operates the doors, cameras and other items at the Law Enforcement Center. Sheriff Hardesty reported that inmates may have to be housed in another facility for a short time while this work is being done but all efforts will be done to maintain the inmates at the jail to avoid any additional costs. The project should be completed within 1 to 3 weeks.

It was reported that Airstream Heating and Cooling have replaced the 2 existing sewage ejector pumps, float switches, seal sewage pit and reworked the pump venting to proper specifications which has eliminated the odor at the Law Enforcement Center. This was approved at the February 19, 2025, meeting.

Motion was made by Karas to approve and authorize the Sheriff to sign the Addendum with Consolidated Foodservice of Des Moines to terminate the current contract dated August 26, 2020. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve and authorize the Sheriff to sign the Food Service Agreement with Consolidated Foodservice of Des Moines, Iowa effective on March 13, 2025 with the pricing based on the quote between the parties dated February 28, 2025 and will remain in effect for three years. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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## COUNTY OFFICIALS

Sheriff Hardesty, Treasurer Bartek-Ramsey, Assessor Riggs, Clerk Eickhoff, Clerk of Dist Court Scott and Highway Supt Darveau met with the Board to review the section of paid time off in the employee handbook. Discussion was held on the suggested different proposed changes which include changing the wording and title to sick leave instead of paid time off, consolidating the vacation leave and paid time off into one group and reducing the number of hours allowed to accrue from 640 hours to 480 hours. This matter will be discussed further.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:42 a.m. with Jerry Pigsley, special legal counsel to discuss pending litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to close the executive session at 11:50 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Resolution 2024-2025-35 Cancel Check

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-35 to cancel a check issued in error. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 40)

## Other

Carol Glathar attended the meeting and wanted to make known publicly and acknowledge that Commissioner Karas had made a personal donation of \$50 for improvements to the Lynchberg Cemetery which has been declared an abandoned and neglected cemetery.

## CLAIMS

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv	4100.00
Ameriflex, fee	70.00
APCO International, dues	130.34
Centrix Technologies, supp	456.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	355.98
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Family Medicine, serv	155.40
Farmers Repair, supp	120.00
Hall Funeral Home, serv	1000.00
Hullman's, serv	162.36
Keller, Kaylea, reimb	9.60
Lancaster County Sheriff, serv	18.73
Ligouri, Angelo, serv	142.50
Malcolm, Terry, serv	560.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
NE Assoc. of County Treasurers, fee	175.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

NE State Patrol, fee	885.00
Nolte, Sean, reimb	14.00
Paper Eaters Mobile Shredding, serv	120.00
Physicians Laboratory, serv	3174.00
Postmaster, supp	98.50
Quill, supp	108.99
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	43.00
Richardson County CPR, serv	560.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	586.13
Richardson County Sheriff, fee	18.00
SNC, serv	1106.42
Unifirst, serv	93.64
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1142.25
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$15,455.84</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

City of Humboldt, serv	88.99
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. 2, serv	46.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	289.84
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	1330.14
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	16021.08
Mr. Automotive, supp	4.46
Norris Quarries, rock	6897.19
NPPD, serv	56.38
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	45.00
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	2095.52
Richardson County CPR, serv	680.00
Salem, Village of, serv	22.85
Sapp Bros., fuel	5131.48
SNC, serv	102.67
Stateline Propane, propane	285.25
Truck Center Companies, supp	135.75
Verdon, Village of, serv	36.16
W&D Auto, serv	155.00
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$33,443.76</b>

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

EForce, serv	36151.70
Scott, Pamela, reimb	25.05
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$36,176.75</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **MARCH 19, 2025**

#### **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 Wednesday, March 19, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

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

Discussion was held on the repairs to the maintenance garage at Verdon which was damaged a few weeks ago during the snowstorm. Mr. Darveau has been researching quotes to replace this damaged building with a new metal building.

The bridge on the road leading into the County Shop is under construction and progressing towards completion.

#### **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Samantha Scheitel, County Attorney requested to re-hire a former employee, Alexandra Fleming, as a full-time attorney for the County Attorney's Office

Motion was made by Karas to approve the re-hire of Alexia Fleming for the position in the County Attorney's Office. Motion seconded by Caverzagie-aye. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the law enforcement center the past few weeks. He reported there are 17 inmates as of today. The generators at the Law Enforcement Center were discussed and the need for improving as during the last storm the system was not sufficient for the facility.

A discussion was also held regarding the payment to the Community Medical Center regarding the monthly fee for the hospital's service to provide medical services to the inmates. It has been determined that the monthly invoices from CMC sent by e-mail were not coming through to the Law Enforcement Center most likely due to an incorrect e-mail address being used. Sheriff Hardesty will be contacting CMC to resolve this matter and to request a change in the agreement so that the annual contractual amount can be paid in one installment.

The Board also inquired about the agreement for a school resource officer with Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer Schools. Sheriff Hardesty indicated to the Board that the school resource officer is no longer at HTRS. The Board requested that the written notification terminating this position at HTRS be forwarded to the County Clerk for the record.

#### **SE NE COMMUNITY ACTION**

Sherry Huddleston, Family Development Specialist from the Falls City Outreach Office of SENCA, presented a report to the County Board from October, 2024 through January, 2025.

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## PROJECT RESPONSE

Kira Verdenburg of Project Response was unable to meet with the Board due to travel and weather conditions. This session will be rescheduled.

## BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director requested to meet with the Board regarding the Courthouse fire alarm system

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the quote with the Summit Fire Protection of Lincoln, NE to install a cellular communicator for \$1,412.00 and to authorize EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall to proceed with contacting the company to oversee the project and after the installation of the cellular communicator to follow-up with Security Equipment, Inc. to terminate the monitoring services for the alarm system. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A discussion was also held regarding the rural fire department radio repeaters. The radio communication equipment is placed on the Falls City water tower and the City of Falls City has indicated at different times that plans are to install a generator at the water tower site to provide electrical service when power is out so that radio communication would still be available.

## CLAIMS

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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	29.99
AT&T, serv	1231.62
CMC, serv	65000.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	507.50
Douglas County Sheriff, serv	22.19
Farm & City Supply, supp	127.96
Handley Law Office, serv	3999.50
CR24-68 C. Shaw, JV22-14, JV23-20, JV23-37, JV23-38, JV24-5	
Jensen, Marianne, reimb	17.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	400.00
KexRx, supp	158.10
Lake Mac Assessment, serv	2500.00
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1499.05
Medica, serv	55432.05
MIPS, serv	340.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	551.36
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9166.66
ProServ Business Systems, serv	161.00
Quill, supp	792.45
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	310.91
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	26247.62
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	50.40
Riggs, Kim, reimb	142.80
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Summit Fire Protection, serv	749.00
SumnerOne, serv	6.77
True Value, supp	29.38
Work Zone, supp	236.60
Payroll Expense	119886.29
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$289,666.08</b>

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Black Hills Energy, serv	295.53
Farm & City Supply, supp	353.05
Home Lumber, supp	30.00
Hotsy Equipment, supp	485.99
Hullman's, supp	337.29
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	13702.93
NMC, supp	590.25
NPPD, serv	123.45
Norris Quarries, rock	6035.56
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	69.22
Quill, supp	48.86
Road Builders, supp	87.80
Unifirst, supp	55.37
Payroll Expense	34021.83
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$56,237.13</b>

**DRUG COURT FUND**

Hawkins, Seth, reimb/serv	1435.20
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1200.00
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,635.20</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **MARCH 26, 2025**

#### **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 Wednesday, March 26, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman 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 March 19, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the law enforcement center the past few weeks. He reported there are 19 inmates as of today of which three are from Pawnee County. It was reported that resignations have been received from 3 different staff members at the Law Enforcement Center the past few weeks and the Board reviewed the letters of resignation from those that have resigned.

The Board was also informed that Deputy Ractliffe has resigned from his position as a Sergeant. Deputy Ractliffe is also the K9 handler for the County's drug dog, Valor and Nemaha County, Nebraska has offered Richardson County \$5,000.00 to purchase the dog. Motion was made by Karas to approve the sale of Valor to Nemaha County, NE. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A discussion was also held regarding the generator system for the Law Enforcement Center and the need for an upgrade so that all areas of the Law Enforcement Center are serviced during an electrical outage. A contractor is researching the options to remedy the problem and to determine what equipment would be necessary to provide enough coverage for the necessary areas of the building.

Motion was made by Karas to recess the regular meeting agenda at 9:15 a.m. and go into an executive session with County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel and Clerk Eickhoff to discuss personnel matters and for the protection of an individual(s). Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 9:34 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

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

The County maintenance building in Verdon that was damaged during the winter storm on March 5, 2025, has been reviewed by the County's insurance carrier and a check for \$9,706.27 (\$19,768.37 less \$5,062.10 depreciation and less \$5,000 deductible). These funds will be applied towards the construction of a new metal building for this County maintenance site.

#### **ZONING**

A discussion was held regarding the implementation of zoning regulations for Richardson County with Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau and County Assessor, Kim Riggs. The 2002 proposed zoning regulations will be reviewed by the Board and other county officials with any suggestions for changes to be presented to the Richardson County Planning Commission for review. The Board will also be contacting a professional firm to assist with finalizing zoning regulations for Richardson County.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Cancel Check

Motion was made by Campbell to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-36 to cancel a check issued in error. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 41)

### Other

County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey informed the Board that an employee in the County Treasurer's Office has resigned and that she would be advertising for the position to be filled.

## CLAIMS

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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

Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, serv	1000.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziske & Merwin, serv CR24-107 R. Merryman, CR25-10 B. Ramirez	860.50
Fritz, Kerry, reimb	127.40
Hy-Vee, supp	92.53
Ligouri, Angelo, serv	665.00
NE Assoc. of District Court Clerks, fees	75.00
Nodoway County Sheriff, serv	37.00
OPPD, serv	33.08
Quill, supp	255.99
Region V Systems, serv	4382.50
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	167.02
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	300.00
Summit Fire Protection, serv	2161.00
Weaver & Merz, reimb	8.95
Wolfe's Printing, supp	158.67
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$10,324.64</b>

### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Agco Finance, supp	417.98
Hamilton Equipment Co., supp	372.09
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	9689.25
NPPD, serv	136.52
Norris Quarries, rock	4235.63
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	7256.46
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$22,132.93</b>

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **APRIL 2, 2025**

#### **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 Wednesday, April 2, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman 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 March 26, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2025, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. It was reported that the deck on the bridge on the road leading into the County yard in Falls City will be poured this week and that this road should be accessible to the County yard in the next few weeks.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the law enforcement center the past few weeks. There are 23 inmates currently in the jail with 4 being from other counties.

The Sheriff also reported that Electric Contracting Company is beginning the last phase of the electrical improvement project at the Law Enforcement Center. The Sheriff also informed the Board that during part of this improvement construction project, inmates will need to be housed at other facilities for a short period of time.

The Board also reviewed with Chris Maher of Airstream Heating and Cooling a quote to replace the existing ERV system at the Law Enforcement Center with a AVFO6 Commercial ERV at the price of \$54,026.00. Motion was made by Campbell to approve the quote as presented to replace the existing ERV system at the Law Enforcement Center with a AVFO6 Commercial ERV. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **PROJECT RESPONSE**

Kira Verdenburg of Project Response presented to the Board a report on the organization and the services provided by the organization and the statistics for services given to residents of Richardson County.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

##### **Fee Reports**

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of March, 2024:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 177.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$24,388.25
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$ 656.00

April 2, 2025  
CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER (Cont.)

### **Monthly Operating Statement**

The Board reviewed the March, 2025, monthly operating statement.

### **Summit Fire Protection Agreement**

Motion was made by Karas to approve and enter into an agreement with Summit Fire Protection for the fire alarm monitoring system of the Courthouse. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **Other**

Motion was made by Karas that due to the shortage of staffing in the Veterans Service Office the past year that approval be given to pay out a portion of accumulated vacation to Odis Fields. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **Veterans Service Committee Recommendation**

The Board received a recommendation from the Veterans Service Committee to fill the vacancy of the Veterans Service Officer left vacant by the retirement of Mona Godemann.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the recommendation of the Veterans Service Committee to appoint Odis Fields as the Veterans Service Officer effective today, April 2, 2025, at a salary of \$26.09/hour and to approve the recommendation of James Kirkendall to serve as the Assistant Veterans Service Officer at \$20.47/hour. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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**

Armbruster Motor Co., serv	67.42
BuckIT, serv	7005.46
Campbell, Bob, reimb	147.00
Culligan, serv	126.00
East Richardson Rural Water District #2, serv	232.78
Falls City Mercantile, supp	229.43
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	6772.46
Farm & City Supply, supp	35.98
Humboldt Standard, adv	138.85
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	261.10
MIPS, serv	3277.10
Nemaha County, reimb	6438.29
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	933.00
Pitney Bowes, serv	186.54
Postmaster, supp	730.00
Quill, supp	183.16
Richardson County Court, fees	816.50
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	58.88
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	1395.91
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	918.53

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	26004.44
Secretary of State, supp	50.00
Strecker, Jenny, supp	65.00
SumnerOne, serv	44.32
TK Elevator, serv	416.76
Verizon, serv	215.91
Visual Edge IT, serv	230.65
Wherry Mortuary, serv	345.00
Woods & Aitken, serv	71.00
Payroll Expense	121056.56
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$178,494.03</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Culligan, serv	50.00
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	1155.26
Koch's Auto Service, serv	809.16
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	5676.69
Norris Quarries, rock	6652.96
OPPD, serv	158.00
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	54.33
True Ag & Turf, supp	3547.89
TSA Manufacturing, supp	1181.08
Unifirst, supp	55.37
Woods & Aitken, serv	5879.55
Payroll Expense	34001.57
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$59,287.86</b>

**REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND**

Government Forms & Supplies, supp	1064.68
MIPS, serv	319.05
<b>REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$1,383.73</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **APRIL 9, 2025**

#### **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 Wednesday, April 9, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. The bridge on the road leading into the county shop at Falls City has been completed and is open. Commissioner Campbell relayed some questions that he had regarding the driveway entrance policy that the County has in response to an inquiry he had received from a landowner in District 2.

Mr. Darveau also presented quotes he has obtained from different vendors through Sourcewell to purchase a new loader. The Board will consider this purchase at next week's meeting.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty was unable to meet with the Board this week.

#### **HUMBOLDT SHARES**

Mark Joy of Humboldt Shares, Inc. presented to the Board the quarterly report of the organization.

#### **BRIAN KIRKENDALL, NOXIOUS WEED SUPT.**

Brian Kirkendall, Noxious Weed Control Superintendent presented to the Board the Annual Noxious Weed Control Program evaluation report and requirement sheet from the State of Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

Motion was made by Karas to authorize the Chairman to sign the reports and requirements summary from the NE Dept of Agriculture for the year 2024. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

##### **Pledge Security Replacement**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a pledge security receipt #JC94842B to replace receipt #JC92997D at F&M Bank. Motion seconded by Campbell. Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **CLAIMS**

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

April 9, 2025  
CLAIMS (Cont.)

*(The claims listed below are available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.)*

#### **GENERAL FUND**

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv	95.00
American Legion Emblem Sales, supp	263.87
Ameriflex, fee	70.00
Axon Enterprise, supp	8280.00
Brite, supp	37.00
Brown, Patricia, reimb	44.02
Charm-Tex, supp	819.50
CMC, serv	5000.00
Consolidated Management Co., supp	10487.37
Culligan, serv	110.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	702.10
Dept. of Correction Services, serv	993.85
Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, serv	500.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	182.87
Farm & City Supply, supp	41.95
KexRx, supp	889.37
Koch's Auto Service, serv	620.39
Lancaster County Sheriff, serv	22.38
Mary's Appliance, supp	874.00
Meyer Laboratory, supp	524.20
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
Miller Monroe, fees	80.00
MIS, serv	110.00
Norfolk Lodge & Suites, lodg	250.00
ODP Business Solutions, supp	165.74
Quill, supp	65.97
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	504.52
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1857.27
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	32.46
SNC, serv	1893.57
SumnerOne, serv	218.59
Uline, supp	841.89
Unifirst, serv	86.30
US Postal Service, supp	1786.00
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1142.25
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$39,622.43</b>

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Martin Marietta Materials, rock	13194.54
Murphy Tractor & Equipment, supp	5420.00
NE Dept. of Revenue, tax	1239.00
NMC, supp	328.91
NPPD, serv	32.63
Norris Quarries, rock	3449.60
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	47.75
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	209.03
Salem, Village of, serv	22.85
SNC, serv	105.51
Truck Center Companies, supp	1224.03
Verdon, Village of, serv	35.28
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$25,309.13</b>

April 9, 2025  
CLAIMS (Cont.)

**LATCF FUNDS**

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv	27013.00
<b>TOTAL LATCF FUNDS</b>	<b>\$27,013.00</b>

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND**

SNC, serv	167.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$167.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** **APRIL 16, 2025**

### **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 Wednesday, April 16, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Campbell to add to the agenda an executive session due to an emergency situation at the request from Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director and to approve the remaining agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

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

The Board reviewed the quotes received through Sourcewell for the purchase of a new wheel loader. Quotes were as follows: NMC, Inc. for \$242,920.00; Titan Machinery for \$248,450.64; A1 Iron Corp. for \$197,302.69; Murphy Tractor for \$210,500.00.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the quote from Murphy Tractor & Equipment, Lincoln, NE for \$210,500 which was obtained through Sourcewell contract #011723-JDC. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Campbell to authorize the advertisement to receive sealed bids by Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 9:30 a.m. for the Falls City Southwest pipe replacement project located between Sections 20 and 29, Township 1, Range 16. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Campbell presented a statement to the County Board regarding the road department union, a description of the period dating back to early 1990 when the union was enacted at the Road Department and a statement that it is his opinion that it is time to get this matter resolved and make effort to try and settle this matter out of court.

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that Electronic Contracting Company is completing the electrical improvement project and plans to have completed on or before May 3. For the past week or so, inmates have been housed in other facilities and plans are to have them all returned by Friday. While this improvement project is being done and the inmates are out of the cell areas, the staff has been doing painting, making repairs and cleaning of the jail facility.

The deputies will be working overtime during the dates of May 12 to June 1 and reimbursed by the grant funds that have been awarded through the Nebraska Department of Transportation for the "Click It or Ticket" grant.

### **JEREMY INGRAHAM**

Jeremy Ingraham of Burlington Junction, MO and an owner of a parcel of real estate at 66318 703 Lane, Rulo, NE, requested to meet with the Board regarding the discovery that he and his wife have made with regards to the FEMA restrictions with no allowance for any new construction to be made on that parcel.

The Board reviewed the correspondence that Mr. Ingraham had provided and discussed the matter with him. Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director was also in attendance for this meeting.

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Karas to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:29 a.m. with Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director, Samantha Scheitel, County Attorney and County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff to discuss possible litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 11:03 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Karas to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 11:16 a.m. to discuss pending litigation and for the protection of the public interest with the County Clerk also in attendance. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 12:04 p.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Transfer of Funds

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-37 to transfer the funds from Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$150,000.00 as per the FY24-25 budget document. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 42)

### Other

A liquor license application has been received from the NE Liquor Control Commission for TumbleReeds, LLC located at 65225 720 Road, Shubert, for the issuance of a Class C Beer, Wine, Spirits On and Off Sale. The County Board has advertised and will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 9:15 a.m.

## CLAIMS

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

Charm-Tex, supp	113.60
Clerk of District Court, fees	362.00
County Treasurer, tax	2027.42
DAS State Accounting, serv	507.50
Datashield, serv	24.00
Eickhoff, Mary L., reimb	297.50
Falls City Journal, adv	77.50
Falls City Mercantile, supp	21.02
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	64.94
LaQuinta Inn & Suites, lodg	499.80

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Lynn Peavey, supp	105.60
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, serv	142.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9166.66
OPPD, serv	33.08
Prochaska & Assoc., serv	1673.75
Ram Exterminators, serv	96.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	8.95
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	131.24
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1.17
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	25973.34
Ritchie, Morgan, serv	220.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	5315.59
Saylor Screenprinting, supp	86.00
SumnerOne, serv	217.41
Wherry Mortuary, serv	365.00
Witt, Robert, reimb	75.00
Payroll Expense	126883.73
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$174,509.80</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Agco, supp	43.77
Black Hills Energy, serv	124.14
CapitalOne Trade Credit, supp	3.99
Concrete Industries, supp	3479.44
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	209.48
Farm & City Supply, supp	488.08
Hullman's, serv	109.95
Jim Hill's, supp	145.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	8246.53
NPPD, serv	85.20
Norris Quarries, rock	6289.67
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	197.84
Safety-Kleen Systems, supp	415.34
Thomas & Thomas, serv	1096.40
Unifirst, supp	55.37
Payroll Expense	32292.75
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$53,282.95</b>

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1200.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv/reimb	1401.04
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,601.04</b>

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

County Treasurer, transfer	150000.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv	1570.41
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$1,570.41</b>

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 p.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **APRIL 23, 2025**

#### **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 Wednesday, April 23, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **PROCLAMATION**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the following Proclamation:

**WHEREAS**, the Richardson County Courthouse was built during the years of 1922 to 1925 after the previous Courthouse, built in 1873 was destroyed by a fire in 1919, and

**WHEREAS**, the cost for this “fire proof” structure to serve as the Richardson County Courthouse was \$210,235.83, and

**WHEREAS**, the Richardson County Board of Commissioners accepted the Courthouse building on April 24, 1925, and

**WHEREAS**, in May of 1925 a dedication ceremony was conducted by the American Legion Post with thousands attending the ceremony, and

**WHEREAS**, the Richardson County Courthouse remains this day as stated 100 years ago by P.B. Weaver, Chairman of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners, “one of the best and most complete in the State”, and

**WHEREAS**, the rededication ceremony represents as further stated by P.B. Weaver, “if for no other purpose than to remind us all of the common duty we owe to all of us collectively; respect, for the law and its administration, without which our American liberties would be short lived”.

**NOW, THEREFORE, the Richardson County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2025 as an historical event to be recorded in the official records of Richardson County as the**

#### **100 Year Anniversary and Rededication of the Richardson County Courthouse**

Dated at Falls City, Nebraska this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2025

Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication and declared that a public hearing be opened at 9:15 a.m. to receive testimony from the public for the issuance of a Class C Beer, Wine, Spirits On and Off Sale license for TumbleReeds, LLC.

No one from the public in opposition to the issuance of the license attended the hearing. Chairman Caverzagie closed the public hearing at 9:20 a.m.

Motion was made by Karas to recommend approval of the application for the issuance of a Class C Beer, Wine, Spirits On and Off Sale license for TumbleReeds, LLC located at TumbleReed Mercantile at 65225 720 Rd, Shubert, NE 68437. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement

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Center this week. He reported that the March statistics include 35 total arrests (8 of those from other agencies, 4 inmates held from other Counties and number of arrests by Sheriff Office was 23); total calls were 694 and 321 of those were traffic stops. Currently there are 14 inmates being held at the County Jail.

He reported on some maintenance items that have been addressed, and the progress being made with the electrical improvement project at the Law Enforcement Center and the maintenance that was done to the jail while inmates were housed at other locations during the electrical improvement project.

## CLAIMS

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv	3197.88
Amazon, supp	298.85
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	821.03
AT&T, serv	1001.95
CMC, serv	949.61
Dept. of Correctional Services, serv	530.16
Falls City Mercantile, supp	198.13
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv CR24-561 K. Buis, CR24-562 K. Buis, CR25-23 T. Rogers, JV22-38, JV23-37, JV23-38, JV23-20, JV21-20, JV24-18, JV24-17, JV24-19, JV24-4	4398.21
First Concord, fees	422.00
Hy-Vee, supp	66.98
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	271.24
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1281.20
Medica, ins	47752.77
Merz Inc., supp	921.44
NACO, fees	750.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	93.00
NE U.C. Fund, tax	7912.66
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	1041.68
Postmaster, supp	438.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	283.71
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Secretary of State, supp	20.00
Spartan Nash, supp	66.92
Visual Edge IT, serv	230.65
Wolfe's Printing, supp	369.58
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$73,387.53</b>

### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Diversified Drug Testing, serv	252.50
Harmons, supp	22355.52
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	255.80
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	15640.02
Midwest Infrastructure, supp	49385.35
Midwest Service & Sales, supp	1032.00
NPPD, serv	108.44
Quill, supp	220.99
Sapp Bros., fuel	14033.05

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ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)

Stateline Propane Service, supp	252.65
Turbo Technologies, supp	7080.00
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$110,616.32</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** **APRIL 30, 2025**

### **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 Wednesday, April 30, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that currently there are 17 inmates being held at the jail. The Department also received approval for the "Click-It or Ticket" overtime grant funding for the period of May 12 thru June 1. The County will be reimbursed for the overtime that deputies work during this time period.

Region V is offering spectrometers to different agencies within the district area of Region V. The purchase of this equipment is being funded through the Opiod settlement funds that Region V has received. Further information on the acquisition of this specialized equipment will be reviewed at a further meeting.

Discussion was also held regarding the improvements to the generator system at the law enforcement center so that service would be provided to more of the building when power is out. Quotes for this improvement are expected to be received within this week and will be reviewed at next week's meeting.

It was also reported that Commissioner Karas and Sheriff Hardesty will be meeting with the City of Humboldt City Council next Tuesday to review a proposed updated contract for Law Enforcement for the City of Humboldt. The current contract will expire on August 31, 2025.

Sheriff Hardesty also reported that an employee has begun training at the Law Enforcement Academy and is expected to complete the course sometime in August.

### **FC SW PROJECT OPEN SEALED BIDS**

At 9:30 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the opening of sealed bids for the Falls City SW project pipe replacement project located between Sections 20 & 29, T1, R16.

Bids were received from the following: Van Dorn Valley Construction of Denton, NE for \$47,439.89; Malone Construction Co. Inc., of Douglas, NE for \$80,695; Sibbernse Excavating of Valley, NE for \$147,527.50 and Bauer Infrastructure, LLC of Martell, NE for \$96,857.50.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to accept the bids that were received only for the purpose of further review by the engineer and highway superintendent. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

After the bid opening a bid was received at 9:50 a.m. which could not be considered as it was received after the 9:30 a.m. deadline to receive bids. This bid remains sealed and was marked as such.

### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Steve Darveau, Highway Superintendent updated the Board on some of the routine road and bridge maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past weekend.

Quotes were received for the purchase of 5 new overhead garage doors for replacement at

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the Falls City County Shop. Those quotes were from Overhead Door Company of Omaha for \$33,960.00 and from Blue Valley Door Co., Inc. of Beatrice, NE for \$28,855.00.

### **COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL**

Motion was made by Karas to go into an executive session at 9:50 a.m. to discuss pending litigation with County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel and County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

### **FC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH ENTERPRISE**

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of the Falls City Economic Development and Growth Enterprise presented to the Board the quarterly report of the organization.

### **KAYLYN KENNEDY, EXTENSION EDUCATOR**

Kaylyn Kennedy, Extension Educator, presented to the Board the annual report of the Richardson County Cooperative Extension Service. Jami Ankrom, Extension 4-H Agent was present and introduced was Mary Ann Jensen as the new office administrator.

### **GRIEVANCE HEARING**

A representative, Chris Morton from the NAPFSCME was present to review with the Board in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement between NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 and Richardson County, as an agreement was not reached in Step 1 of the grievance process outlined in Article 3 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, and that in accordance with Step 2 of the grievance process, this grievance was presented to the County Board within five work days of the decision of the Highway Superintendent. The grievance filed and which was signed by Justin Hubly, Executive Director of NAPE AFSCME Local 61 filed by Bryan Dettman, Ron Ramer and Wyatt Martin with the Highway Superintendent on April 10, 2025, regarding the request to use civil leave on March 24, 2025, to attend hearing on CIR case #1569 instead of vacation and/or PTO leave being used. Their statement of grievance is as follows: "On April 4, 2025, Mr. Dettmann, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Ramer received their paychecks. Upon receipt, they discovered that their request to use civil leave on March 24, 2025, was not processed, and instead they had vacation and PTO leave deducted. Mr. Dettman, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Ramer which each subpoenaed to appear before the Nebraska Commission of Industrial Relations on March 24, 2025. Each gave testimony in a work-related impasse case CIR Case No. 1569. Article 11.16(c) states that time spent by employees appearing in court as a function of their job shall be considered as hours worked." Relief Sought states: "To be made whole, Mr. Dettmann, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Ramer must be placed on civil leave and have their vacation and/or PTO leave returned."

The grievance was denied by the Highway Superintendent and was answered as follows: "The collective bargaining agreement (CBA) between your union and the County does not provide that you will be paid for your time off to testify on behalf of your union pursuant to a subpoena requested by your union. The County has not agreed in the Collective Bargaining Agreement that you will be paid by the County for the time you spent testifying for your union. Your testimony on March 24, 2025, before the Nebraska Commission of Industrial Relations was required by your union not the County. Accordingly, the County is denying your request that you should be paid by the County for your absence from work on March 24, 2025. Furthermore denying your request to have your vacation and/or PTO leave returned for the absence from work on this day."

As stated within the Collective Bargaining Agreement **11.16 CIVIL LEAVE**: All employees shall be eligible for paid civil leave under the following conditions: **c. Court Appearance**: Time spent by employees appearing in court as a function of their job shall be considered as hours worked. All witness fees received as a result of these court appearances

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shall be returned to the County. Employees attending courts as a plaintiff, defendant or witness on non-work-related matters, may use vacation leave or earned compensatory time. In the event the employee is subpoenaed for non-work related matters, and does not have vacation leave or compensatory time the Employer shall grant a leave of absence. The employee shall keep any witness fee paid to the employee for these court appearances.

The Board will be reviewing the information presented regarding this grievance and will discuss it further at next week's meeting and make a decision to be forwarded back to the NAPE AFSCME Local 61.

Commissioner Campbell excused himself from the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

## QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION

The Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection and found the facility to be in good order.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Health Insurance Renewal

Motion was made by Karas to approve the renewal of the group health insurance for county employees with Medica at an increase of premium of 5.3% for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### Other

The Board approved 2 purchase orders for EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall, 1) Salamander Asset Management Program for \$2,379.00 and 2) the purchase of 2 Apple iPad Pro 13 at \$2,599.99 for a total of \$5,199.98.

## CLAIMS

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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

Candlewood Suites, lodg	458.00
Culligan, supp	93.60
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	241.27
Falls City Mercantile, supp	33.15
Farm & City Supply, supp	95.96
Fields, Odis, reimb	338.80
Handley Law Office, serv	3068.50
CR24-73 A. Adcock, CR24-153 H. Berry, CR24-167 D. Clum, CR24-126 B. Corbin	
MIPS, serv	3277.10
Norfolk Lodge & Suites, lodg	375.00
Pitney Bowes, supp	405.00
Quill, supp	435.54
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	560.98
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	21837.84
Riekenberg, Kris, serv	37.00
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	833.00
SumnerOne, serv	51.17

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

UNL, reimb	9994.51
Verizon, serv	215.91
Payroll Expense	115784.85
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$158,137.18</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Armbruster Motor Co., supp	50.61
Hamm Inc., rock	12364.90
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	11946.48
Midwest Engineering, serv	12105.00
Norris Quarries, rock	1499.65
OPPD, serv	96.95
Sapp Bros., fuel	6581.43
Unifirst, supp	55.37
Payroll Expense	32520.31
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$77,220.70</b>

**REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND**

MIPS, serv	319.05
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$319.05</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:11 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **MAY 7, 2025**

#### **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 Wednesday, May 7, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman 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 April 30, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **COUNTY TREASURER**

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer presented to the Board the report of the unpaid taxes after the April 30, 2025, deadline for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2024 taxes due and requested to move these certificates to County tax sale. Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the transfer of these certificates of unpaid taxes to County tax sale. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT**

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

A review of the bids that were received at last week's meeting for the Falls City SW pipe replacement project between Sections 20 & 29, Township 1, Range 16 was held. Motion was made by Caverzagie to award the bid to Van Dorn Valley Construction, LLC for \$47,439.89 with construction to begin July 15, 2025, and completion set for August 15, 2025. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported there are currently 18 inmates in jail. The electrical improvement project at the Law Enforcement Center has been completed and a review of the project was held yesterday with the contractor and support staff at the LEC with ECC of Lincoln. Training has also been planned and will begin within the next week for the implementation of the

new management program, EForce.

Sheriff Hardesty also reported that he attended a Nemaha Natural Resources District meeting last evening and was informed that there could possibly be some FEMA grant funding available to assist with generator upgrades.

## **SE NE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL**

Susan Keholm, CCAP-Development Director with SENCA presented to the Board the 2024 annual report of the organization. Debbie Green with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for juveniles was also in attendance. Presented the 2024 Annual Report.

Motion was made by Karas to approve a Proclamation to make aware that May will be observed in Richardson County as Community Action Month. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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## **EMA DIRECTOR, BRIAN KIRKENDALL**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director updated the Board on the repair that needs to be done to the generator at the Courthouse which will need a new transfer switch installed and has been ordered.

Mr. Kirkendall also requested approval to purchase a new pickup for the department. The Board requested he obtain the quotes from the state bid contract, etc. and review this matter further in the next few weeks.

The Board also reviewed the matter regarding the floodplain, flood fringes and floodway properties in Richardson County, located generally along the Missouri River. The Board will discuss this matter further at the May 21 meeting.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:45 a.m. with Jerry Pigsley, special legal counsel, Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent and Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk to discuss pending litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 11:39 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## **ROAD DEPT UNION GRIEVANCE**

Motion was made by Caverzagie that in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, 11.16 Civil Leave, (c), the time spent by the employees, Bryan Dettmann, Wyatt Martin and Ronald Ramer appearing before the Nebraska Commission of Industrial Relations on

March 24, 2025, was not for the purpose “as a function of their job and shall not be considered as hours worked” as the definition of a job function is a list of actions performed by an employee in a certain position that describes the main responsibilities of their job with those job functions often to appear as a list of daily tasks that an employee completes at the workplace. Furthermore, the statement of grievance states that Mr. Dettman, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Ramer were each subpoenaed to appear before the Nebraska Commission of Industrial Relations on March 24, 2025, assuming by NAPE/AFSCME Local 61, which was for non-work related matters and according to this section the employee must use vacation leave or earned compensatory time. The grievance is denied. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Fee Reports**

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of April, 2025:

Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$16,643.50
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 211.00
Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court	\$ 1,194.00

### **Monthly Operating Statement**

The Board reviewed the April, 2025 monthly operating statement.

### **Manager Change at FC Country Club, Inc.**

Motion was made by Karas to approve the application for a manager change at the Falls City Country Club, Inc. with Thomas Gist as the manager. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER (Cont.)

### **Subdivision**

Motion was made by Karas to approve a sub-division for Terry L and Brenda L Frank located in S28, T3, R13 and to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-38. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page )

## **CLAIMS**

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

Ameriflex, fee	70.00
Animal Health Center, serv	557.75
BuckIT, serv	7005.46
Cass County Jail, serv	7735.00
Charm-Tex, supp	964.20
CMC, serv	5000.00
Culligan, serv	33.60
DAS State Accounting, serv	702.10
Datashield, serv	94.50
Falls City Journal, adv	90.76
Falls City Mercantile, supp	479.45
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	5796.29
Farm & City Supply, supp	383.34
Fields, Odis, reimb	60.00
Gworks, serv	20479.00
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, serv JV23-37, JV23-38	1282.50
Handley Law Office, serv CR24-518 C. Vaughn, CR24-567 C. Vaughn	646.00
High Plains Power Systems, serv	575.00
Humboldt Standard, adv	384.00
Jim Hills, serv	50.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	292.50
JT Farm Service, supp	1009.75
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	222.60
Koch's Auto Service, serv	1179.69
Meyer Laboratory, supp	263.90
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
MIS, serv	110.00
NACO, reg	50.00
Nemaha County Sheriff's Office, serv	2383.50
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	933.00
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	80.00
Postmaster, supp	202.00
Pritchard & Abbott, serv	2300.00
Quill, supp	236.56
Radiology Associates, serv	356.00
Richardson County Court, fees	694.22
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	418.26

Richardson County Sheriff, fees	737.74
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1.25
Riekenberg, Kris, serv	82.00

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**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

Riggs, Kim, reimb	145.60
Schawang Masonry, serv	2000.00
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	454.00
SNC, serv	887.44
Summit Fire Protection, serv	761.75
SumnerOne, serv	192.00
Unifirst, serv	86.30
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$68,519.01</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Culligan, supp	40.00
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	46.00
Hamilton Equipment, supp	48.58
Hamm, rock	3025.79
Helena, supp	126.25
Martin Marietta, rock	21905.96
NPPD, serv	32.63
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	9.00
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	492.60
PowerPlan, supp	16871.40
Truck Center Companies, supp	1110.79
Woods & Aitken, serv	23117.83
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$66,826.83</b>

**DRUG COURT FUND**

Glenn's Corner Market, supp	350.00
Pizza Hut, supp	100.00
Reece, Chris, reimb	200.00
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$650.00</b>

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

Falls City Edge, funding	7500.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND**

SNC, serv	167.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$167.00</b>

#### **HIGHWAY BOND REPAYMENT**

BOK Financial Corp., pmt	116817.50
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY BOND REPAYMENT</b>	<b>\$116,817.50</b>

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. Due to conflicts in the schedule, the next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2025, will be held on **Tuesday, May 13, 2025**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **MAY 13, 2025**

#### **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, May 13, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas and Caverzagie. Commissioner Campbell was absent. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman 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 May 7, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting from May 7, 2025. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Deputy Sheriff, Jeremiah Franks updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that the recently acquired GForce software is being implemented at the Law Enforcement Center.

A quote from IAO Electric, LLC of Hiawatha, KS for the price of \$33,046.00 for labor and materials to connect the East end of the Law Enforcement Center building and the kitchen area to the existing Cummins standby generator on the West end of the building. This price includes adding a transfer switch in the Sallyport electrical Room fed from the current Emergency Transfer Switch in this room. Power will be off in the Kitchen and Sheriff's Office area for up to 2 days. A generator could be set up to run this end of the building while modifications are made, but is not included in this quoted price. The lead time to get a transfer switch is approximately 3 months.

#### **COOPER NUCLEAR STATION**

Kimberly Tanner, Emergency Preparedness Offsite Coordinator of the Cooper Nuclear Station at Brownville provided an update to the County Board on the operations of the Cooper Nuclear Station. It was reported that currently the operation is 100% online. The Cooper Nuclear Station is moving away from the outdoor warning sirens to the IPAWS notification system. Dakota Schulenberg was introduced to the Board as he will be taking over as the Emergency Preparedness Offsite Coordinator as Mrs. Tanner announced that she will be retiring at the end of the year. It was also reported that the Cooper Nuclear Station has submitted an application for license extension to move operations through 2054. Thanks and appreciation was also given to the County EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall and his staff for their assistance and work to keep the emergency plans and documents up-to-date. It was also reported that the county agreements will be updated and submitted to the County Board for review later this year.

#### **LUKE BONKIEWICZ, NACO**

Luke Bonkiewicz, NACO Research Program Analyst met with the Board to provide information on the programs that NACO is currently working on and the programs available to assist counties with obtaining needed information.

#### **SE NE ADULT DRUG COURT**

Chris Reece, PSC Coordinator and Stephanie Corter, Drug Court Secretary presented to the Board the annual report and statistics of the SE NE Adult Drug Court.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to enter into the SE NE Adult Drug Court Interlocal

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SE NE ADULT DRUG COURT (Cont.)

Agreement for 2025-2026 with Otoe, Richardson, Nemaha, Johnson and Pawnee Counties to provide funding for the continuance of the Adult Drug Court. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The funding required from each county: Pawnee-\$1,993.10; Johnson-\$5,965.52; Richardson-\$9,937.93; Nemaha-\$5,965.52; Otoe-\$9,937.93. (Resolution Book 28, Page 46)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the counties of Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe and Pawnee agreeing to Richardson County serving as the fiscal agent and the Nebraska Supreme Court Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation will provide the personnel for the SE NE Adult Drug Court for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027. Motion seconded by Karas. Karas-aye, Campbell-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 47)

**PENNSYLVANIA COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NE**

Daniel T. Pleiss, Co-President of the Pennsylvania Colony Historical Society of NE and Michelle Heim met with the Board to request funding for the organization pursuant to Nebraska Revised State Statute 23-355.01(2) in which a nonprofit county historical association or society that is not receiving funds from a levy under subsection (1) of this section may request funding from the county.

The Board explained that with the recent legislation in the Nebraska Legislature to decrease and/or eliminate the Inheritance Tax Fund that future funding of the nonprofit historical societies and other organizations will be reviewed further when the County Board sets the budget for fiscal year 2025-2026. The funding for these organizations has been provided for through the Inheritance Tax Fund.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Other**

Gary Jones of Jones Air Conditioning and Heating presented to the Board a quote to replace the condensing unit at the Courthouse that was damaged during the October 31, 2024, storm. The quote is \$87,742.00. The Board will continue to review this matter.

**CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzaige. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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**

Amazon Capital Services, supp	1.68
Bailey, Stacey, reimb	231.82
Dunn Greenery, serv	355.00
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv CR24-574 R. Weaver, JV22-38, JV23-37, JV23-38 & JV23-20	1441.50
Godemann, Bethany, reimb	49.46
Karas, Rick, reimb	367.92
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	99.00
Merz Ink serv	72.00
Postmaster, supp	146.00
Pro Serv Business Systems, serv	161.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	8.95
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	416.92
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	26354.63

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
SNC, serv	1123.24
Uline, supp	1239.27
Payroll Expense	124920.44
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$157,098.71</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Brazos Trailers, supp	395.40
City of Humboldt, serv	90.84
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	337.41
Falls City Journal, ads	23.76
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Falls City Utilities, serv	490.46
Hamm Inc., supp	1321.39
Harmon's OK Tire Shop, serv	110.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	6018.59
Midwest Service & Sales Co., supp	11081.60
Newman Signs, Inc., supp	4454.96
NMC, Inc., serv	780.41
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	4125.51
Salem, Village of, serv	27.95
Sapp Bros., serv	229.11
SNC, serv	110.04
Tri State Truck & Tractor Repair, serv	21.71
Unifirst, serv	15.62
Verdon, Village of, serv	32.64
Payroll Expense	32391.05
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$62,078.45</b>

**COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND**

Falls City Chamber of Commerce, adv	6000.00
Humboldt Chamber of Commerce, adv	2000.00
Omaha Magazine, adv	375.00
Richardson County, fee	25.00
<b>TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND</b>	<b>\$8,400.00</b>

**COUNTY VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND**

Pennsylvania Colony Historical Society, bldg., imp	2000.00
Richardson Co. Historical Society, Inc., sidewalk	2000.00
<b>TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR'S IMPROV FUND</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **MAY 21, 2025**

#### **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, May 21, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-abstain, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **REGION V SYSTEMS AND APACE**

Patrick Kreifels, Regional Administrator of Region V Systems and Matt Kasik, Director APACE (formerly Region V Services) presented to the Board the annual reports of the organizations which included statistics of services provided to Richardson County and funding that is required from each county as per NE State Statute 71-808. Richardson County will be responsible for \$15,713 for FY2025-2026 and will also provide additional funds requested in the amount of \$2,446 to meet the programming requirements of Region V.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve and enter into an Interlocal Agreement of Amended and Restated Agreement for the Formation of the Region V Community Human Services Program and APACE. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 46)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve and enter into an Interlocal Agreement of Amended and Restate Agreement for the Formation of the Region V Community Human Services Program and Region V Systems. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 47)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the funding for Region V per NE State Statute 71-808 at the amount of \$15,713.00 and to approve additional requested funding in the amount of \$2,446.00. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. Currently there are 17 inmates being held at the Jail.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the quote in the amount of \$33,046.00 from IAO Electric, LLC of Hiawatha, KS for the generator improvements at the Law Enforcement Center that were discussed at last week's meeting. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. Quotes from other vendors were requested but never received.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the monthly service charge with the State of NE Office of the CIO of \$150.00 to maintain recordings of radio communications for the Richardson County Sheriff's Department. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

The Board continued the discussion of the matter with the FEMA designated areas of floodplain, flood fringes and floodways in Richardson County and flood insurance program requirements with Mr. Kirkendall and County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel. A review of a draft letter to be sent to landowners affected by the floodway areas was done and further changes will be made and reviewed again at next week's meeting before being approved for mailing.

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EMA DIRECTOR (Cont.)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the purchase of a 2025 Ford F150 STX from Hullman's Ford-Lincoln of Falls City for the purchase price of \$46,623.00 less a \$1,250.00 rebate for a final price of \$45,373.00. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. Other quotes received and considered were from the State of NE contract prices, Armbruster Motor Company and others from Hullman's Ford and are on file at the Office of the Richardson County Clerk for public inspection during regular business hours.

## **ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to approve and adopt Resolution 2024-2025-39 certifying that the STOP sign funding agreement with the NE Department of Transportation has been completed by the Richardson County Department of Roads. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 48)

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-40 authorizing the Chairman to sign the Environmental Services Agreement BK2264 Supplemental Agreement #2 with Felsburg, Holt & Ulevig for the Stella SW Project BRO-7074(26). Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 49)

Motion was made by Karas to enter into the contract with Van Dorn Valley Construction, LLC for the Falls City SW pipe replacement project located between S20 and S29, T1, R16. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 50)

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Notice from NAPE AFSCME Local 61**

The Board received notice from NAPE AFSCME Local 61 that the grievance filed by Bryan Dettmann, Wyatt Martin and Ronald Ramer that was denied by the County Board of Commissioners has been submitted to the County Board to proceed with Step 3 of the grievance process to be presented to the County Grievance Board.

### **Engagement Letter Special Legal Counsel**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to enter into an engagement letter with Woods & Aitken, Jerry Pigsley, Attorney, to represent the County with a Road Department Union Grievance that has been submitted to the Grievance Board (2 representatives from the County, 2 representatives from the Union and 1 mutually agreed upon member). Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **Appoint Members to Grievance Board**

Motion was made by Campbell to appoint Commissioner Karas and Commissioner Caverzagie to the grievance board for the road department contract and submit a listing of names to be considered by the Union to serve as the 5<sup>th</sup> mutually agreed upon person. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **Tax & Equalization Review Commission**

Notice was received from the NE Tax Equalization & Review Commission that no adjustment of any class or subclass of real property in Richardson County is required by law.

### **Tax Assessment Rolls**

Notice was received from the Richardson County Assessor that the tax assessment rolls has been completed for tax year 2025.

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## CLAIMS

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

Best Buy, supp	151.41
Bryan Physician Network, serv	552.00
BuckIT, supp	3300.00
Clerk of District Court, fees	548.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	150.00
Electronic Contracting Co., serv	75416.53
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, serv JV24-4	3733.50
Holiday Inn Express, lodg	220.00
Hy-Vee, supp	508.17
KS Haug, serv	900.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	526.21
OPPD, serv	33.08
Physicians Laboratory, serv	600.00
Postmaster, supp	168.00
Quill, supp	2025.40
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	149.91
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	234.00
SumnerOne, serv	164.00
Weaver & Merz, serv	1160.75
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$90,540.96</b>

### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	83.44
Blue Valley Door Co., supp	1465.75
Capital City Concepts, serv	3000.00
Cornhusker International Trucks, supp	177.25
Farm & City Supply, supp	1011.22
Hamm, rock	12884.96
Jim Hill's, serv	415.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	10166.68
Metal Culverts, supp	24716.72
Midwest Infrastructure, supp	19895.32
Miller Seed, supp	2956.00
Norris Quarries, rock	807.58
NPPD, supp	65.26
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	93.42
Sapp Bros., fuel	4921.16
Unifirst, supp	39.75
Woods & Aitken, serv	10440.75
Work Zone, supp	1762.00
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$94,902.26</b>

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **MAY 28, 2025**

#### **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, May 28, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-abstain, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Motion was made by Karas to approve the right-of-way documents, permanent and temporary easements with Four W Farms & Ranches, LLC, and authorize the Chairman to sign for the Falls City SW pipe replacement project located between S20 and S29, T1, R16. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. Currently there are 13 inmates being held at the Jail.

An amended agreement with EForce the software provider for the Law Enforcement Center was presented to the Board for consideration. This amendment to the previous agreement approved on March 5, 2025, will provide the development of an interface with the program to bring the program software and facility in compliance with the NE State Jail Standards. Motion was made by Karas to approve the amendment to the March 5, 2025, agreement with EForce as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

**Samantha Scheitel, County Attorney**

The Board continued the discussion of the matter with the FEMA designated areas of floodplain, flood fringes and floodways in Richardson County and flood insurance program requirements with Mr. Kirkendall and County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel. The discussion included a review of the final draft letter that will be sent to landowners affected by the floodway areas. Discussion also included proposed changes to be considered to the current ordinance with no action being taken at this time.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the letter that has been prepared to be sent to affected landowners within floodway areas. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Further discussion was also held regarding changes that could possibly be made to the current regulations and ordinance regarding floodplain and floodway.

#### **COUNTY ASSESSOR, KIM RIGGS**

Kim Riggs, County Assessor introduced to the Board Sarah Dickmeyer of GovTech Solutions/Schneider Geospatial, LLC who provided a demonstration on the programming and products that are available with the company.

Motion was made by Karas to approve and enter into the professional services agreement with Schneider Geospatial, LLC to provide the development of a publicly accessible (or restricted access if chosen) web-based property information portal featuring land assessment,

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COUNTY ASSESSOR (Cont.)

taxation, CAMA, and digital map data utilizing existing real estate and GIS datasets provided to Professional by client. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director requested to review with the Board an after action report from the May 19, 2025, storm that occurred throughout Richardson County during the late afternoon and evening hours.

### **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

#### **Safety Committee Member**

Due to the resignation of Jail Administrator, Kristen Morehead, a vacancy exists on the County Safety Committee. Motion was made by Karas to appoint Nate Stewart, Jail Supervisor, to the County Safety Committee. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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	25.78
AT&T, serv	701.33
Best Buy, supp	240.58
Chadron State Park, lodg	293.50
Crowne Plaza, lodg	765.51
DAS State Accounting, serv	357.50
Dept. of Correctional Services, serv	542.10
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	283.72
Falls City Journal, adv	3064.20
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv CR25-17 D. Tracy, CR24-135 J. White	4444.00
First Concord, fees	209.00
Fleming, Alexandra, reimb	363.80
Handley Law Office, serv CR24-160 M. Dominguez, CR25-34 C. Ochoa, CR24-507 J. Feldman, CR25-104 C. Ochoa, JV24-20	3281.50
High Plains Power Systems, serv	560.00
Hullmans, truck	45373.00
Jim Hill's, serv	11000.00
KexRx, supp	912.03
Ligouri, Angelo, serv	1976.00
Medica, ins	46634.59
Midwest Card & ID Solutions, supp	2359.00
MIPS, serv	3277.10
N&N, serv	693.30
NACO, fee	10.00
NE Assoc. of County Attorneys, reg	1100.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9166.66

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

ODP Business Solutions, supp	34.27
Radiology Associates, serv	168.00
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24162.82
Road & Bridge Fund, levied tax	476617.07
Scheitel, Samantha, reimb	331.80
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	558.00
Scott, Pamela, reimb	145.60
SumnerOne, serv	44.32
Tichy Land Survey, serv	5100.00
Verizon, supp	5415.89
Visual Edge IT, serv	230.65
Wolfe's Printing, supp	19.50
Payroll Expense	116946.45
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$767,408.57</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Bahr Welding, serv	1950.00
Hamm, rock	6284.60
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	2081.16
NPPD, serv	75.92
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	124.41
Rulo, Village of, serv	50.00
TreviPay, supp	641.42
Unifirst, serv	55.37
Vander Haag's, truck	44014.00
Payroll Expense	32998.09
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$88,274.97</b>

**REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND**

MIPS, serv	319.05
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$319.05</b>

**DRUG COURT FUND**

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1200.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dallage, serv	1200.00
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,400.00</b>

**ARPA FUND**

Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	31.10
<b>TOTAL ARPA FUND</b>	<b>\$31.10</b>

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND**

CPC, serv	1695.60
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$1,695.60</b>

**JAIL BOND REPAYMENT FUND**

BOK Financial Corp., fee	200.00
<b>TOTAL JAIL BOND REPAYMENT FUND</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. Due to the Annual County Board Workshop that is being held in Kearney June 4-5, the **Board will not be meeting on June 4**. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **JUNE 11, 2025**

#### **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 Wednesday, June 11, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2025, meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to amend the agenda to include an executive session with Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. at the end of the meeting agenda and to approve the remaining agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director, presented to the Board the revised Local Emergency Operations Plan for Richardson County as approved by the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. The revisions to the plan included basic revisions to the wording on the provided templates.

Motion was made by Campbell to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-41 approving the revised Richardson County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 52)

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges the past several weeks.

Jan Wilhelm, Mayor of the City of Humboldt requested to meet with the Board to review how county roads work. The road in question particularly that passes by the Humboldt Airport was discussed.

#### **OPEN SEALED BIDS FOR MOWING BROME HAY**

At 9:30 a.m., Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the opening of sealed bids for the mowing of brome hay located at the Law Enforcement Center. One bid was received from Frederick Bros., Falls City for \$25.00.

Motion was made by Campbell to accept the bid from Frederick Bros., Falls City for \$25.00. Motion was seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. Currently there are 12 inmates being held at the Jail. He reported that Deputy Aitken had hit a deer with his patrol unit on June 5.

The Board also reviewed with Sheriff Hardesty wage increases that he is requesting for the staff at the Law Enforcement Center for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, thru June 30, 2026.

The current Humboldt Law Enforcement Agreement was also discussed, and a report was given by Sheriff Hardesty and Commissioner Karas on the meeting they attended with the Humboldt City Council regarding the renewal of the agreement. The renewal agreement will be drafted and submitted to the Humboldt City Council for approval

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## **KRAIG COONCE**

Kraig Coonce of Rulo met with the Board to request approval to establish a cemetery plot on a parcel of real estate that he owns. This parcel is located in the Village of Rulo and is described as Block 38, Lots 3 & 4, 7 & 8 of Rulo Bedard Addition.

No action was taken at this time as more information is needed. A request was made that Mr. Coonce submit a formal request to the County Board with the contact person he has reviewed this with at the State of Nebraska so that the County Board and the County Attorney could review this matter with them also.

## **PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND BUDGET**

At 10:15 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for a public hearing to be held for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed additional budget of expenditures of \$256,518.12 that will be needed in FY2024-2025 to meet the expenses that will be incurred in the Capital Acquisitions Budget within the General Fund for the electrical improvement project at the Law Enforcement Center that was funded through a NACO lease purchase.

No one from the public appeared at the hearing to speak.

Chairman Caverzagie declared the public hearing closed at 10:18 a.m.

## **RESOLUTION 2024-2025-42 ADOPT AMENDED BUDGET**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-42 to amend the FY2024-2025 budget to increase the General Fund revenue and expenditures as presented during the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 53)

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:20 a.m. with Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. and County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel to discuss personnel matters and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual(s). Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to close the executive session at 11:16 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Fee Reports**

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of May, 2025:

Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court	\$ 978.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 227.50
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$16,543.00

### **Monthly Operating Statement**

The Board reviewed the May, 2025, monthly operating statement.

### **Subdivision**

Motion was made by Karas to approve a subdivision for Dorothy A. Merwin, Rodney T. and Marjorie Merwin; Ronna M. and William Simpson; and Roland D and Diane L. Merwin; located in Section 31, Township 3 and Range 14 and to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-43. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 54)

### **Falls City Area Jaycees Special Designated Liquor License**

Motion was made by Karas to approve the special designated liquor licenses for the upcoming events sponsored by the Falls City Area Jaycees at the Jaycees Community Field located south of Falls City: 1) Tractor Pull on July 11, 2025, and 2) Demolition Derby on August 23, 2025. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **CLAIMS**

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

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv	188.48
Amazon, supp	433.33
Ameriflex, fee	70.00
Ankrom, Jami	182.00
Bailey, Stacey, reimb	324.80
Benchmark Government Solutions, serv	762.20
BuckIT, serv	5605.46
Campbell, Bob, reimb	355.60
CMC, serv	5000.00
Comfort Inn, lodg	134.95
Culligan, serv	194.80
DAS State Accounting, serv	702.10
Donahue & Sisco, serv	427.50
JV25-5	
Eickhoff, Mary, reimb	366.98
F&M Bank, supp	52.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	301.44
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	6442.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	510.29
Frontier Bank, pmt	28790.84
Hardenberger, Clayton, fee	20.00
Harmon, Leland, serv	25.00
Hillyard, supp	567.06
Humboldt Standard, adv	40.00
Jensen, Marianne, reimb	193.49
Karas, Rick, reimb	309.40
KexRx, supp	820.04
Koch's Auto Service, serv	1952.75
LaQuinta Inn, lodg	134.95
Ligouri, Angelo, serv	1225.96
JV25-3, JV25-4, JV25-6, JV25-7	
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1425.77

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Malcolm, Terry, serv	50.00
Meyer Home Center, serv	434.00
Meyer Laboratory, supp	290.45
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
Midwest Radar & Equipment, supp	440.00
MIS, serv	110.00
NACO, fees	2027.52
NE Assoc. of County Attorneys, reg	550.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, serv	425.00
ODP Business Solutions, supp	206.80
Office Depot, supp	469.99
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	940.61
Pitney Bowes, supp	2037.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	161.00
Quill, supp	659.18
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	100.76
Richardson County Court, fees	863.54
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	914.00
Richardson County Mutual Aid, serv	284.97
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	235.32
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	596.61
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	28308.21
Sapp Bros., fuel	10712.87
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	554.00
Scott, Pamela, reimb	725.20
SNC, serv	1980.32
Spartan Nash, supp	72.92
SumnerOne, serv	195.00
Unifirst, serv	74.66
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1142.25
Wheeler, Janece, reimb	20.00
Payroll Expense	140898.78
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$254,158.15</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Culligan, serv	40.00
Diversified Drug Testing, serv	110.00
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	344.38
Hamm, rock	5241.45
Koch Auto Service, supp	16414.60
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	17879.64
Murphy Tractor & Equipment, supp	5200.00
Myers Tire Supply, supp	143.59
NPPD, serv	32.63
Norris Quarries, rock	8532.66
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	105.71
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	64.07
Powerplan, supp	1507.46
Quill, supp	101.75
Richardson County Register of Deeds, fee	44.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	8341.25
SNC, serv	108.53
Tifco Industries, supp	103.96
Truck Center Companies, supp	3734.12

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ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)

Unifirst, supp	47.56
Verdon, Village of, serv	33.52
Payroll Expense	33542.05
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$101,718.93</b>

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

SNC, serv	167.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$167.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Stacey Bailey, Deputy County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **JUNE 18, 2025**

#### **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, June 18, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT**

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

A discussion was held on rock hauling and placement on county roads and the amount of rock that the County purchases. Mr. Darveau presented to the Board information on the amount of rock that is placed on county roads within each precinct and the costs that are involved. This report included the total amount for 2024 and the amount from January 1, 2025, through May 31, 2025, for comparison. He reported to the Board that the Department keeps this record, and it is updated monthly.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. Currently there are 14 inmates being held at the Jail. The Sheriff presented the funds that have been received for the sale of surplus property on the GovDeals website which totaled \$6,018.57. Donations are also being received for the Drug Dog program and the golf tournament that is being planned for June 28, 2025, which to this date are \$1,450.00.

Discussion was held on plans to replace two patrol units in the next year's budget.

The Public Service Commission hearing held this past week resulted in the application for the County to be an approved Secondary PSAP has been submitted to the Attorney General for an opinion.

The Sheriff also requested that the proposed salary increases presented be approved and to become effective July 1, 2025. The increases are proposed as follows: 2% increase for deputies/sergeants; office assistant from \$23.00/hour to \$25.00/hour (8%); dispatchers to increase to a range of \$20.00/hour to \$23.00/hour from a top of \$21.00/hour; dispatch supervisor from \$23.00/hour to \$25.00/hour; communications director from \$25.50/hour to \$27.00/hour; jail supervisor from \$22.44/hour to \$24.00/hour; jail shift supervisor at \$23.00/hour; jailers at a range of \$19.00/hour to \$22.00/hour from \$20.00/hour. The Board took no action at this time.

#### **FALLS CITY EDGE**

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of the Falls City Economic Development & Growth Enterprise presented to the Board a request for continued funding to the organization from Richardson County and a renewal agreement. The renewal agreement includes a change only for the payment dates to February 28 and August 31 and the duration of the agreement is August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2028, with a contribution from Richardson County of \$15,000.00/year.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the renewal agreement as presented with Falls City Economic Development & Growth Enterprise. Motion second by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, page 55)

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## **BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director informed the Board that the department has determined that they have 2 ipads that shall be considered as surplus property and are requesting authorization to advertise these for sale on the social media sites. The advertisement will be for 2 weeks and will be sold to the highest bidder at the close.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to authorize the Emergency Management Agency to sell 2 ipads which have been determined to be surplus on the social media sites to the highest bidder. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## **VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE**

James Kirkendall, Asst. Veterans Service Officer presented to the Board the nomination(s) that were received for the appointment to the Veterans Service Committee for the next term July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the appointment of Richard Malcolm to the Veterans Service Committee for a term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The Board also extended their thanks to Fred Sikora who has served on the committee the past 5 years.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Pledge Security Receipt**

Motion was made by Campbell to approve a pledge security receipt #JC93054C from F&M Bank to replace pledge security receipt #JC93066B. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **Southeast Nebraska Development District**

A request was received from the Southeast Nebraska Development District for the continued funding of the organization for the next fiscal year 2025-2026. The annual report was also submitted for review.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the FY25-26 membership dues of \$6,019.00 and the FY25-26 housing dues of \$615.00. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **Recognition of County Officials and Employees Policy**

Motion was made by Karas to approve changes to the policy for county employee recognition expenses (reception expense to \$150, plaque or token for certificate of service to \$150 and certificates of achievement to \$100) and to consider a resolution to formalize the change at next week's meeting. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **Joint Public Hearing Postcards**

Motion was made by Karas to designate Multi-County Information & Programming Services (MIPS) to print the postcard notices in 2025 for the joint public hearing if needed. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **Grievance Board Determination**

The County received the findings and decision on grievance that was presented to the Grievance Board at a hearing held on June 9. The Board found that the employees, Bryan Dettman, Wyatt Martin and Ronald Ramer were correctly denied civil leave according to the

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agreement detailed in Richardson County exhibit 1 that was presented at the hearing, and the County is not required to return any vacation or paid-time-off used on March 24, 2025.

**Fee Reports**

Reports were reviewed and approved for Sheriff Hardesty for fees collected during the following months: August, 2024--\$10,440.77; September, 2024--\$7,765.69; October, 2024--\$8,396.60; November, 2024--\$6,412.52; December, 2024--\$4,206.93; January, 2025--\$3,463.60; February, 2025--\$4,605.65; March, 2025--\$6,256.89; April, 2025--\$7,946.22; May, 2025--\$4,431.16.

**CLAIMS**

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

AT&T, serv	1011.32
Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimb	209.30
Caverzagie, John, reimb	331.10
Courtyard by Marriott, lodg	278.00
Crowne Plaza, lodg	869.70
DAS State Accounting, serv	507.50
Falls City Mercantile, supp	249.85
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Volunteer Ambulance, serv	640.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziske & Merwin, serv JV22-38, JV23-37, JV23-38, JV21-20, JV21-19, JV24-18, JV24-17, JV24-19, JV24-4, CR24-561 K. Buis, CR25-29 T. Rogers, CR25-23 T. Rogers	5190.50
Farm & City Supply, supp	541.99
Haug Communications, supp	591.00
Hy-Vee, supp	20.03
Jim Hill's, supp	12.50
Justice Data Solutions, serv	5900.00
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	275.80
Lexipol, serv	586.20
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	1032.00
Midwest Auto Fire Sprinkler, serv	495.00
MIPS, serv	4362.70
Morehead, Amanda, reimb	49.70
NE State Fire Marshall, serv	72.00
OPPD, serv	33.09
Petersen Reporting, serv	493.85
Postmaster, supp	1079.20
Quill, supp	521.97
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Register of Deeds, fee	166.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	114.93
Riggs, Kim, reimb	159.60
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	279.00
SumnerOne, serv	20.08
Sunset Law Enforcement, supp	2473.90
Uline, supp	1352.55
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$30,078.24</b>

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**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Black Hills Energy, serv	46.28
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	618.21
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	484.47
Hamm, rock	429.21
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	19158.37
NPPD, serv	65.26
Norris Quarries, rock	14140.87
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	208.98
Tri-State Truck & Tractor Repair, serv	51.45
Vollmer, Julie, reimb	442.77
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$35,685.87</b>

**LATCF FUNDS**

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv	24788.00
<b>TOTAL LATCF FUNDS</b>	<b>\$24,788.00</b>

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS**

CPC, serv	2315.64
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,315.64</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **JUNE 25, 2025**

#### **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, June 25, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting from June 18, 2025. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Safety Committee Meeting on June 18, 2025. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. He reported that he will be holding interviews for 2 positions to be filled in the Department and advertising to fill a vacancy for the office administrator.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement center this week. Currently there are 9 inmates being held at the Jail. He reported that there are still some issues with the air conditioning not cooling certain areas of the Law Enforcement Center and it is being addressed.

A grant to compensate for overtime accrued by deputies for traffic speed enforcement during the period of July 14 through July 31 has been applied for through the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

Sheriff Hardesty reported that a deputy has been hired to fill a vacancy. The Board also reviewed further the requested proposed salary increases effective July 1, 2025, for the department staff with no action taken at this time. The Board indicated that they would continue the review of the request and finalize the decision after the budget has been reviewed.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the purchase of 2 patrol units, 2025 Ford Explorer police interceptors with selected options from Hullman's Ford Linc of Falls City from the state bid contract #16076 OC at a price of \$46,904 each. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **DISTRICT 1 CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER**

Melanie Stormer, District 1 Chief Probation Officer reported to the Board statistical information on the probation office in Richardson County along with the proposed budget for the Nebraska State Probation District 1. Richardson County's portion of the costs for District 1 probation is \$10,666.68, a reduction of \$969.66 from the prior year.

#### **SCOTT MILLER, MILLER-FARRELL INSURANCE**

Scott Miller and Steve Simon representing Miller-Farrell Insurance Agency presented to the Board the county general liability, work comp, auto, property, error & omission, umbrella, etc. insurance changes and renewal premium information to the Board for the period of July 1,

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MILLER-FARREL INSURANCE

2025 through June 30, 2026.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to accept the insurance changes and renewal premium for the coverage period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, with Miller-Farrell Insurance at a total of \$336,441.25, an increase of the prior year of 5%. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## COMMISSIONER KARAS

Commissioner Karas requested this time to review the current wages of the staff in the County Treasurer's Office. County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey was also in attendance for this meeting and requested that the Board consider an increase for the support staff in the County Treasurer's office to keep in line with other departments and other job opportunities in the area.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Recognition of County Officials and Employees Policy

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-45 regarding changes approved to the policy for recognition of County Officials and Employees from 2007 as follows: reception expense to \$150, plaque or token for certificate of service to \$150 and certificates of achievement to \$100. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 56)

### Overspent Budgets

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-46 regarding the overspent budgets and unencumbered funds during fiscal year 2024-2025, in which the Humboldt Law Enforcement Agrmnt was overspent by \$31,809.60. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 57)

### Agenda Request Form

Motion was made by Campbell to approve a form and adopt a policy regarding the request for items to be placed on the County Board meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### Other

Funds were received from the Department of the Interior for U.S. Entitlement Lands in the amount of \$1,425.00.

## CLAIMS

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

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GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

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DAS State Accounting, serv	702.10
Dept. of Correctional Services, serv	1834.56
Douglas County Sheriff's Office, serv	23.65
Falls City Mercantile, supp	141.08
Farm & City Supply, supp	254.09
Hullman's Ford, serv	481.56
Humboldt Standard, adv	173.00
Hy-Vee, supp	440.50
Jensen, Marianne, reimb	5.35
Koch's Auto, serv	1085.52
Ligouri, Angelo, serv	2220.60
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1423.61
Mary's Appliance, supp	994.00
Medica, ins	55929.78
Miller-Farrell, ins	150.00
Miller-Monroe, fee	40.00
NE Dept of Health & Human Services, serv	93.00
Nemaha County Hospital, serv	4624.50
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9166.66
Nolte, Sean, reimb	20.00
Nussbaum, Emily, reimb	131.88
Petersen Reporting, serv	423.30
Physicians Laboratory, serv	11600.00
Plattsmouth Dept. of EMS, serv	150.00
Postmaster, supp	847.20
Psychological Resources, serv	150.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	519.93
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	23427.84
Road & Bridge Fund, tax	276924.84
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	279.00
St. Joseph Plumbing & Heating, serv	1574.24
Summit Fire Protection, serv	2070.00
UNL, reimb	5078.84
Wolfe's Printing, supp	1001.84
Payroll Expense	111994.63
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$538,495.72</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Agco Finance, supp	218.70
Blue Valley Door Co., supp	30251.25
County Treasurer, transfer	300000.00
Grainger, supp	884.40
Hamm, rock	1827.70
Jim Hawk Truck Trailer, supp	37.64
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	23941.53
NPPD, serv	75.92
NMC, supp	1102.35
Norris Quarries, rock	3882.19
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	182.29
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Safety-Kleen Systems, supp	424.87
Sapp Bros., fuel	5842.13
Truck Center Companies, supp	3598.11
Unifirst, supp	55.37
Woods & Aitken, serv	7183.45

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

ROAD & BRIDE FUND (Cont.)

Payroll Expense	35029.04
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$414,561.94</b>

**DRUG COURT FUND**

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1200.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv/reimb	1400.06
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,600.06</b>

**ARPA FUND**

Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire,etc	6.66
Payroll Expense	46.24
<b>TOTAL ARPA FUND</b>	<b>\$52.90</b>

**LATCF FUND**

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv	232.39
Kustom Signals, supp	2742.62
<b>TOTAL LATCF FUND</b>	<b>\$2,975.01</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

**RICHARDSON COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**  
**AGENDA**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**11:00 A.M.**

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Posting of Open Meeting Laws
- 3) Approval of Agenda

**PROPERTY VALUATION PROTESTS**

**11:00 a.m. 2025-001** parcel #740054031 Terry L & Mary E Malcolm  
**11:00 a.m. 2024-004** parcel #740118064 Scott Maze ~~WITHDRAWN~~  
**11:05 a.m. 2024-005** parcel #740022156 Thomas R. Loucks  
2024-006 parcel #740022202 Thomas R. Loucks  
2024-007 parcel #740018450 Thomas R. Loucks  
2024-008 parcel #740022172 Thomas R. Loucks  
2024-009 parcel #740022164 Loucks Living Trust  
**11:15 a.m. 2024-010** parcel #74003395 Richard M. Duerfeldt  
2024-011 parcel #740015680 Richard M. Duerfeldt

**TAX LIST CORRECTIONS**

**REVIEW AND APPROVE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION NOTICES  
TO BE SENT AS PREPARED BY COUNTY ASSESSOR**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**  
**JUNE 25, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie; Assessor, Kim Riggs; and Clerk Eickhoff. 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 agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

**PROPERTY VALUATION PROTESTS**

Property valuation protests were heard for filings #2025-001, #2025-004 through #2025-011.

**TAX LIST CORRECTIONS**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve 2 tax list corrections as presented by Assessor Riggs. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 12:06 p.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **JULY 2, 2025**

#### **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, July 2, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the Board of Equalization minutes from June 25, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **COUNTY TREASURER**

Rachel Jean, Deputy County Treasurer presented to the Board the request to close out the American Rescue Plan Act Fund (ARPA) special bank account with all remaining interest that has accrued on these funds to be transferred into the County General Fund. The closeout of the Local Assistance Tribal Contingency Fund (LATCF) was also discussed.

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-1 in reference to closing out the ARPA Fund Account 2580 and the LATCF 2585. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. An update was given on the current projects being completed and those that will be starting in the next few weeks. Commissioner Campbell reported on a project the Road Department completed in the Preston area and a compliment was received from the landowner on the cooperation that was given by the Highway Superintendent and the Road Department crew.

Mr. Darveau also reported that he has contacted someone from Beatrice who will be servicing the Road Dept. to meet the requirements for CDL instruction and certification.

Gayle Swisegood requested to meet with the Board regarding the County's driveway access policy. The policy that was adopted on June 12, 2018, was reviewed and Mr. Swisegood's questions were answered.

Bill Ely requested to meet with the Board regarding the condition of the county roads past his residence and surrounding area. Mr. Ely indicated that more rock needs to be placed on the county roads and that the budget should allow more funds for rock.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty was unable to meet with the Board this week.

#### **QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION**

The Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection and found the facility to be in good order. A leak from the roof was discovered this past weekend after the recent rainfall and a contractor informed the County that the roof had received hail damage that needs to be addressed.

July 2, 2025

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Fee Reports

Reports were reviewed and approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of June, 2025:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 122.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$10685.75
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$ 682.00

### Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the June, 2025, monthly operating statement.

### EPC Agreement

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve and enter into an agreement with Region V Systems for Emergency Protective Custody Services from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at a cost of \$214.00/day. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 59)

### CLAIMS

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

Bennett, Pam, serv	100.00
BuckIT, serv	7005.46
Culligan, serv	22.40
Datashield Corp., serv	148.75
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	334.66
F&M Bank, pmt	46625.30
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	5501.71
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	3465.00
CR25-49 T. Beccard, CR25-40 K. Buis, CR25-10 B. Ramirez, CR25-29 T. Rogers	
Farm & City Supply, supp	76.08
Federal Signal Corp, serv	5720.00
Fritz, Kerry, reimb	75.60
Gravatt, Jere, serv	100.00
Handley, Dylan, serv	600.00
Karas, Rick, reimb	327.04
Mellage, Mary, serv	100.00
Miller Farrell Ins., ins	186469.75
MIPS, serv	3565.86
MIS, serv	110.00
Nemaha County, reimb	5606.64
Petersen Reporting, serv	760.75
Richardson County Court, fees	660.10
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	590.00
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	279.00
SE NE Development District, dues	6634.00
SumnerOne, serv	44.32

July 2, 2025  
CLAIMS (Cont.)

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)**

Unifirst, serv	74.66
Verizon, serv	215.91
Wolfe's Printing, supp	40.46
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$275,253.45</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Hamm, rock	2257.10
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	16721.14
Miller Farrell Ins., ins	149971.50
Norris Quarries, rock	3815.04
OPPD, serv	168.79
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	158.22
Sapp Bros., fuel	19593.54
Schendel Pest Control, serv	250.00
SNC, serv	105.12
Truck Center Companies, serv	1869.15
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$194,909.60</b>

**REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND**

MIPS, serv	324.92
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$324.92</b>

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

County Treasurer, contribution	9937.93
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$9,937.93</b>

**JAIL BOND REPAY FUND**

BOK Financial Corp., pmt	293838.75
<b>TOTAL JAIL BOND REPAY FUND</b>	<b>\$293,838.75</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **JULY 9, 2025**

#### **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 Wednesday, July 9, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-abstain, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2025, Board of Equalization meeting. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges the past several weeks.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. Currently there are 13 inmates being held at the Jail. He reported that the golf tournament held on June 28 that was held for support of the K-9 Drug Dog made \$3,600 and that these funds will be deposited with the County Treasurer.

#### **BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director requested permission from the County Board to close 703 Loop on July 29 for Anhydrous Ammonia Release and Decontamination Drill to traffic from 5-8 p.m. (July 30 as back-up date). A total of 110 persons signed up for the drill.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the brief closing of 703 Loop on July 29 for an Anhydrous Ammonia Release and Decontamination Drill to traffic from 5-8 p.m. with July 30 as a back-up date. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **COUNTY TREASURER, AMANDA BARTEK-RAMSEY**

County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey presented to the Board the Semi-Annual Report, January 1, 2025, thru June 30, 2025.

Motion was made by Karas to accept the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **MARVIN PLANNING**

The Board requested that Marvin Planning of Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc. meet with them to review the procedures and requirements needed to update the Richardson County Comprehensive Plan and discuss proposed zoning regulations.

Motion was made by Karas to move forward with the consulting services provided by Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc. to update the Richardson County Comprehensive Plan and develop a proposal for zoning regulations. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. A contract will be sent for the County Attorney to review and the Board to sign.

July 9, 2025

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Other

A report was received from EMA on the sale of the 2 ipads which was received a total of \$700.00 for both.

## CLAIMS

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

Ameriflex, fees	70.00
Benchmark Government Solutions, serv	523.50
Blue Valley Public Safey, serv	14655.00
Consolidated Management, serv	10608.50
Culligan, serv	60.00
Datashield, serv	24.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	293.57
Farm & City Supply, supp	136.93
First Concord, fees	211.00
Hullman's Ford, serv	526.70
Idemia, serv	2778.00
Jim Hill's, serv	490.60
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	2411.50
KexRx, supp	1020.05
Kirkendall, James, reimb	436.80
Koch's Auto, serv	1836.90
Kollasch Law Office, serv	2200.00
CR25-34 C. Ochoa	
Meyer Laboratory, supp	437.90
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
Miller Monroe, serv	40.00
Nebraska.Gov, fees	18.00
NE Department of Revenue, fees	75.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, fees	75.00
ODP Business Solutions, supp	34.27
Pro Serv Business Systems, serv	393.70
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash Acct., reimb	84.16
Richardson County Sheriff, reimb	984.16
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	27510.70
SNC, serv	1903.17
SumnerOne, serv	213.55
TK Elevator Corporation, serv	416.76
US Signal Company, LLC, serv	945.00
Visual Edge IT, Inc., fees	230.65
Vollmer, Julie, reimb	320.00
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1142.25
Wherry Mortuary, serv	385.00
Payroll Expense	116599.07
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$190,121.39</b>

July 9, 2025  
CLAIMS (Cont.)

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

City of Humboldt, serv	90.53
Culligan of Percival, serv	22.40
East Richardson RWD #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Utilities, serv	304.09
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	5256.01
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	32.63
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	1904.52
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., supp	767.28
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	62.09
Richardson County Vendor, tax	2244.00
Salem, Village of, serv	44.85
Unifirst, serv	15.62
Payroll Expense	35509.63
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$46,299.65</b>

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND**

SNC, serv	167.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$167.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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Rick Karas, Vice-Chairman

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Stacey Bailey, Deputy County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **JULY 16, 2025**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice-Chairman Karas at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas and Campbell. Commissioner Caverzagie was absent. The Invocation was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Vice-Chairman Karas announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the Board of Equalization minutes from July 9, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. 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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT**

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

#### **COUNTY TREASURER, AMANDA BARTEK-RAMSEY**

County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey presented to the Board the Distress Warrant Collections for 2023 taxes. Two warrants were issued totaling \$180.59 and were collected in full by the Sheriff.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. It was reported that 16 inmates are currently being held in the jail.

The Sheriff presented to the Board a report that the 2023 tax distress warrants have been collected and the total collected was \$270.71 (warrant total \$180.59 + interest of \$13.92 + service fee of \$36.00 + mileage fee of \$40.20).

Information was also presented to the Board quotes for the purchase of equipment needed for placement in the new patrol vehicles. Discussion was also held regarding the purchase of a 2025 Dodge Charger patrol unit.

Motion was made by Campbell to move forward to purchase a new 2023 Dodge Charger AWD black V6 from ESU Pursuits of Edwardsville, KS for \$37,900.00. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve a purchase order for the equipment to be placed in the 2023 Dodge Charger from 911 Customs for \$6,120.27. Motion seconded by Karas. Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve a purchase order for the equipment to be installed in one 2025 Ford Police Interceptor from 911 Customs in the amount of \$7,400.00. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

#### **TOM BLISS, SE NE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Tom Bliss, Executive Director of the Southeast Nebraska Development District presented to the Board the activity currently being done in Richardson County by SENDD. He also introduced the staff person, Brittany McCullough who has been working with the cities and villages within Richardson County.

Mr. Bliss explained to the Board that grant funding is possible for the purchase of 1<sup>st</sup> responder radios and possible equipment.

July 16, 2025  
SENDD (Cont.)

A discussion was also held on updating the Richardson County Comprehensive Plan and proposed zoning regulations. He informed the Board that the University of Nebraska-Lincoln would offer assistance for this project through students who participate in these courses at UNL which could benefit the County with some cost savings. He also explained that there might be some grant funding available to assist with these updates, although this funding has been reduced in the past year.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Subdivision

Motion was made by Karas to approve a subdivision for David L. Keithley located in S29, T3, R16 and to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-2. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 60)

### CLAIMS

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

*(The claims listed below are available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.)*

### GENERAL FUND

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv	1991.26
Amazon, supp	97.97
Clerk of District Court, fees	287.00
Community Medical Center, serv	5000.00
DAS State Accounting, fee	357.50
Farm & City Supply, supp	207.52
First Wireless Inc, serv	886.17
Haug Communications, supp	278.75
Heartland Public Safety Equipment, supp	1604.41
IAO Electric, LLC, serv	16523.00
Kirkendall, James, reimb	50.00
Meyer Laboratory Inc, supp	299.90
Mid-States Organized Crime Info, dues	100.00
NE UC Fund, tax	9352.44
NSA/POAN, fees	400.00
ODP Business Solutions, LLC, supp	34.27
OPPD, serv	33.11
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	80.00
Pitney Bowes, supp	186.54
Quill, supp	25.91
Radiology Associates, serv	168.00
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Region V Systems, dues	4168.50
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	124.58
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	396.00
SumnerOne, serv	266.13
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$43,036.84</b>

### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	46.23
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July 16, 2025  
CLAIMS (Cont.)

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)**

Farm & City Supply, supp	331.33
NMC, supp	4068.72
NPPD, serv	65.26
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	30.85
Sapp Bros., fuel	5957.70
Unifirst, serv	39.75
Verdon, Village of, serv	31.76
Woods & Aitken LLP, fees	9101.90
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$19,673.50</b>

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS**

Combined Public Communications, serv	2557.77
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,557.77</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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Rick Karas, Vice-Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **JULY 23, 2025**

#### **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 Wednesday, July 23, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-abstain. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges the past several weeks. Mr. Darveau reported that he has hired 2 new employees. The Board also discussed the idea of stockpiling rock.

#### **SAMANTHA SCHEITEL, COUNTY ATTORNEY**

County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel presented to the Board the renewal agreement with BraveBe Child Advocacy Center for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. The City of Falls City also participates in this agreement. The annual cost to the County and the City is \$1,210.00 each.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve and authorize the County Attorney and County Sheriff to enter into the agreement with BraveBe Child Advocacy Center for July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at a cost of \$1,210.00/year. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. Currently there are 16 inmates being held at the Jail.

Motion was made by Karas to enter into the agreement with the City of Humboldt for the Richardson County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement services to the City of Humboldt at 160 hours per month at a cost of \$94,000/year and a 2% increase each year for the next 4 years at which time the agreement will terminate on August 31, 2030. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 61)

Motion was made by Karas to approve the request to upgrade cellular phones for the department and to advertise for sale on social media sites the sale of department cellular phones that have been deemed to be surplus to the highest bidder. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **PROJECT RESPONSE**

Shania Vickers, representative for Project Response presented to the Board a quarterly report on the organization. Statistical information on the activity within the organization was given as part of the report.

#### **FALLS CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH ENTERPRISE**

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of Falls City EDGE presented to the Board the quarterly report and current projects and activity of the organization.

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## RICHARDSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Leon Wilhelm, President of the Richardson County Historical Society met with the Board to present the annual report of the organization and the request for continued funding in fiscal year 2025-2026. While the County has always provided funding in the amount of \$10,000/year, the Society requested that the Board consider \$12,000/year.

## DISCUSSION ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE AND PROPOSED ZONING REGULATIONS

Discussion was held on proceeding with the Marvin Planning Consultants to update the Comprehensive Plan. More information was received at last week's meeting from the Southeast Nebraska Development District and what programs and assistance they have to offer to accomplish this update with some cost savings to the County.

The Board will consider the contract with Marvin Planning Consultants at next week's meeting.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### NE Dept of Health & Human Services

Correspondence from the NE Department of Health & Human Services was reviewed by the Board regarding the entrance and exit from this office in the lower level of the Courthouse. A letter will be sent back to the NE Dept of Health & Human Services addressing their concern and approval for them to proceed to make any corrections they deem necessary at the expense of the State of Nebraska.

### Discussion on water leaks inside Courthouse

The Board held a discussion on the water leaks that have appeared inside the Courthouse building after the recent rain and storms. Commissioner Campbell has done some investigating into the areas that have leaks and reported to the Board that some work is needing to be addressed to the exterior of the upper level of the Courthouse which is the old jail area. He will be contacting a contractor that specializes in the restoration of historical buildings to obtain their opinion on the problem.

Commissioner Campbell also updated the Board on the condition of the roof at the Law Enforcement Center after he participated in an inspection with the insurance adjuster from EMC and contractor, Anthony Thiner of Skyline Construction, Inc. The roof had experienced some hail damage from previous storms.

## CLAIMS

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

ABK Fire & Safety, serv	240.50
Amazon, supp	18.09
AT&T, serv	1061.78
Auburn Family Health Center, serv	323.00
Bennett, Pam, serv	100.00
Consolidated Management Services, serv	9768.50
DAS State Accounting, serv	150.00
Dept. of Correctional Services, serv	3574.23
Falls City Journal, adv	227.98
Falls City Mercantile, supp	111.61
Family Medicine, serv	445.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	48.75

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**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

First Concord, fees	228.00
Gravatt, Jere, serv	100.00
Handley, Dylan, serv	400.00
Howe, Caleb, reimb	198.45
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1450.74
Malcolm, Terry, serv	385.00
Medica, ins	54910.14
NE Health & Human Services, serv	90.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9166.66
Petersen Reporting, serv	502.45
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	615.74
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	573.66
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24584.08
SumnerOne, serv	76.00
Tichy, Rob, reimb	2145.83
'Payroll Expense	116569.34
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$228,065.53</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Diversified Drug Testing, serv	370.00
Marking Refrigeration, Inc., serv	474.90
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	32976.23
Midwest Petroleum Equipment, serv	2376.58
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	139.08
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	22849.75
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	148.49
Quill LLC, supp	58.98
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
UniFirst Corporation, supp	55.37
Payroll Expense	35369.68
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$94,844.06</b>

**DRUG COURT FUND**

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1300.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1300.00
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 11:49 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Stacey Bailey, Deputy County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** **JULY 30, 2025**

### **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 Wednesday, July 30, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes from the Board of Equalization meeting of July 23, 2025, as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

### **KRAIG COONCE**

Kraig Coonce of Rulo made a request to the Board for a real estate tax exemption on lots 3 & 4 in Block 38 of Rulo Bedard Addition located in the Village of Rulo for the purpose of establishing a private cemetery, parcel ID#740095420.

County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel was also in attendance at this time and suggested that this matter should also be reviewed by the Board of Trustees in the Village of Rulo and Mr. Koonce would most likely need to form a cemetery association.

### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges the past several weeks.

Request was made that the County Board approve the rehire of 2 prior Road Department employees. Motion was made by Caverzagie to acknowledge the re-hire of Joel Schawang and approve the re-hire of Matt Bletscher. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the future plans to address ditch cleaning and clearing out tubes located under county roads. Mr. Darveau recommended that the County contract for the completion of larger projects to be done on county roads and bridges.

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. Currently there are 20 inmates being held at the Jail.

Motion was made by Campbell to rescind the motion to purchase the new 2023 Dodge Ram Charger from ESU Pursuit approved at the July 23, 2025, meeting. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director presented to the Board the 2025 Emergency Management Program Funding grant application and requested that the Board approve the application to be submitted to the NE Emergency Management Agency.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the application for EMPG funding for the FY2025-2026 in the amount of \$48,583.59 to be submitted to the NE Emergency Management Agency. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A discussion was also held regarding the Nebraska Regional Interoperable Network,

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BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA (Cont.)

NRIN which is located on the water tower in the Village of Stella. The Village is requesting that the County pay a portion of the electrical costs to maintain this system on the tower. Motion was made by Karas to approve the costs to maintain the NRIN system on the water tower in the Village of Stella which is approximately \$600/year. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **AGREEMENT WITH MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS, INC.**

Motion was made by Campbell to approve and enter into an agreement with Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc. to update the Richardson County Comprehensive Plan and the proposed zoning regulations at a total cost of \$47,600 to be completed within 14-18 months. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

##### **Resolution 2025-2026-3 Richardson County FSA (Flexible Savings Account) Plan**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the Richardson County Flexible Savings Account (FSA) Plan and Document, amended and restated January 1, 2025, and to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-3. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page )

##### **Notice of New National Opioids Settlement for the Purdue Direct Settlement**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to acknowledge the Notice of New National Opioids Settlement for the Purdue Direct Settlement and agree to the participation in the settlement which has been executed by County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, the authorized agent for Richardson County (October 26, 2021) to receive funding from the OPIOID Recovery Fund settlement agreements. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **CLAIMS**

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

East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv	326.17
Falls City Journal, adv	481.64
Physicians Laboratory, serv	3350.00
Quill, supp	311.77
Region V Systems, serv	428.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	85.49
Rieschick Drilling, serv	315.00
Riggs, Kim, reimb	158.20
SumnerOne, serv	76.47
Unifirst, serv	74.66
Verizon, serv	199.85
Visual Edge IT, serv	487.30
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$6,294.55</b>

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**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Martin Marietta Materials, rock	28258.39
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$28,258.39</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Stacey Bailey, Deputy County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **AUGUST 6, 2025**

#### **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 Wednesday, August 6, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes from the July 30, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Road Department Foreman, Julie Vollmer updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges the past week. The report included progress being made on getting ditches cleaned in certain areas and on construction projects. Equipment maintenance was also discussed.

A letter was received from Chuck and Gloria Hunzeker of Humboldt regarding the condition of the 710 Road west of Highway 105.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He provided a report to the Board on the activity of the Sheriff's Department in July in which there were a total of 43 arrests (5 other agencies and 38 from County Sheriff); 1157 total calls which included 377 traffic stops. A grant to compensate for overtime accrued by deputies for traffic speed enforcement during the period of July 14 through August 1 was awarded to Richardson County through the Nebraska Department of Transportation and during this period of time there were 766 total calls with 259 traffic stops in which 84 citations were issued and 27 arrests made. Currently there are 18 inmates being held at the Jail with 3 of those being held for other counties.

Sheriff Hardesty reported that the State Jail Standards will be conducting the Annual Jail Inspection on August 19.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the purchase of a 2025 Ford 150 Police Responder for \$47,987.00 through the State of Nebraska Contract #16076(OC) and to purchase through Anderson Ford via Hullman's Ford Linc Merc, Falls City. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A review of the Sheriff's fiscal year 2025-2026 budget was held.

#### **QUAD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Sandy Stalder, President of the Quad County Historical Society and her husband Duaine presented to the Board the annual report of the organization. The Society is also requesting the continued funding from the County in the amount of \$5,000 for the fiscal year 2025-2026. The Board will consider this funding when finalizing the budget for FY2025-2026.

#### **BUDGET REVIEW**

The 2025-2026 proposed budget document for Richardson County was presented to the Board at last week's meeting (July 30) for their review prior to reviewing with each department this week.

The Board met today with the following officials and department heads regarding the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 proposed budgets: Bethany Godemann, County Court Magistrate; Odis Fields, Veterans Service Officer; Brian Kirkendall, Emergency Management and Noxious Weed Control Superintendent; Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court; Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk;

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BUDGET REVIEW (Cont.)

Kim Riggs, County Assessor and Samantha Scheitel, County Attorney

During the review with Odis Fields, Veterans Service Officer, discussion was held regarding the current salaries of the officer and assistant. Mr. Fields presented to the Board information on the funds received in the County from the work the office does for veterans and salary information.

## **COUNTY TREASURER**

County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey presented to the Board pledge security receipts that require an exchange with F&M Bank. Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the replacement of the following pledge securities: Receipts #JC92998E, #JC92998A and #JC92998D will be replaced with receipts #JC93048B and #JC94842C. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The Board also reviewed the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget of the Treasurer's Office with Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey and Deputy Treasurer, Rachel Jean. They encouraged the Board to approve an increase in the wage of the support staff in the office as it has not kept up with competitive wages in the area the past few years. The Board will consider this request during the next several weeks to finalize the budget for FY2025-2026.

## **BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR and SAMANTHA SCHEITEL, COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director and Samantha Scheitel, County Attorney requested to review with the Board the floodplain/floodway ordinance and possible changes that could be made to alleviate some of the current restrictions.

A letter in the form of a template was presented to the Board for their approval, to be sent to property owners by the County when the County becomes aware of any improvements or construction that would be in violation of the current ordinance. The Board agreed that this letter should be forwarded to any property owner when the County has been made aware that possible improvements are being made, etc.

Elijah Kaufman from Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and Jared Reimers representing Congressman Adrian Smith's Office were also in attendance to answer questions and explain the requirements and differences between FEMA's description of floodway and floodplain and the importance for Richardson County to maintain and enforce the State of NE regulations of floodway and floodplains. Mr. Kaufman explained to the Board that a process titled "Letter of Map Revision" could be obtained through a licensed engineer which would be reviewed by FEMA and if approved would allow the change of a floodway area back to a floodplain, moving the floodway to a different area, etc. This process can be costly for the County and Mr. Reimers explained that there could possibly be some federal grant funding available. Mr. Kaufman also suggested that the Natural Resource District could have grant funds available for this as well.

The County will be considering revisions to the current ordinance to be less restrictive and still remain in accordance with the regulations of the State of Nebraska.

## **BREAK**

The Board recess at 1:07 p.m. and Commissioner Karas excused himself from the meeting at 1:07 p.m. due to other commitments. The Board reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

## **KINGERY CONSTRUCTION**

The Board met with representatives from Kingery Construction Co. of Lincoln, NE to review the condition of the tuckpoint on the upper area of the Courthouse and problems with rain water run-off in the lower level tunnel area.

The representatives will compile a report of their findings and submit to the Board for review and consideration for these problems to be corrected by their firm.

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## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of July, 2025:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 199.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$9,549.25
Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court	\$ 790.00

### Resolution for Allocation of Levy Authority

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-4 to set the final allocation of tax levy authority to the rural fire districts and agriculture society. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 63)

### Other

Lance Braun from the office Senator Bob Holstrom, District 1 Legislature was present for the meeting today.

A check was received from Nebraska Public Power District for the fiscal year 2025-2026 payment as per agreement in the amount of \$62,171.73.

### CLAIMS

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

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv	190.00
Amazon, supp	59.99
Bailey, Stacey, reimb	284.00
BuckIT, serv	7610.46
Child Advocacy Center, fees	1210.00
Clerk of the District Court, fees	147.00
Culligan of Percival, serv	33.60
Eickhoff, Mary, reimb	262.60
Falls City Journal, ads	947.40
Falls City Mercantile, supp	148.53
Falls City Utilities, serv	7315.56
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	7190.50
JV22-38, JV23-20, JV21-20, JV21-19, JV24-18, JV24-17, JV24-19, JV24-4, CR25-128 t. Betz, CR25-49, T. Beclard, CR25-40 K. Buis, CR25-10 B. Ramirez, CR25-60 D. Simith	
Farm & City Supply, supp	323.42
First Concord, fees	244.50
Fisher, Robert D., serv	350.00
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, serv	3904.50
JV 24-4	
Hall Funeral Home, serv	2000.00
High Plains Power Systems, serv	450.00
Kollasch Law Office, serv	1551.00
CR25-21 B. Kaler	
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont)

MIPS, Inc., serv	3565.86
Quill, supp	339.65
Region V Systems, serv	2568.00
Register of Deeds, fees	38.00
Richardson County Court, fees	507.02
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash Acct., reimb	57.77
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	27062.01
SNC, serv	1073.97
Summit Fire Protection, serv	833.50
SumnerOne, serv	119.00
US Signal Company, LLC, serv	945.00
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1162.56
Wolfes Printing, supp	271.00
Payroll Expense	117495.27
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$190,401.67</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan of Percival, serv	50.00
East Rural Water Dist. #2, serv	46.00
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	158.19
NMC, supp	1639.73
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	5885.89
Omaha Public Power District, serv	83.95
Powerplan, serv	131.61
SNC, serv	105.73
Unifirst, supp	55.37
Payroll Expense	43892.10
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$52,048.57</b>

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND

Mips, Inc., serv	324.92
<b>TOTAL REGISTER OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$324.92</b>

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **AUGUST 13, 2025**

#### **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 Wednesday, August 13, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2025, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

Kaytlyn Kennedy, Extension Educator reviewed with the Board the FY2025-2026 proposed budget for the Cooperative Extension Service in Richardson County.

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges the past week. A discussion was held on the road conditions due to the recent rainfall in the past weeks. The Board also reviewed the proposed FY25-26 budget for the road department with Mr. Darveau.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that there are currently 18 inmates being held at the Jail. The Sheriff's Department was awarded a NE Dept. of Transportation grant "Drive Sober--Get Pulled Over" which will reimburse Richardson County for overtime that is incurred by the county's law enforcement officers during August 16 through September 3. He also once again reported that the NE Jail Standards will be conducting the annual jail inspection on August 19.

The Board also continued the review of the FY25-26 proposed budgets for the Law Enforcement Center.

#### **ROB TICHY, COUNTY SURVEYOR**

Rob Tichy, County Surveyor reviewed the FY25-26 proposed budget with the Board.

#### **REVIEW OF FLOODWAY/FLOODPLAIN AREA**

##### **Application for Floodplain Variance**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director, presented to the Board an application for a floodplain variance which was reviewed by the Board. The applicant is required to include a "no-rise certificate" which was not included with the application. No action was taken on this application. County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel was also available for this review.

A continued discussion was held regarding the ordinance of the floodway and possible changes that could be made to alleviate some of the current restrictions.

In researching the requirements to be met for any construction in a floodway in the neighboring state of Missouri, it was discovered that building in a floodway in Missouri is

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FLOODWAY/FLOODPLAIN (Cont.)

permitted with certain guidelines as their state regulations and laws are written to allow it. Lance Braun from the Office of Nebraska District 1 State Senator, Bob Holstrom, was in attendance at this time and made note that their office will research the possibility of introducing legislation to change Nebraska's regulations.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Monthly Operating Statement**

The Board reviewed the July, 2025, monthly operating statement.

### **Liquor License Amendment**

Motion was made by Karas to approve an amendment to the TumbleReeds, LLC liquor license to include additional outdoor seating to include existing concrete patio and large grassy area which includes a surrounding fence. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. TumbleReeds, LLC dba TumbleReed Mercantile is located at 65225 720 Road, Shubert.

### **Other**

A representative from NextEra Energy Resources, Stephen B. Chase introduced himself to the Board along with two others and informed the Board that NextEra Energy Resources are reviewing certain areas within the County regarding possible development for a solar project.

## **CLAIMS**

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

Airstream, serv	285.00
Ameriflex, fee	70.00
Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimb	32.50
Benchmark Government Solutions, serv	537.45
Brite, supp	12359.76
Charm-Tex, supp	447.20
County Treasurer, tax	2027.42
Culligan, serv	60.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	702.10
Donahue & Sisco, serv	539.00
CR25-152 E. Shubert, CR25-249 K. Frederick, CR25-250 C. McNeely	
Falls City Mercantile, supp	248.45
Farm & City Supply, supp	70.54
Frederick, Keia, reimb	186.10
Galls, supp	276.93
Humboldt Standard, adv	109.00
KexRx, supp	1495.67
Koch's Auto Service, serv	3763.76
Kollasch Law Office, serv	3311.00
CR25-64 C. Ochoa, CR25-65 C. Ochoa	
Marvin Planning Consultants, serv	1500.00
Merz Ink, supp	62.96
Meyer Laboratory, supp	112.00
NE Department of Revenue, tax	6.81
ODP Business Solutions, supp	250.98
Physicians Laboratory Services, serv	3456.00

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GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Platter, Paul, serv	300.00
Positive Concepts, supp	450.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	177.00
Quill, supp	280.92
Region V Systems, serv	4539.78
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	1069.03
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	439.94
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	1573.00
Simpson, Krystal, reimb	159.60
SNC, serv	872.19
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$41,841.97</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Falls City Utility Dept., serv	431.72
Hamm, rock	2332.70
Harmon's, serv	360.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	11497.29
Norris Quarries, rock	6737.95
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	545.78
Salem, Village of, serv	22.00
Stateline Propane, supp	750.00
Tri State Truck & Tractor, supp	18.66
Verdon, Village of, serv	32.64
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$22,728.74</b>

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Schawang Masonry, serv	4250.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$4,250.00</b>

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv	1390.98
SNC, serv	167.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$1,557.98</b>

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **AUGUST 20, 2025**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges the past week. Discussion was held on the proposed FY25-26 budget and future projects to be done.

Mr. Darveau and Commissioner Karas also reported that a demonstration was held using the County's "road groomer" and a tractor being considered for purchase by the County to make certain that it would be compatible to pull this equipment which it was found to be.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported there are 18 inmates being held at the Jail today. Staffing issues in the dispatch, jail and deputies was also discussed with the announcement that an employee in the dispatch center has left employment. The idea of hiring an experienced part-time employee for the dispatch was discussed which would help to fill the shifts until the vacancy is filled.

A discussion was held regarding a verbal proposal that was received from Airstream to inspect the Law Enforcement facility every three months to ascertain that the plumbing, heating and cooling units are operating correctly at a quote of \$300/quarter. Motion was made by Campbell to consider a written proposal for this service with Airstream to inspect the plumbing, heating and cooling units throughout the Law Enforcement Center on a quarterly basis to ascertain that operations are in good working order. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Sheriff will notify Airstream to provide a written contract for this service to be considered at a future meeting.

It was reported that General Fire & Safety has completed the project that was approved at the February 5, 2025, to install a clean agent fire suppression system in the server room at the Law Enforcement Center has completed the project.

Sheriff Hardesty also reported that the Nebraska Jail Standards conducted the annual state jail inspection yesterday, August 19. The final report will be received by the County at a later date.

#### **SAMANTHA SCHEITEL, COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Motion was made by Karas to authorize the County Attorney to sign the Amendment to the NE Dept. of Health & Human Services agreement for child support enforcement. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **Group of Concerned Citizens regarding Richardson County Roads**

Mike Rogge and Tim Rist requested this agenda item to be placed on the County Board meeting agenda with Neal Kanel and Ben Steffen making the initial presentation to the Board on

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CITIZENS GROUP (Cont.)

the concerns that the citizens in the rural area of Richardson County have regarding the current conditions of the county roads.

Others who requested to address and speak at this meeting were Craig Ely, Moose Bletscher, Bill Ely, Judy Handley, Roger Glathar, ~~Jim Farwell~~, Cindy Foster, Colton Volland, Carol Glathar. CORRECTED: Sept 3, 2025 minutes to Tom Farwell

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau explained to the group the problems with a project located on 637 Avenue between 712 and 713 Road which is northwest of Dawson, and that the situation on this project is being corrected.

County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel assisted the Board with facilitating the session.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Transfer of Funds

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-5 to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$200,000. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 64)

### Other

Funds were received from the National Opioids Settlement Trust for \$4,551.31; National Opioids Trust Allergan for \$1,292.89 and National Opioids Trust Kroger for \$950.42 which will have been deposited with the County Treasurer into the Opioid Settlement Fund.

Senator Bob Holstrom from Nebraska Legislative District 1 was in attendance for today's County Board meeting.

## CLAIMS

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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

AT&T, serv	1092.60
Community Medical Center, serv	7659.26
Consolidated Management Company, serv	10568.25
Culligan, serv	187.20
Falls City Journal, sub	110.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	111.76
Farm Supply, supp	18.56
First Concord, fees	502.50
Hullman's Ford, vehicles	93800.00
Kawres, supp	150.00
KS HCI Haug Communications, serv	4920.00
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1431.63
NE Dept. of Revenue, fee	715.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9166.66
OPPD, serv	33.11
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	399.70
Postmaster, supp	168.00
Quill, supp	30.59
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash Acct., reimb	682.30
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24537.60
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	383.49

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Sapp Bros., serv	10309.13
Southeast Safety for Kids, serv	100.00
SumnerOne, serv	239.07
Wolfe's Printing, supp	20.78
Payroll Expense	115155.64
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$282,540.83</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Black Hills Energy, serv	46.91
Falls City Journal, adv	44.97
Farm & City Supply, supp	255.42
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	41249.89
NPPD, serv	98.89
Norris Quarries, rock	12392.23
Unifirst, serv	23.48
Payroll Expense	36616.67
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$90,728.46</b>

**DRUG COURT FUND**

Seth Hawkins, serv	1300.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1300.00
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

County Treasurer, transfer	200000.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$200,000.00</b>

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND**

Charm-Tex	185.90
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS</b>	<b>185.90</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **AUGUST 27, 2025**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, August 27, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

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

Mr. Darveau presented for consideration by the Board information on a pull type mulcher made by Capital Industries which would help with breaking down the grass in wind rows along county roads.

Commissioner Karas expressed at this time that the County Board appreciated everyone that appeared at the meeting last week to voice their concerns with the conditions of the county roads. Items that were mentioned during that meeting have been and are being addressed.

Commissioner Campbell inquired on the status of the repairs/replacement of the garage doors at the County Shop and several specific road condition problems that need addressed.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported there are currently 22 inmates being held at the Jail which includes inmates being held from other counties.

An accident that occurred on 656 Road which is located within the Sac & Fox Reservation area was discussed. Commissioner Campbell stated that he had received a phone call from a landowner expressing that some of the debris from the accident was left in county road right-of-way. This led into a discussion of the activity within the Reservation areas being the responsibility of the County Sheriff's Department or the Tribal Police. The Board requested that the Sheriff meet with the tribal police departments to review the areas of responsibility for the continued safety and protection of the public.

#### **REVIEW FY25-26 PROPOSED BUDGET**

The Board reviewed the proposed FY2025-2026 budget.

Motion was made by Karas to advertise the public budget hearing for Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to advertise the public hearing to change the tax levy from the prior year for Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 10:15 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

##### **SENCA Report**

Sherry Huddleston, Falls City Outreach Office presented to the Board a activity report of the agency from October, 2024 through July, 2025.

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER (Cont.)

### **National Opioids Secondary**

County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey informed the Board that Richardson County will participate in the National Opioids Secondary Manufacturers Settlements.

### **Annual Inventory Reports**

The Board reviewed and approved the annual inventory reports for the following: County Board members, County Clerk-Register of Deeds-Election Commissioner, Clerk of District Court, County Treasurer, County Judge, County Sheriff, County Assessor, County Attorney, County Surveyor, Emergency Management Agency, Noxious Weed Dept., Road and Bridge Department, Veterans Service Officer, Extension Educator, Probation Office and Courthouse Maintenance. An inventory report of the County Owned Real Estate was also reviewed and approved.

### **Update On Courthouse and Law Enforcement Roof**

The Board reviewed some areas that are needed to be addressed with the upper part of the Courthouse (penthouse) which may be causing some water damage to occur inside the building. Commissioner Campbell will be working to get this matter resolved.

The Board also reviewed insurance information received regarding damage to the roof at the law enforcement center during a hailstorm that occurred earlier this year. Commissioner Campbell will be inquiring on the options to repair this damage with different specialized contractors in this type of roofing.

### **Other**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to appoint Talon Anderson, representing the County Roads Department to the County Safety Committee to fill the vacancy that occurred when Wyatt Martin resigned from Richardson County Road Department. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the sale of surplus office furniture and equipment through social media sites to the highest bidders. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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**

Benchmark Govt Solutions, serv	191.85
Community Medical Center, serv	5000.00
CVSOAN, reg	60.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	1209.60
Falls City Mercantile, supp	111.78
Family Medicine, serv	420.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	4.17
Frederick, Keia, reimb	15.00
Homolka, Morgan, serv	209.00
Jim Hills, serv	700.00
Kirkendall, James, class	400.00
NACO, reg	255.00
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	59.76
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	177.00
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	72.10

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)**

SumnerOne, serv	120.32
Unifirst, serv	82.18
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$9,087.76</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Martin Marietta Materials, rock	55985.68
Midwest Petroleum Equipment, supp	490.50
NMC, supp	11668.92
Norris Quarries, rock	3227.69
NPPD, serv	81.01
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	95.84
Rulo, Village of, serv	30.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	9637.04
Unifirst, supp	41.25
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$81,257.93</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

#### CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, September 3, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to make a **correction** in the minutes of August 20, 2025, meeting that incorrectly stated that Jim Farwell spoke during the concerned citizens group which should be removed and **replaced with the name of Tom Farwell**. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the August 27, 2025, Board of Equalization minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the August 27, 2025, Safety Committee meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges the past week. With the recent heavy rainfall, he reported that rock hauling is being done, maintainers are dragging roads and equipment repairs are being addressed. Crews are also cleaning out ditches and culverts. Mr. Darveau also reported that he continues to work on grant funding and meeting with highway superintendents and engineers from the surrounding counties to make application for the bi-partisan infrastructure bill that includes grant funding for local road and bridge projects. He is also planning to enroll in a 12-week grant writer course to gain more information on completing grant applications.

I was also reported that the project, NW of Dawson on 637 Avenue between 712 and 713 Road will have installed a headwall on the structure.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-6 to authorize the Chairman and Highway Superintendent to sign the Annual Certification of Program Compliance to NE Board of Public Roads Classifications & Standards for 2025. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. This certification is required to secure incentive payments for having a Highway Superintendent. (Resolution Book 28, Page 65)

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported there are currently 22 inmates being held at the Jail which includes inmates being held from other counties. He reported on the situation of heavy traffic on Hwy 75 on Thursday, August 28 with the majority of the motorists heading towards Kansas City for the NE football game at Arrowhead Stadium.

Staffing was also discussed and the Sheriff reported that dispatch will be hiring 2 new employees to fill vacancies and a part-time employee to fill in when needed. The deputies are also going to be attending some specialized training courses and an applicant to fill a vacancy position as deputy is being considered.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER (Cont.)

He also reported that 2 of the 3 patrol units recently ordered have been received and are waiting for the equipment, radio and computer equipment to be installed.

He reported the department statistics for the month of August with a total of 1,039 calls of which 369 were traffic stops, 37 arrests (5 from other agencies, out-of-county holds 4, and 29 arrested by Richardson County). During the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over grant period of August 16 thru September 1 there were 585 calls of which 241 were traffic stops with 11 arrests being made.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:07 a.m. with Jerry Pigsley, special legal counsel, to discuss pending litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 11:05 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

No action was taken after the executive session.

## REVIEW FY25-26 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Board reviewed the final calculations and the notice of the public budget hearing which will be advertised in next week's publication of the Falls City Journal and Humboldt Standard. The notice will also be posted on the Richardson County website: [www.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov). The Public Budget Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The Public Hearing to change the tax levy from the prior year to a different rate will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of August, 2025:

Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist. Court	\$ 1,186.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$ 9,036.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 338.50

### Sub-Division

Motion was made by Karas to approve a subdivision for Susan Mainzer and John Von Seggern located in Section 20, Township 2N, Range 15E and to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-7. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 66)

### Law Enforcement Center Roof

The Board held a discussion on the replacement of the roof at the Law Enforcement Center after it was determined that the roof had received damage from a hailstorm. The Board plans to obtain 3 quotes from different contractors to review the options available for replacement. The County's insurance carrier has filed claim regarding this damage.

## CLAIMS

Motion was made by Campbell to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.)*

September 3, 2025  
CLAIMS (Cont.)

### GENERAL FUND

Amazon, supp	464.96
Clerk of District Court, fees	147.00
Continental Fire Sprinkler, serv	390.00
Culligan, serv	22.40
DAS State Accounting, serv	3141.29
East Richardson Rural Water District #2, serv	164.86
Falls City Mercantile, supp	173.48
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	7494.14
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziske & Merwin, serv CR25-168 P. Fellers, CR25-49 T. Beccard, CR25-62 Z. Creamer, CR25-23 T. Rogers, CR25-60 D. Smith, JV22-38, JV21-19	3080.50
Karas, Rick, reimb	367.92
Marvin Planning Consultants, serv	1790.00
MIPS, serv	3565.86
NE Dept. of Health & Human Services, serv	93.00
Richardson County Court, fees	633.25
Richardson County EMA, reimb	56.98
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	26161.30
Riggs, Kim, reimb	343.00
Summit Fire Protection, serv	17130.00
UNL, reg	115.00
Verizon, serv	199.85
Payroll Expense	122130.01
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$187,664.80</b>

### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Barco Municipal Products, supp	993.15
Blue Valley Door Co., serv	5389.00
Culligan, serv	33.60
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	656.13
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	449.59
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	36370.09
Norris Quarries, rock	8120.40
OPPD, serv	91.80
Quill, supp	65.76
Unifirst, supp	7.85
Van Dorn Valley Construction, serv	45799.45
Payroll Expense	35944.07
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$133,966.89</b>

### REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	324.92
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$324.92</b>

### INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Falls City Edge, funding	7500.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

# **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman 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 from the September 3, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges the past week. The Board relayed to Mr. Darveau some places on county roads that residents have called them about that are needing to be looked at, etc. Other items of discussion were the possibility of stock-piling rock, the development of another motor-grader route in the west part of the County and the replacement of the County garage at Verdon.

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported there are currently 24 inmates being held at the Jail which includes inmates being held from other counties.

County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel was included in the discussion with the Sheriff and the Board on when and if services should or could be provided and to what extent within the boundaries of the tribal reservation areas of the "Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas & Nebraska" and the "Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska". The County Attorney will be contacting the legal counsel for these tribes to review and requesting to schedule a meeting with the Sheriff and the County Board to possibly develop a Memorandum of Understanding between Richardson County and with each tribe.

### **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

#### **Law Enforcement Center Roof**

The Board reviewed the situation with the roof on the area of the Law Enforcement Center that existed prior to the addition being added and are collecting quotes/estimates from contractors for review. This matter will continue at next week's meeting.

A check was received from the insurance company for \$57,872.83 for hail damages.

#### **Medica Master Group Contract**

Motion was made by Karas to authorize the Chairman to sign the Master Group Contract with MEDICA health insurance for the County employee insurance coverage. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **CLAIMS**

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

Ameriflex, fee	70.00
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	569.80
Bahr, Dennis, serv	720.00
Bruna Brothers, serv	705.36
BuckIT, serv	15937.74
Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, serv	585.00
Douglas County Court, serv	3.00
Falls City Journal, adv	1489.64
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin	2750.00
CR25-43 M. Luna	
Farm & City Supply, supp	88.01
Frontier Bank, supp	126.97
Government Forms & Supplies, supp	338.72
Handley Law Office, serv	3670.50
CR24-33 D. Dodge, CR25-57 D. Werner, CR24-122 D. Werner, CR25-142 R. Paxson	
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	85.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
Miller Monroe, ins	40.00
MIS, serv	110.00
NACO, reg	55.00
NE State Fire Marshal, serv	120.00
Otoe County Sheriff, serv	46.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	177.00
Quill, supp	108.96
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	31.75
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	103.60
SNC, serv	1060.54
SumnerOne, serv	119.00
Tichy Land Survey, serv	3900.00
US Signal, serv	945.00
Visual Edge, serv	5.25
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1318.26
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$35,310.10</b>

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

City of Humboldt, serv	95.04
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	276.18
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	105.00
Powerplan, supp	3747.37
Salem, Village of, serv	22.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	6542.03
SNC, serv	103.91
Tifco Industries, supp	63.12
Truck Center Companies, supp	1116.40
Unifirst, supp	41.25
Verdon, Village of, serv	36.16
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$12,148.46</b>

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. for the Public Budget Hearing and again on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SEPTEMBER 17, 2025**

**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 Wednesday, September 17, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

**PLEDGE SECURITY RECEIPTS**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the following pledge security receipt replacements from F&M Bank: Richardson County Clerk, receipt #JC94843B to replace receipt #JC93069B; Richardson County Treasurer, receipt #JC94842D to replace receipt #JC93069A. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. An update was provided on the project NW of Dawson located on 637 Avenue between 712 and 713 Road with plans anticipated to be received from the engineer by next week.

Tyler Bek from School Dist. #56 bus barn delivered an updated map to the Board and Mr. Darveau of the district's school bus routes. While Mr. Bek was at the meeting, a review of the map was held. Mr. Darveau reported that the other school districts within the County have submitted to the Road Department, updated maps of their bus routes.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that there are 17 inmates currently being held in the Jail. An interview for a deputy to fill a vacancy will be held next week with a Nebraska Certified candidate. He also reported on the patrol done at the County Fair last week.

Discussion was held on the need to either repair or replace an engine in the 2021 Ford Explorer unit. The Sheriff will be working this next week to get this matter resolved.

**ADOPT FY2025-2026 BUDGET**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the FY25-26 budget document as presented at the public budget hearing held Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. and to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-8. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 67)

**PUBLIC HEARING TO CHANGE TAX LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR**

At 10:02 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for a public hearing to receive support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.

No comments from the public were received.

Chairman Caverzagie closed the public hearing at 10:05 a.m.

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## **SET 2025 TAX LEVY**

Motion was made by Campbell to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-9 to set the 2025 tax levy for the County of Richardson at .300327. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 68) The 2025 tax levy set at .300327 is an 8.19% decrease from the 2024 tax levy which was set at .327132.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Liquor License for Crome's Smoke BBQ & Catering, LLC**

At 10:30 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie declared that a public hearing be opened for the purpose of receiving testimony from the public for the issuance of a Class I Beer, Wine, Spirits On Sale Only to Crome's Smoke BBQ & Catering, LLC located at Crome's Smoke BBQ & Catering, 65627 713 Rd, Suite 1, Falls City.

Three people were in attendance from the public and one from the media. The applicants, Matthew and Danelle Bauman-Cromer described the facility and the type of events that will be held at this business.

At 10:37 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie declared the public hearing closed.

Motion was made by Campbell to make a recommendation to the NE Liquor Control Commission to approve the issuance of a Class I liquor license for Crome's Smoke BBQ & Catering, LLC located at Crome's Smoke BBQ & Catering, 65627 713 Rd, Suite 1, Falls City, NE. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-nay. Motion carried.

## **BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director requested to meet with the Board to review and have discussion on the opportunity of a buy-out program for property owners within a floodway provided by a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Nebraska Department of Natural Resources grant.

The purpose of the grant is to reduce flood damage and loss of life by removing structures from high flood risk areas and to restore natural floodplain functions. This grant is available to communities to reduce their flood risk by helping homeowners move to a safer place out of the floodplain. The grant would cover most or all, of the cost of purchasing your home or relocating the home to a non-flood zone area. The price offered would be based on established appraisal standards.

Motion by Karas that a letter shall be sent to homeowners within the floodway areas of Richardson County to receive responses of interest from those homeowners in this program. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Kirkendall also presented to the Board a revised ordinance/resolution for floodway and flood fringe districts for review, discussion and future consideration.

County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel was also in attendance for review and discussion on these items.

## **JERAD REIMERS, CONGRESSMAN SMITH REP**

Jerad Reimers, District Coordinator for Congress Adrian Smith provided an update to the Board on the current legislation and work that is being done within Congress. He also reported that Congressman Smith has a Nebraska City District Office located at 202 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite A, Nebraska City, NE 68410, that is available for citizens within the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District to contact, with questions or items that need to be addressed with other federal agencies. The phone number for that office is (402) 874-6050.

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to go into an executive session at 11:27 a.m. with special legal counsel, Jerry Pigsley, County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff and County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel to discuss pending litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 11:53 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Immediately following the executive session, the following action was taken. Motion was made by Karas to send a settlement offer for a contract to the NAPE/AFSCME Local #61 who is the representative of employees employed by the County of Richardson Roads/Highway Department. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The Settlement Offer and summary of the proposed contract changes can be reviewed on the Richardson County website, [www.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### 4-County Juvenile Services

Motion was made by Karas to enter into an Interlocal Agreement for FY 2025-2026 for the Four County Juvenile Diversion program with Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee and Richardson Counties. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 69)

### Correspondence from Trileaf, Telecommunications Tower

The Board received correspondence inviting comments on the site for the installation of a telecommunications tower described as Trileaf Project #770697, The Towers, LLC-Rulo/Project #US-NE-5185—707 Rd & 660 Ave, Rulo. The County will not provide comment on this project as there is no objection to the project.

### Law Enforcement Center Roof

Commissioner Campbell reported that he has been in contact with several different contractors but has not yet received any quotes or estimates for the repair and/or replacement on the original building area roof of the Law Enforcement Center that received damage from a past hailstorm.

## CLAIMS

A motion was made by Caverzagie to deny the following claims submitted for reimbursement of purchases made for candy to hand out for the Cobblestone parade: 1) Rick Hardesty for \$126.50 and 2) to Ashley Fischer for \$52.98. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv	127.00
Amazon, supp	2750.00
Charmtex, supp	67.80
Consolidated Management Company, supp	11044.25
Culligan, serv	174.80
DAS State Accounting, serv	357.50

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Eickhoff, Mary L., reimb	142.80
Fairfield Inn & Suites, lodg	539.80
Falls City Mercantile, supp	64.91
Farm & City Supply, supp	9.95
Fields, Odis, reimb	705.36
First Concord, fees	510.00
Froeschl Concrete Construction, serv	800.00
Hy-Vee, supp	92.23
Kawres, supp	535.00
KexRx, supp	1782.28
Koch's Auto Service, serv	192.75
KS Haug Communications, serv	8845.26
Lincoln Nation Life Ins., life ins	1431.22
Malcolm, Terry, serv	420.00
Medica, ins	55777.66
Merz Ink, serv	870.00
Nemaha County Sheriff Office, serv	18.50
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9166.66
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	11.99
ODP Business Solutions, supp	60.76
Olowolafe Law Firm, serv	2403.50
OPPD, serv	33.11
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	80.00
Petersen Reporting, serv	60.00
Quill, supp	75.23
Radiology Associates, serv	52.00
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash Acct., reimb	838.58
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	26949.29
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Secretary of State, training	145.00
SNC, serv	875.84
Weaver & Merz Law Office, reimb	40.43
Payroll Expense	119648.85
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$247,818.19</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	50.76
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	593.70
Farm & City Supply, supp	294.88
Harmon's, supp	37.50
Hullman's, supp	357.27
Jim Hill's, serv	1600.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	26034.31
Midwest Engineering, serv	3936.50
NPPD, serv	32.63
Norris Quarries, rock	7963.50
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	141.71
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	135.89
Primrose Oil Company, supp	3875.12
Unifirst, serv	30.48
Payroll Expense	36068.00
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$81,152.25</b>

DRUG COURT FUND

Seth Hawkins, serv	1300.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1300.00
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS**

Charmtex, supp	51.36
CPC, serv	1909.95
SNC, serv	167.00
<b>SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS</b>	<b>2,128.31</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SEPTEMBER 24, 2025**

**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 Wednesday, September 24, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campvell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. The recent heavy rains and the current road conditions resulting from the rains were discussed.

Mr. Darveau reported that the new loader is to be delivered sometime this week and that a contractor is reviewing the condition of the roof of the main shop at the Falls City County yard to determine the cost for repair and/or replacement. Discussion was also held on the future sale of surplus equipment and the repairs being made to equipment this week.

Preparations are being made to develop building specifications to replace the maintainer garage located in Verdon so that a bid letting can be scheduled in the next few months. Plans are also being developed to advertise for sealed bids for the resurfacing on the dustless highway north and east of Falls City next year.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that there are currently 20 inmates being housed and with one additional to be brought in today. The third patrol unit that was approved for purchase on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August should be delivered in early November. He also reported that the 2021 patrol unit that needed engine repairs or replacement will just be repaired. The radio system in the dispatch incurred some problems through the early morning hours today and since has been remedied.

The department will also be holding an interview with an applicant to fill a deputy position who holds a certification from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Academy. Other staffing matters were also reviewed.

**CHRIS MEEKS, OPPD**

Chris Meeks, Government & Community Relations Strategist-Public Affairs representative with OPPD requested to meet with the Board to present an update on the projects currently being done by OPPD.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY, SAMANTHA SCHEITEL**

County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel requested to delay the consideration of a resolution to approve the County Attorney to do divorce cases with their private practice until next week.

The Board did review with her at this time further the matter of emergency calls to the Sheriff's Department that are on either the Sac & Fox Nation of Kansas and Nebraska or the Iowa Tribe of Kansas & Nebraska. The Board has requested that the legal counsel for the tribes be contacted to arrange a meeting to review this matter and possibly develop a Memorandum of

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COUNTY ATTORNEY (Cont.)

Understanding to provide proper coverage for emergency calls on the reservation areas. The question is whether the tribal police are required to respond to all calls and/or if the County Sheriff has authority to respond to calls and/or to issue citations, etc. The County Attorney has reached out to the tribal legal counsel and will follow-up to possibly get this meeting arranged in the near future.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Historical Societies Funding

Motion was made by Karas to approve the annual funding for the following historical societies in Richardson County: Richardson County Historical Society at \$10,000; Quad-County Historical Society at \$5,000; Pennsylvania Colony Historical Society of Nebraska at \$5,000. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### Law Enforcement Roof

Quotes are still being obtained for the repair and/or replacement of the roof at the Law Enforcement Center.

### 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, Campbell-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 Capital Services, supp	30.03
Cooper, Sandy, fees	20.00
Creamer, Ashley, fees	113.64
DAS State Acctg., fees	150.00
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Farm & Home Publishers, supp	727.50
Futurity IT, Inc., subs	1500.00
Gage County Treasurer, fees	10666.68
Godemann, Bethany, dues	5.00
Horner, Peggy, fees	98.54
Kawres, supp	132.00
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	434.77
Lenard Heating & Cooling, serv	180.00
Lippold, Mary Jo, fees	68.70
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	697.00
NACO, reg	75.00
NE Health & Human Services, fees	93.00
PIP Marketing Signs, supp	791.39
Quill LLC, supp	484.33
Region V Systems, fees	4539.78
RC EMA Petty Cash Acct., reimb	78.00
RC Sheriff Petty Cash Acct., reimb	838.57
Riggs, Kim, reimb	457.80
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	954.00
Simpson, Kirsten, fees	44.36
Sumnerone, serv	19.97
Ultra-Chem Inc., supp	195.87
Unifirst, serv	82.18
Woods & Aitken LLP, serv	355.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$23,873.11</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Bahr Welding LLC, serv	80.00
FC Sanitation, serv	40.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	40762.90
Midwest Petroleum Equipment, serv	1475.86
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	141.18
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	7572.79
Operation & Expense Acct., reimb	462.12
Quill LLC, supp	84.06
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, serv	1870.49
Woods & Aitken LLP, serv	10517.85
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$63,007.25</b>

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

Pennsylvania Colony Hist. Society, funding	5000.00
Quad County Hist. Society, funding	5000.00
Richardson County Hist. Society, funding	10000.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2025**

**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 Wednesday, October 1, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. The rock quarry at DuBois reported to the County that the clean rock supply is currently depleted. Mr. Darveau reported on equipment repairs and that all equipment is currently up and going and also reviewed with the Board future equipment purchases. Equipment is also being prepared for the upcoming winter weather.

The plans to correct the problem with a structure on 637 Avenue between 712 and 713 Road located NW of Dawson have been received and the work should begin in the near future.

Quotes have also been received for the repairs to the roof on the shop at the Falls City yard. A quote was received from Skyline of Roca, NE in the amount of \$58,975.00 and also from Lanter SPS Roofing Systems, Hiawatha, KS in the amount of \$18,100.00.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that there are currently 18 inmates being housed and with one additional to be brought in today.

It was reported that the Sheriff's Department responded to an accident on the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska Reservation area this past week and that an unsuccessful attempt was made to contact the tribal police department regarding this accident.

The installation of an additional generator at the Law Enforcement Center will be done in the near future and should be completed within 2 days. There may be some electrical disruption at the Law Enforcement Center while the installation is being done.

Motion was made by Karas to go into an executive session at 9:50 a.m. with Sheriff Hardesty and Clerk Eickhoff to discuss an incident and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

**SAMANTHA SCHEITEL, COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Samantha Scheitel, County Attorney, presented to the Board a resolution for consideration regarding the approval for attorneys within the Office of the County Attorney to perform divorce cases. Mrs. Scheitel explained to the Board that the County Attorney would not be performing the divorce cases but that other attorneys within the County Attorney's Office would be allowed to do these.

Motion was made by Karas to adopt a resolution, 2024-2025-10 regarding the attorneys within the Office of the Richardson County Attorney to perform divorce cases. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 70)

October 1, 2025

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Karas to go into an executive session at 10:49 a.m. with special legal counsel, Jerry Pigsley, to review pending litigation and for the protection of public interest. Motion seconded by Caverzagie-aye. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 11:30 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for September, 2025.

### Law Enforcement Roof

Quotes have been received for the repair and/or replacement of the roof at the Law Enforcement Roof and were reviewed today. Quotes received were from the following: Roof Technologies, LLC, Rossville, KS for \$170,000; Midwest Homes & Restoration, Mound City, MO for \$146,749.47; Wissmann Enterprises, Inc., Milford, NE for \$56,245.00; KGDM Enterprises, LLC, Rock Port, MO for \$165,242.00. All quotes received are available for public inspection at the Office of the County Clerk during regular business hours. Commissioner Campbell will be reviewing quotes from 2 different contractors, Midwest Homes & Restoration and Skyline for consideration at next week's meeting.

### QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION

The Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection and found the facility to be in good order.

### CLAIMS

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

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv	548.69
AT&T, serv	1206.85
Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimb	300.75
Benchmark Government Solutions, supp	160.30
CMC, serv	5000.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	702.10
Datashield, serv	107.50
Department of Correctional Services, serv	3567.13
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	266.74
Electronic Contracting Company, serv	923.13
Falls City Mercantile, supp	352.50
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	6861.51
Jim Hill's, serv	1580.00
Kawre's, supp	645.00
Koch's Auto Service, serv	126.22
Kollasch Law Office, serv	1452.00
Lynn Peavey Company, supp	90.40
Meyer Laboratory, supp	369.90

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Miller-Monroe, ins	761.00
MIPS, serv	3565.86
Nemaha County, reimb	6391.43
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	65.97
Peterson Reporting, serv	676.05
Professional Forms & Supplies, supp	218.53
Radiology Associates, serv	332.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	282.98
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	522.46
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	29204.07
Sapp Bros., fuel	5486.67
SumnerOne, serv	181.05
TK Elevator, serv	416.76
Verizon, serv	622.24
Visual Edge, serv	241.15
Wolfe's Printing, supp	115.48
Payroll Expense	134838.19
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$208,222.61</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Farmers Repair, supp	191.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	51755.71
NE Snow Equipment, supp	2540.58
Norris Quarries, rock	8629.84
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	142.27
OPPD, serv	88.97
Quill, supp	135.99
Rulo, Village of, serv	30.00
Safety-Kleen, supp	426.57
Sapp Bros., fuel	14018.89
TCA Outdoor Power, supp	2077.92
Unifirst, supp	63.84
Payroll Expense	36140.74
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$116,242.32</b>

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	324.92
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$324.92</b>

DRUG COURT FUND

Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, reimb	200.83
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$200.83</b>

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made Karas to adjourn the meeting at 12:03 p.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**OCTOBER 8, 2025**

### **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 Wednesday, October 8, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

### **COOPER NUCLEAR**

Dakota Schulenberg, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator with the NPPD provided an update to the Board on the activity of the NPPD Cooper Nuclear Plant. He reported that an application has been submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a 20-year extension of the plant operation and the decision is expected to be received in 2026. Updates with the emergency preparedness information was also shared with the Board.

### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. The roof at the shop was completed yesterday by Lanter SPS Roofing System, LLC of Hiawatha, KS. Mr. Darveau reported that all equipment, rock trucks and motor graders are operating and being utilized. The maintenance on the roads being done this week following the recent significant rainfall this past weekend was also reviewed.

Mr. Darveau presented the information regarding the purchase of a new pickup and will be presenting all the quotes that have been requested from suppliers at next week's meeting.

### **RON RAMER and JAMES COONCE**

Ron Ramer and James Coonce, road department employees and members of the NAPE/AFSCME Local 61/Richardson County Roads Department Union requested to meet with the Board to express their desire and concerns that the employees of the road department have regarding the status of the negotiations involving litigation to make an agreement for a labor contract.

Chairman Caverzagie offered the following statement: "We welcome you to the Richardson County Board meeting this morning at your request to meet with us to talk about the contract. As you are aware, this matter is in litigation, and the Richardson County Board of Commissioners will not be making any comments on the proposed contract at this time. Again, we will take this time to listen to any changes that you propose and/or comments that you would like to make to us. If you have any proposed changes or comments in writing pertaining to this proposed contract we would accept receipt of those as well. Everything that you present to us today will be received, reviewed and considered under advisement. Please proceed with your presentation."

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## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Fee Reports**

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of September, 2025:

Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court	\$1,120.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 317.25
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$8,645.20

### **Law Enforcement Roof**

Quotes have been received for the repair and/or replacement of the roof at the Law Enforcement Center which were reviewed. After the review, the Board strongly considered 2 different contractors, Midwest Homes & Restoration, of Mound City, MO who stated that the project would be completed this fall starting the project within the next 10-14 days and completion within 3-4 days after starting for \$146,749.47 and Skyline Construction of Roca, NE who stated that the project could be completed within 1-3 weeks with completion this fall at a price of \$146,878.00.

Motion was made by Caverzagie that pursuant to NE Revised § 23-3109(2), the county board shall waive the requirements for competitive bidding as they have deemed the leaking roof of the Law Enforcement Center damaged by hail to be an emergency situation which threatens serious loss of life, health, or property in the county and to approve a quote and enter into a contract with Midwest Homes & Restoration of Mound City, MO for \$146,749.47 with the understanding that the project will begin in the next 10-14 days and completion within 3-4 days after starting the project. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **Correspondence from Road Dept. Union Attorney**

Correspondence was received from Abby Osborn, attorney with Shifermiller Law Office, P.C., L.L.O. representing the NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 and Richardson County Roads Department Union regarding the settlement offer made by Richardson County which stated that the road department employees have rejected.

### **Settlement Offer from NAPE/AFSCME Local 61**

Included within the correspondence received from Abby Osborn, attorney with Shifermiller Law Office, P.C., L.L.O. representing the NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 and Richardson County Roads Department Union a counter proposal was included to settle the case that is filed with the Commission of Industrial Relations, Case #1569. The proposal is as follows:

Term of the contract—July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2026  
Retain all current contract language in the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2023  
Increase wages as follows:  
July 1, 2023—increase 1 year status rate by \$2 to \$22.67  
July 1, 2024—increase 1 year status rate by \$2 to \$24.67  
July 1, 2025—increase 1 year status rate by \$2 to \$26.67

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reject the counter proposal as presented within the correspondence from Abby Osborn, attorney with Shifermiller Law Office, P.C., L.L.O. representing the NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 and Richardson County Roads Department Union. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-nay, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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## CLAIMS

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

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv	1034.34
Ameriflex, fee	70.00
BuckIT, serv	7186.14
Charm-Tex, supp	104.90
Clerk of District Court, fees	434.00
Comfort Inn, lodg	220.00
Eforce, supp	6800.00
Eickhoff, Mary L., reimb	440.10
Falls City Journal, adv	139.50
Falls City Mercantile, supp	130.05
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	8828.50
CR25-49 T. Beccard, CR25-40 K. Buis, CR25-62 Z. Creamer, CI12-62 J. Ross, CR25-78 R. Paxson, CR25-23 T. Rogers, CR25-60 D. Smith, JF25-26, JV21-20, JV21-19, JV24-18, JV24-17, JV24-19, JV24-4	
Frederick, Keia, reimb	330.40
Handley Law Office, serv	2224.50
CR24-507 J. Feldkamp; CR25-86 D. Werner; CR24-161 M. Foster	
Jean, Rachel, reimb	40.00
KexRx, supp	2627.94
Kirkendall, Brian, reimb	36.82
Koch's Auto Service, serv	405.14
Kollasch Law Office, serv	594.00
CR25-212 C. Ochoa	
Marvin Planning Consultants, serv	1290.00
Merz Ink, serv	94.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
MIS, serv	110.00
NE Dept. of Revenue, fee	75.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, serv	500.00
ODP Business Solutions, supp	271.20
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	80.00
Pitney Bowes, supp	186.54
Richardson County Court, fees	1134.70
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	320.89
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	874.18
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	36.28
Quill, supp	24.99
Region V Systems, serv	214.00
SumnerOne, serv	119.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$37,007.11</b>

### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

City of Falls City, serv	411.43
Culligan, serv	50.00
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv	46.00
Haug Communications, serv	900.00
Inland Truck Parts & Service, serv	170.25
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	1284.82
NPPD, serv	32.63
Northern Safety Co., supp	74.36

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

ROAD & BRIDE FUND (Cont.)

Operation & Expense Acct., reimb	56.52
Powerplan, serv	4707.46
Richardson County Vendor, tax	3361.00
Salem, Village of, serv	23.70
Sapp Bros., serv	9011.61
TreviPay, supp	537.98
Truck Center Companies, serv	6784.36
UniFirst, supp	116.20
Verdon, Village of, serv	35.28
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$27,603.60</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**OCTOBER 15, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice-Chairman Karas at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas and Campbell. Chairman Caverzagie was absent. The Invocation was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Vice-Chairman Karas announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Campbell to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. 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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. Five new employees have passed their CDL written testing and will start the driver training.

Mr. Darveau reported that the crews are cleaning ditches, hauling rock and the motor graders are going.

An area on the "Pony Creek Road" was discussed and whether or not the planned improvements should begin at this time of year or wait until after winter weather. It was determined that waiting until after the winter weather to start this project would be in the best interest of those who travel this road.

The structure on 637 Avenue between 712 and 713 Road located NW of Dawson was discussed and contact has been made with local contractors to assist with this improvement.

Mr. Darveau presented to the Board the quotes received from Murphy Tractor and NE Machinery Company for the purchase of a new motor grader through the Sourcewell government contract awards. The Board will be reviewing these quotes further at next week's meeting.

Quotes were also presented to the Board for the purchase of a new 2026 pickup for the Road Department. Quotes were received from the following: Anderson Ford for a 2025 F250 pickup for \$54,365 with state bid contract #16214 OC; Hullman's Ford for a 2026 Ford F250 at \$54,900; Armbruster Motor Co. for a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado for \$56,950; Sid Dillon for a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado with state bid contract #16215 OC for \$51,943.00.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty was unable to meet with the Board this week due to commitments with court hearings.

A report was received from the Nebraska Jail Standards that the Richardson County jail facility was found to be in full compliance after the annual inspection.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Karas to go into an executive session at 10:00 a.m. with EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall and County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel to discuss pending litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 10:30 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS**

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

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. 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	13.78
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	291.20
AT&T, serv	739.05
Clerk of District Court, fees	258.00
Consolidated Management, serv	11077.50
Culligan, serv	163.60
DAS State Accounting, serv	343.50
Douglas County Sheriff, serv	68.76
Holiday Inn, lodg	269.90
Humboldt Standard, adv	130.35
Jensen, Marianne, reimb	333.20
LA Police Gear, supp	628.17
Malcolm, Terry, serv	420.00
Maximus US Services, serv	2500.00
Midwest Process Service, serv	42.82
MIPS, supp	497.49
NACO, fee	55.00
NE Dept. of Health & Human Services, serv	90.00
NE Commission on Law Enforcement, , serv	160.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9166.66
Norfolk Lodge & Suites, lodg	550.00
Physicians Laboratory, serv	5750.00
Pro Serv Business Systems, supp	328.83
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	25480.47
Scheitel, Samantha, reimb	154.00
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
SNC, serv	2019.22
SumnerOne, serv	330.63
US Signal Company, supp	945.00
Payroll Expense	120531.79
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$183,408.80</b>

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Cornhusker International Trucks, supp	429.74
Dept. of Correctional Services, supp	250.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	150.48
Farmer's Repair, supp	189.36
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	36426.56
NMC, supp	38.36
Norris Quarries, rock	5679.05
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	15.00
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	195.64
Road Builders Machinery & Supply, supp	45.57
Sapp Bros., supp	645.40
SNC, serv	104.73
Stella, Village of, serv	137.90
Unifirst, supp	15.06
Winter Equipment Company, supp	2604.53
Payroll Expense	36136.12
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$83,063.50</b>

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**DRUG COURT FUND**

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1300.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1300.00
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND**

SNC, serv	167.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$167.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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Rick Karas, Vice-Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** **OCTOBER 22, 2025**

### **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 Wednesday, October 22, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-abstain. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes from the Board of Equalization meeting of October 15, 2025 as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-abstain. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

### **FC ECONOMIC & DEVELOPMENT GROWTH ENT.**

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of the Falls City Economic & Development Growth Enterprise, EDGE, presented to the Board the activity that is happening this past quarter and also presented the quarterly financial report of the organization.

### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. He reported that a small shed that had deteriorated at the Barada County garage was torn down and that motor graders are working on the roads. He mentioned that there have been some safety concerns with the high wind gusts the past few days and the problem with road dust and expressed that everyone use caution when traveling the rural gravel roads when dry conditions make for increased dust. Discussion was also held on the equipment that has deemed to be surplus and that a list is being made to advertise this equipment with Big Iron auction.

The quotes received for the purchase of a motor grader at last week's meeting were reviewed further.

Motion was made by Campbell to purchase through the Sourcewell state and local purchasing contract a 2026 John Deere Motor Grader 672P 6WD for \$368,500.00 from Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. of Lincoln, NE. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Darveau also informed the Board that Armbruster Motor Co. had submitted a revision to their quote received with an adjustment to the price from \$56,950 to \$55,900 on a new 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD pickup.

After reviewing further the bids that were presented at last week's meeting, a motion was made by Campbell to purchase the 2026 Chevrolet Silverado F2500HD pickup from Armbruster Motor Co. for \$55,900. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported there were 13 inmates currently being held. It was announced that Chief Deputy Sheriff, Jeremiah Franks has resigned from his position effective November 2, 2025. Other staffing changes that have occurred were also reviewed.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the re-hire of a former employee, Brody Mendenhall, who will be employed in the dispatch area at the Law Enforcement Center. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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## COUNTY TREASURER

Motion was made by Karas to approve the replacement of a pledge security receipt from F&M Bank, receipt #JC93042 for receipt #JC94843C. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## PAM SCOTT, CLERK OF DIST COURT

Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court informed the Board that an amendment to the grant agreement for the child support enforcement costs associated with the Clerk of District Court has been received. The grant number is 93.563, Award Information Order Number 84063 Y3.

County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel also received an amendment to the grant agreement for the child support enforcement costs associated with the County Attorney's Office. The Award Information Order Number is 84115 Y3.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Reports were approved for Sheriff Hardesty for fees collected during the following months: June, 2025 for \$4,963.31; July, 2025 for \$15,873.42; August, 2025 for \$9,107.46; September, 2025 for \$9,944.71.

## CLAIMS

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

BuckIT, serv	375.00
Comfort Inn, lodg	388.80
Crowne Plaza, lodg	899.70
Culligan, serv	22.40
DAS State Accounting, serv	150.00
Eickhoff, Mary L., reimb	212.20
Falls City Journal, adv	948.55
Farm & City Supply, supp	129.94
First Concord, fees	532.50
Frederick, Keia, reimb	38.82
Hunzeker, Greg, serv	600.00
Hy-Vee, supp	65.53
IAO Electric, serv	385.00
Jean, Rachel, reimb	32.50
Johnson County Sheriff, serv	18.00
Ligouri, Angelo, serv	242.00
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1559.15
Medica, ins	60403.15
Morehead, Amanda, reimb	350.57
Nestor & Mercure, reimb	600.00
Olawolafe Law Firm, serv	2479.00
OPPD, serv	33.10
Quill, supp	39.77
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	1116.00
Unifirst, serv	82.18
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1142.24
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$72,846.10</b>

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Circle K Door, serv	200.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	52615.33
NPPD, serv	97.89
Norris Quarries, rock	5571.41
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	70.00
Unifirst, supp	41.25
Woods & Aitken, serv	8538.60
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$67,134.48</b>

**ROAD SINKING FUND**

Murphy Tractor & Equipment, loader	210500.00
<b>TOTAL ROAD SINKING FUND</b>	<b>\$210,500.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**OCTOBER 29, 2025**

**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 Wednesday, October 29, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2025, Board of Equalization minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted with the deletion of the appointment with the County Treasurer who will meet with the Board next week. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. An application for the County Bridge Match funds through the Nebraska Department of Transportation has been submitted for a replacement of a structure on 634 Blvd south of 712 Road. He also reported that crews are preparing equipment for the winter weather.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that 11 inmates are currently being held in the Jail. An application has been submitted to the NE Department of Transportation for the grant funding available, Click It or Ticket, which reimburses the County for overtime paid to deputies for the period November 26 through November 30.

A discussion was held on the vehicles within the department and those that have been deemed to be surplus. A listing will be compiled from the Sheriff's Office and the Road Department to be presented to the Board at a later date, and to be approved to offer for sale at a public auction.

Sheriff Hardesty also reported that an application is being completed to seek grant funding for safety vests for the deputies.

A visit was also made to the Falls City Middle School for a presentation given to the students for Red Ribbon Week on drug awareness.

Commissioner Campbell updated the Board on the roof project at the Law Enforcement Center and that the contractor has reported that the project should be completed this Saturday, November 1. There was a delay in the completion of the project due to the weather the past week.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the purchase of weapons and ammunition and to allow the trade-in of current equipment for a total purchase amount of \$7,390.20 from GT Distributors of Pflugerville, TX. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the appointment of Dexter Holliday as Chief Deputy Sheriff, effective November 3, 2025, after the resignation of Jeremiah Franks whose last day is November 2, 2025. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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## **SE NE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERS, INC.**

Katelin Gildersleeve, Family & Community Partnership Coordinator and Shannon DePrey, Family Service Advocate of the SE NE Community Action Partners, Inc. presented the Annual Report of the Headstart program in Richardson County.

A report was also presented to the Board from the Falls City SENCA Outreach Office for October 24-September 2025.

## **MISSY CAMPBELL**

Missy Campbell of Rulo met with the Board to discuss the adoption and enactment of the zoning overlay district floodplain management ordinance/resolution that was approved by the County Board on September 14, 2021, and became effective October 7, 2021.

She requested that the County Board repeal this ordinance/resolution. No action was taken.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Sub-division Resolution 2025-2026-14**

Motion was made by Karas to approve a subdivision for Janet Warrick McMullen, Trustee of the Janet Warrick McMullen Trust located in S16, T3, R15 and to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-14. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 74)

### **Transfer of Funds Resolution 2025-2026-13**

Motion was made by Campbell to adopt Resolution 2025-2025-13 with regards to a transfer of funds from the Federal Forfeiture Fund in the amount of \$238,841.22 and to close this fund as it has been deemed to be no longer needed. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. (Resolution Book 28, Page 73)

### **Transfer of Funds Resolution 2025-2026-12**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-14 with regards to a transfer of funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$250,000 as per FY25-26 budget document. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 72)

## **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, Campbell-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**

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv	300.00
Amazon, supp	179.09
BuckIT, serv	1400.00
Clapper, Katie, reimb	79.38
Comfort Inn, lodg	440.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	1009.30
Dept. of Correctional Services, serv	3183.57
Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, serv	525.00
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv	334.66
El Camino Electric, serv	68377.70
F&M Bank, supp	52.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	111.81

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Farm & City Supply, supp	24.95
Johnson County Sheriff, serv	116.00
Karas, Rick, reimb	408.80
Merz Ink, serv	49.00
Midwest Auto Fire Sprinkler, serv	337.50
MIPS, supp	1.86
Petersen Reporting, serv	757.60
Quill, supp	422.54
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24095.78
Road & Bridge Fund, levy tax	128954.57
Sapp Bros., fuel	5473.44
Spartan Nash, supp	15.27
SumnerOne, serv	49.64
Tichy, Rob, serv	4800.00
Tyler Technologies, serv	951.88
Verizon, serv	239.92
Visual Edge IT, serv	230.65
Weaver & Merz, reimb	18.39
Wolfe's Printing, supp	18.75
Payroll Expense	127512.95
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$370,472.00</b>

**FEDERAL MATCHING FUND**

Road & Bridge Fund, transfer	238841.22
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL MATCHING FUND</b>	<b>\$238,841.22</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Black Hills Utility Holdings, serv	50.81
Capital Business Systems, supp	590.19
Custom Products Corporation, supp	95.94
Haug Communications, serv	240.15
Lemkau Service Solutions, serv	246.45
Martin-Marietta Materials, rock	37648.03
NPPD, serv	44.83
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	31.99
Rulo, Village of, serv	30.00
Schendel Pest Control, serv	250.00
Turbo Technologies, supp	84.84
Unifirst, supp	22.78
Payroll Expense	35439.77
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$74,775.78</b>

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

County Treasurer, transfer	250000.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$250,000.00</b>

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND**

CPC, serv	2234.62
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$2,234.62</b>

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**NOVEMBER 5, 2025**

**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 Wednesday, November 5, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

**COUNTY TREASURER**

County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey presented to the Board the Distress Warrant List for the unpaid 2024 personal property taxes. The report contained 1 warrant that was unpaid from Cogent Communications, Inc. County Assessor, Kim Riggs, was also available for this presentation to provide information on this personal property return and schedule from Cogent Communications, Inc. for tax year 2024.

This list has been delivered to the Richardson County Sheriff to be collected.

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that 11 inmates are currently being held in the Jail.

For the month of October, 2025, he reported that there were 849 total calls with 349 of those being traffic stops with 35 arrests (6 other agencies, 4 out-of-county holds, 25 arrests). He also presented a report on jail statistics by age report for the current year-to-date.

It was also announced that Deputy Nick Aitken has resigned from his position effective November 18, 2025.

The purchase of the new data master equipment has been made totaling \$2,190.25 which was approved by the County Attorney, Falls City Attorney and Police Chief in order for payment to be made with available STOP funds.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the quote received from Airstream Heating & Cooling to proceed with the replacement of the existing lavatory/toilet combination and master components with Acorn that is located in the jail for a total price of \$10,567.00. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**PROJECT RESPONSE**

Jill Garcia of Project Response requested to meet with the Board to present a quarterly report of the agency.

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER**

Odis Fields, Veterans Service Officer, presented to the Board the Annual Veterans Aid Report and also a Memorandum of Understanding between the NE Dept of Veterans Affairs and Richardson County for the purpose of allowing Richardson County access to view and add

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VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER (Cont.)

certain information to the web-based database “VetraSpec” in order to assist veterans and/or their eligible dependent(s) to access all benefits which they are entitled by law.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding as presented to acquire access to the NE Dept of Veterans Affairs information for the time period January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 75)

**SE NE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERS, INC.**

Kay Wissman, Community Services Director of the Southeast Community Action Partnership, Inc. requested to meet with the Board to inform them on the funding needs of the Richardson County Transit program.

With reductions in federal and state government funding for this program realized at about 30%, the Richardson County Transit will be reducing hours of operation from Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be no service on Wednesdays.

**SIRENS**

Brian Kirkendall, Emergency Management Agency Director, met with the Board to review information received regarding insurance coverage on the outdoor warning sirens located within the Villages and the City of Humboldt. The response from the villages and the City of Humboldt determined that insurance coverage has been and is being maintained by them. The Board reviewed the idea of developing an interlocal agreement to be presented to all the villages and cities within the County and also to the Boy Scout Camp located south of Humboldt detailing that insurance coverage will be maintained by them and that the County will provide the maintenance of the outdoor warning sirens.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to request that the County Attorney’s Office prepare an interlocal agreement with all the villages and cities within the County and also an agreement with the Boy Scout Camp regarding insurance and maintenance for the outdoor warning sirens. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Mid-Continental Restoration Co., Inc. Quote**

The Board reviewed a quote received from Mid-Continental Restoration Co., Inc. regarding the need for mortar work on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor north elevation on the Courthouse roof area. This quote will be tabled for further review.

**Letter of Support for Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri**

Motion was made by Karas to approve a letter of support for grant funding for the Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri for renovation of the community building to a daycare facility and for the construction of a new community building. Motion seconded by Campbell. Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**Fee Reports**

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of October, 2025:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 321.50
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$18,470.38
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist. Court	\$ 696.00

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER (Cont.)

## Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for October, 2025.

## CLAIMS

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

BuckIT, serv	7186.14
Clerk of District Court, fees	441.00
Courtyard by Marriott Omaha, fees	302.40
CVSOAN, dues	200.00
Embassy Suites, lodg	625.80
Falls City Journal, adv	546.72
Falls City Utilities, serv	6096.59
Johnson County Sheriff, serv	18.00
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	511.00
Marvin Planning Consultants, serv	2640.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
Pictometry, serv	39972.20
Quill, supp	47.23
SNC, serv	1067.52
US Signal, serv	945.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$60,709.60</b>

### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan, serv	40.00
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	205.31
Lanter SPS, serv	18100.00
OPPD, serv	87.89
Richardson County CPR, serv	200.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	18739.67
SNC, serv	104.40
Tri State Truck & Tractor Repair, supp	12.18
Unifirst, supp	41.25
Vander Haag's, truck	33314.00
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$70,890.70</b>

### HIGHWAY BOND REPAY FUND

BOK Financial Corp, interest	1443.75
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY BOND REPAY FUND</b>	<b>\$1,443.75</b>

## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**NOVEMBER 12, 2025**

**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 Wednesday, November 12, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

**COUNTY ATTORNEY and CLERK OF DIST COURT**

Samantha Scheitel, County Attorney and Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court presented to the Board amendments to the agreements with the NE Dept of Health & Human Services for child support collection enforcement.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve Amendment #2 for the Clerk of District Court and Amendment #3 for the County Attorney to the respective grant agreements with the NE Dept of Health & Human Services for the enforcement of the collection of child support. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week.

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-15 authorizing the Chairman to sign the year-end certification of county highway superintendent service for 2025 for the purpose of receiving an annual incentive payment from the State of Nebraska. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 76)

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that 10 inmates are currently being held in the Jail.

Applications for grant funding for the Drive Sober, Get Pulled Over program for December 12, 2025, through January 1, 2026, and for the replacement of bullet-proof vests for the deputies have been completed and now are waiting for approval.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve and authorize the Sheriff to sign and enter into an agreement with the Nebraska State Patrol Network Access and Support Agreement. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Schawang Masonry, LLC Quote Lamp Post Pedestals**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a quote received from Schawang Masonry, LLC to install the 10 bases around the Courthouse retaining wall for a total estimated price of \$9,000. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER (Cont.)

### Other

Motion was made by Karas to appoint Genevie Loveless, Jail Supervisor to the Safety Committee Meeting to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Nathan Stewart, Jail Supervisor. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motin carried.

### CLAIMS

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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	116.08
Ameriflex, fee	70.00
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	435.40
Culligan of Percival, serv	96.00
Donahue & Sisco, fees	1016.50
CI23-129 Vice	
Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, serv	1050.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	255.56
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, fees	1266.50
CR25-168 P. Fellers; CR25-78 R. Paxson; JV22-38	
Farm & City Supply, supp	792.48
Generators for Sale, serv	279.00
Kollasch Law Office, fees	1716.00
CR25-64 C. Ochoa	
Kuker, Frances, serv	1000.00
Midwest Homes & Restoration, serv	146749.47
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
MIPS, serv	3565.86
NACVSO, dues	50.00
NCEA, dues	570.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	93.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	177.00
Richardson County Court, fees	1047.70
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	55.26
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	28560.00
Simpson, Krystal, reimb	172.20
SumnerOne, serv	119.00
Visual Edge IT, serv	55.20
Weaver & Merz Law Office, reimb	901.95
Wolfe's Printing, supp	238.69
Payroll Expense	129757.45
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$320,236.30</b>

#### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

City of Humboldt, serv	90.79
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	1593.67
Falls City Utilities, serv	373.46
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, serv	355.11
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	33045.88
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	32.63

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)

NMC, serv	449.65
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	8761.23
Operation & Expense Acct., reimb	81.33
Powerplan, serv	6031.93
Salem, Village of, serv	22.85
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, serv	1282.05
Tri State Truck & Tractor Repair, serv	1918.46
Truck Center Companies, serv	1729.38
Unifirst, supp	15.06
Verdon, Village of, serv	33.52
Payroll Expense	36084.73
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$91,901.73</b>

**RICHARDSON COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND**

Richardson County, fees	25.00
Scott, Pam, fees	100.00
SE NE Tourism Council, dues	200.00
<b>TOTAL RC VISITOR'S PROMO FUND</b>	<b>\$325.00</b>

**RICHARDSON COUNTY IMPROVEMENT FUND**

Humboldt Community Foundation	5000.00
RC Historical Society	4750.00
<b>TOTAL RC IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>	<b>\$9,750.00</b>

**REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION FUND**

MIPS, Inc., serv	324.92
<b>TOTAL REG. OF DEEDS PRESERVE FUND</b>	<b>\$324.92</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**NOVEMBER 19, 2025**

**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 Wednesday, November 19, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of Board of Equalization meeting from November 12, 2025, as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the Quarterly Safety Committee meeting held on November 12, 2025, as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Samantha Scheitel, County Attorney presented the annual renewal billing for the iCrime software package used by the County Attorney and Sheriff's departments. The renewal rate for the next year is \$7,087.50.

Motion was made Campbell to approve the iCrime annual subscription for the next year at \$7,087.50. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. There are 11 inmates currently being held in the Jail.

Discussion was held on repairs of the bath fixtures within the jail and with kitchen equipment that is needing repaired at the Law Enforcement Center.

A report was approved for fees collected by the Sheriff's Department during the month of October 2025, totaling \$14,574.64.

**BETHANY GODEMANN**

Bethany Godemann met with the Board to request to hire someone to purchase and install Christmas lights outside around the top of the Courthouse. She presented a letter to the Board which was signed by many of the employees who work within the Courthouse.

The Board requested that she obtain quotes for some of the ideas that were presented and bring those back to the Board for consideration.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Official County Newspaper for 2026**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to designate the Falls City Journal as the Official County Newspaper for the year 2026. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS**

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

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv	105.00
Alcohol Countermeasure Systems, serv	179.80
Amazon, supp	26.98
AT&T, serv	968.98
Axon Enterprise, serv	895.00
Charm-Tex, supp	92.63
Clerk of District Court, fees	108.00
CMC, serv	6659.34
Consolidated Management, serv	10512.25
Cornhusker Marriott, fees	149.00
Culligan, serv	60.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	343.50
Falls City Mercantile, supp	302.99
Fields, Odis, reimb	160.00
Generators for Sale, serv	279.00
Hy-Vee, supp	81.63
Kawres, supp	95.00
KexRx, supp	1220.09
Koch's Auto Service, serv	998.73
Merz, Douglas, reimb	680.52
Merz Ink, supp	73.96
Meyer Laboratory, supp	173.00
Motorola Solutions, serv	20156.00
NACO, reg	1280.00
OPPD, serv	33.08
Physicians Laboratory, serv	3655.00
Pitney Bowes, supp	165.97
Ram Exterminators, serv	96.00
Region 5 Systems, serv	428.00
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	295.24
Riggs, Kim, reimb	151.90
Safe Life Defense, supp	734.10
Smith Auto, supp	89.90
SNC, serv	833.76
SumnerOne, serv	151.31
Unifirst, serv	82.18
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$52,317.84</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

ABK Fire & Safety, serv	335.00
Black Hills Energy, serv	71.50
Farm & City Supply, supp	487.57
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	15465.78
NPPD, serv	99.21
Norris Quarries, rock	9478.68
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	597.00
Unifirst, supp	41.25
Wolfe's Printing, supp	73.93
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$26,649.92</b>

November 19, 2025  
CLAIMS (Cont.)

**VETERAN'S AID FUND**

Richardson County Veteran's Aid, transfer	525.00
<b>TOTAL VETERAN'S AID FUND</b>	<b>\$525.00</b>

**STOP PROGRAM FUND**

Intoximeters, serv	2135.25
<b>TOTAL STOP PROGRAM FUND</b>	<b>\$2,135.25</b>

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND**

Charm-Tex, supp	92.34
CPC, supp	2386.69
SNC, serv	167.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$2,646.03</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**NOVEMBER 26, 2025**

**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 Wednesday, November 26, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

**AMANDA BARTEK-RAMSEY**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the replacement of pledge securities from F&M Bank and State Bank of Table Rock: F&M Bank receipt JC94843E to replace receipts #JC93033 and #JC93011C and the replacement of the Irrevocable Letter of Credit #90428 from State Bank of Table Rock expired on November 21, 2025 with an Irrevocable Letter of Credit #97366 which will expire November 23, 2026. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. He reported that equipment is being prepared for the winter snow, new employees are also working to receive their commercial driver's licenses and that applications for another round of funding through County Bridge Match program for bridge projects has been submitted to the NE Department of Roads.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. There are 9 inmates currently being held in the Jail.

Items discussed were repairs that are needing to be done at the jail, the new generator installation and hook-up for the Law Enforcement Center and problems that occurred this last week with the radio system which have been corrected with Motorola.

**BETHANY GODEMANN**

Bethany Godemann met with the Board to provide more information on the possibility of installing Christmas lighting and/or decorations within and around the Courthouse. With the information provided to the Board and the costs that were involved, it was suggested that the group form a fund-raising event to accomplish this project. The Board also stressed that with the recent improvements to the roof and upper area of the Courthouse that any permanent attachment of decorations would need further consideration.

**BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve an interlocal agreement with the cities and villages within Richardson County for outdoor warning siren insurance and maintenance. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 78) This agreement has been sent to the cities and villages within Richardson County for their acceptance.

Motion was made by Karas to approve an agreement with Cornhusker Boy Scout Camp for outdoor warning siren insurance and maintenance. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 79)

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## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Motion was made by Karas to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the certification statement for the cost allocation plan for fiscal year end, June 30, 2024. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## 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, Campbell-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	19.09
DAS State Accounting, serv	150.00
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1467.58
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9166.66
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	28189.70
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Wolfe's Printing, supp	33.63
Payroll Expense	137803.14
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$176,899.68</b>

### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Diversified Drug Testing, serv	240.00
Harmon's, supp	60.00
Midwest Engineering, serv	54547.50
NPPD, serv	43.29
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	338.82
Rulo, Village of, serv	30.00
TreviPay, supp	338.00
Unifirst, supp	56.31
Woods & Aitken, serv	2591.50
Payroll Expense	35648.53
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$93,893.95</b>

### DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1300.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1529.88
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,829.88</b>

## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**DECEMBER 3, 2025**

**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 Wednesday, December 3, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. The Board requested a report on the amount of rock that has been put on county roads in the different districts within the County since January 1, 2025. An update was given on the snow removal that was done in the County during the past weekend storm. Equipment purchases were also discussed.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. There are 12 inmates currently being held in the Jail. The Department is still waiting for approval of the grant application for "Drive Sober-Get Pulled Over" from the NE Dept. of Transportation which would be held December 12 thru January 1.

Some items of maintenance at the Law Enforcement Center were reviewed. Sheriff Hardesty reported that the pump on the grease pit has quit working but is under warranty so is being replaced by Airstream. He also reported that the City of Falls City is replacing the water meter and he will be requesting that representatives from Airstream be on site when this is replaced to assure that everything is in working order after the installation.

Repairs to the jail cell shower areas have been reviewed with the NE Jail Standards and they have verbally approved the plans to put a liner on the shower area to help eliminate water damages to the stall frame. Plans were also mentioned that the generator is to be installed on Monday at the Law Enforcement Center.

He once again reminded the Board that the department staff will be holding the "Stuff the Cruiser" event to collect toys and gifts for the Christmas holiday for SENCA and this will be held on Saturday, December 6 at the Dollar General Stores in Humboldt and Falls City and at Farm & City Supply in Falls City.

A brief discussion was held concerning patrol vehicle maintenance.

**CHAD BUHL, GEORGIA POULTRY EQUIPMENT CO.**

Chad Buhl of the Georgia Poultry Equipment Co. and Corey Vandeberg requested to meet with the Board regarding the proposed construction of a poultry production facility to be located near Dawson.

They relayed to the Board their plans for the transportation of feed and poultry to and from the facility and what routes they would like to use. Steve Darveau, Highway Superintendent, was also in attendance and will review the requested route(s) and notify them and the Board of his recommendation.

December 3, 2025

## **ELECTED OFFICIAL'S SALARY for NEW TERM OF OFFICE 2027-2031**

The Board held a discussion period with the current elected officials to review the NACO Salary Survey and Study.

Persons in attendance at this session were also given an opportunity to speak regarding this matter.

The County Board shall adopt a Resolution to set the salary of elected officials as per Nebraska Constitution, Article III, Section 19, for the new term of office that begins January 7, 2027, through January 8, 2031, by January 15, 2026, as per Nebraska Revised State Statute §23-1114.

## **SE NE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Whitney Lanning, of the SE NE Development District met with the Board to review revisions to the current Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to Join Southeast Nebraska Development District. The changes would allow for the organization to acquire, own and sell real estate which would be significant with the housing development program that the organization assists local communities with. The Board will consider this interlocal agreement at next week's meeting.

Ms. Lanning also informed the Board that SENDD will be working with Senator Fischer's office regarding the communities' request for earmark/allocation requests from Federal funds. The staff is currently working on countywide radio interoperability allocation requests.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 11:15 a.m. to discuss possible litigation and for the protection of the public interest with County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel, Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director and County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-nay, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 11:50 a.m. and to return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **Consider Action for Violations of Regulations of Resolution Regarding Zoning Overlay District Floodplain Management Ordinance 60.3(d) effective October 7, 2021**

County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel expressed to the Board that while the resolution regarding zoning overlay district floodplain management ordinance 60.3(d) which became effective October 7, 2021, provides an amount allowable for a fine when violations are determined, it's unclear how successful prosecution of any violation would be.

The Board will be considering changes to the current resolution and will hold a public hearing to receive input from the public on the proposed changes.

### **Set Public Hearing Date for Resolution Regarding Zoning Overlay District Floodplain Management Ordinance 60.3(d) effective October 7, 2021**

Motion was made by Campbell to set the public hearing date to receive input from the public on the proposed changes to the Resolution regarding zoning overlay district floodplain management ordinance 60.3(d) effective October 7, 2021, to be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## **LIVE STREAMING of County Board Meetings**

Commissioner Campbell has been approached by citizens to have the County Board meetings available on a live stream. The IT person for Richardson County, Joe Buckminster, has been contacted to determine if this could be achieved within the Commissioner Meeting Room as space is limited.

December 3, 2025

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### Fee Reports

The Board approved the following reports from officials for fees collected during the month of November, 2025:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 87.50
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$20,607.11
Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court	\$ 651.00

### Transfer of Funds

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-16 to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$200,000 as per FY25-26 budget document. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 77)

### Cancel Checks

Motion was made by Campbell to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-17 to cancel checks issued in error. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 78)

### CLAIMS

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

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv	715.93
Amazon, supp	54.15
At-Scene LLC, subs	7087.50
BuckIT, serv	7186.14
Comfort Inn-Kearney, fees	132.05
Community Medical Center, serv	10821.40
Culligan, serv	60.00
DAS State Acctg., fees	702.10
Dept Correctional Svcs, serv	3902.28
East Richardson RWD #2, serv	334.66
Falls City Journal, ads	466.86
Falls City Mercantile, supp	111.78
Falls City Utilities, serv	6117.84
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, fees	5271.00
CR25-49 T. Beccard, CR25-62 Z. Creamer, CR25-92 C. Dodson, CR25-91 S. Mackey, CR25-93 S. Mackey, CR23-87 R. Paxson, CR25-78 R. Paxson, CI12-62 L. Hollander, CR25-333 I. Rowland, JV22-38, JV25-26, JV23-20, JV21-19, JV24-18, JV24-17, JV24-19, JV24-4, JV25-42	
Farm & City Supply, supp	217.15
Frontier Bank, pymnt	28337.06
Galls Inc., supp	489.53
Handley, Dylan L., fees	80.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	904.99
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	515.51
Malcolm, Terry DDS, serv	280.00

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Marvin Planning Consultants, fees	2140.00
Medica, ins	57112.44
Merz Ink, supp	62.96
Meyer Laboratory Inc., supp	233.35
Microfilm Imaging Services, serv	110.00
Midwest Special Services, serv	862.10
MIPS Inc., serv	3774.70
ODP Business Solutions, supp	1013.55
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	80.00
Petersen Reporting, fees	466.10
Postmaster, supp	1232.40
Richardson County Court, fees	837.82
RC EMA Petty Cash Acct., reimb	271.87
RC Sheriff Petty Cash Acctg., reimb	560.34
Sapp Bros., fuel	5520.96
SNC, serv	826.14
SumnerOne, serv	337.09
UNL-AEM Business Center, fees	5007.36
Verizon Wireless, serv	239.92
Visual Edge IT, Inc., serv	235.90
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$154,712.93</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan, serv	22.40
Darveau, Steve, serv	500.00
Harmon's OK Tire, serv	80.00
Herzog Contracting Corp., serv	1220.34
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	33665.53
Miller Farrell Insurance, fees	882.00
Omaha Public Power District, serv	93.18
Sapp Bros., fuel	15695.91
Schmidt, Josh, fees	5193.76
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$57,353.12</b>

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION FUND

MIPS Inc., serv	324.92
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS PRESERVE FUND</b>	<b>\$324.92</b>

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

RC Treasurer, transfer	200000.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$200,000.00</b>

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

Snc., SERV	167.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$167.00</b>

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 p.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**DECEMBER 10, 2025**

**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 Wednesday, December 10, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

**COUNTY TREASURER**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a pledge security receipt from F&M Bank, receipt #JC94843F to replace receipt #JC93020C. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. He reported that the newly hired employees are continuing training to obtain their CDL licenses, that rock hauling is being done to those areas that are needing rock.

A discussion was held regarding the quality of rock that is currently being obtained from the different quarries. Commissioner Campbell provided samples and Mr. Darveau provided a sample of the crusher run from the DuBois quarry. A notice was received from Martin Marietta informing the County that there will be a price increase of 7% at all locations effective January 1, 2026.

The motor grader districts are being changed to allow for better efficiency in getting the roads graded in a more-timely manner.

Mr. Darveau also informed the Board that he is working with a local contractor to assist in making the plans for the Verdon shop replacement. These plans will be available at a later date so that the project can be let out for bids.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. There are 12 inmates currently being held in the Jail. The Department received notification that the County has been awarded the funds from the grant "Drive Sober-Get Pulled Over" from the NE Dept. of Transportation which will be held December 12 thru January 1.

The Law Enforcement staff have done some repairs to the shower area of a cell to determine if this repair will eliminate a problem with the shower fixtures. It was also reported that the new generator had been installed on Monday and that the new pump for the grease pit is expected to arrive soon and be replaced.

The Sheriff met with the Falls City Chief of Police and a representative from "Comeback Era" a substance abuse and recovery program. This program is a federally funded program to assist persons in recovering from substance abuse and/or from mental health conditions. This program will be reviewed further when more information is received.

December 10, 2025

## **BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director, met with the Board to present the Letter of Agreement with Cooper Nuclear Station to receive funds for maintaining a radiological response plan.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the Letter of Agreement with Nebraska Public Power District, Cooper Nuclear Station for Richardson County to receive funds for maintaining radiological response plan procedures. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, page 81)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the salary increase effective January 1, 2026, for EMA Specialists I (storm spotters) from \$13.50/hour to \$15.50/hour and for EMA Specialists II (EOC Training/Radiological/storm spotters) from \$14.00 to \$17.00. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Kirkendall also updated the Board on the situation within the City of Humboldt regarding the boil water requirement. The City should be made aware in the next few days whether the water supply is now in the safe mode. Mr. Kirkendall and the County Board of Commissioners also want to publicly thank Clint Sailors, general manager at the Dollar Fresh store in Falls City and Hy-Vee for the cooperation in obtaining and helping with the delivery of the large quantity of bottled water that has been supplied to the residents of the City of Humboldt during this time.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Monthly Operating Statement**

The Board reviewed the November, 2025 monthly operating statement.

### **SE NE Development District**

Motion was made by Campbell to enter into an interlocal agreement with SE NE Development District which will now allow SENDD to acquire and dispose of property. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, page 80)

### **Sub-Division**

Motion by Caverzagie to approve a sub-division for Robert L. Beckett and Sandra K Beckett, Trustees of the Robert L. Beckett and Sandra K. Beckett Trust located in S11, T3N, R14E, .66 acres and to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-18. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 79)

### **Mid-Continental Restoration Co.**

Motion was made by Campbell to approve a quote received from Mid-Continental Restoration Co., Inc. to make repairs to masonry on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor north elevation area of the Courthouse and removing the bars over the windows and seal all joints for a price of \$42,455.00. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## **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, Campbell-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**

Ameriflex, fee	70.00
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	20.88
Culligan of Percival, supp	94.80
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
First Concord, fees	540.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	53.96
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	78.19
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
Quill, supp	142.50
Region 5 Systems, fees	4539.78
RC EMA Petty Cash Acct., reimb	100.00
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	26519.42
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	853.00
SE District Assessor Association, dues	75.00
SNC, serv	1066.93
Payroll Expense	121066.02
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$155,290.48</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Capital Business Systems, serv	110.92
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	46.00
Eggers Bros., supp	1878.59
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	674.09
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	414.53
Jim Hill's, serv	60.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	13077.31
NPPD, serv	32.63
NE State Fire Marshal, serv	240.00
NMC, serv	145.65
Norris Quarries, rock	4511.27
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	229.42
Salem, Village of, serv	22.85
SNC, serv	103.38
Truck Center Companies, supp	1228.27
Unifirst, supp	15.06
Verdon, Village of, serv	32.64
Payroll Expense	35854.64
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$58,717.25</b>

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

Estate of Lanny Burr, reimb	20.29
Joseph P. & Margie E. Fleskoski Trust, reimb	6995.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$7,015.29</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will not meet on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, due to the annual conference of the Nebraska Association of County Officials that will be attended by the commissioners. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, December 24, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for the next regular weekly meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

**The  
RICHARDSON  
COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS**

**WILL NOT  
MEET ON**

**WEDNESDAY,**

**DECEMBER 17, 2025**

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**DECEMBER 24, 2025**

**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 Wednesday, December 24, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda with an addition to consider the resolution for the transfer of funds from Inheritance Tax Fund to General Fund. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week.

Mr. Darveau questioned the possibility of the county observing, Friday, December 26, 2025, as a holiday. Assessor, Kim Riggs; Deputy Treasurer, Rachel Jean and Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court were also in attendance at this time to request the County Board consider closing county departments for this day.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve Friday, December 26, 2025, as a holiday for County employees and that the Courthouse offices, Road Department and the Sheriff's general office will be closed. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Resolution Cancel Check**

Motion was made by Campbell to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-19 to cancel a check issued in error. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 81)

**Fee Report**

A report for Sheriff Hardesty was approved for fees collected during the month of November, 2025, in the amount of \$8,142.35.

**Quote for Electrical**

A quote was received from Travis Jorn to bore an electrical line under certain sidewalks at the Courthouse to install a new electrical line to existing lighting fixtures at the Courthouse. Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the quote as presented for \$3,500.00. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**Resolution Transfer of Funds**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-20 to transfer funds from Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$200,000.00. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 82)

**CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Campbell to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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	25.73
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	348.60
AT&T, serv	982.51
Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimb	73.97
Brite, serv	499.00
Candlewood Suites, fees	249.90
Charm-Tex, serv	229.80
Clerk of District Court, fees	294.00
Consolidated Management Company, serv	10087.00
Crook, Eric, serv	975.00
Culligan of Percival, serv	60.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	493.50
Eickhoff, Mary, reimb	765.80
Electronic Contracting Company, serv	2495.04
F&M, fees	76.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	455.53
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	184.57
Farm & Home Publishers, supp	622.50
Fields, Odis, reimb	291.20
First Concord, fees	940.00
First Wireless Inc, serv	975.11
Galls, supp	136.96
Government Forms & Supplies, supp	1615.82
Great Plains Uniforms, supp	1538.39
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, serv	9397.00
CR25-18 H. McDonald, JV24-4	
Handley Law Office, serv	4026.00
CR25-80 H. McDonald, CR25-18 H. McDonald	
Hobart Services, serv	793.66
Hullman's Ford, serv	778.00
Humboldt Standard, ads	56.00
Hy-Vee, supp	107.52
KexRx, serv	828.89
Koch's Auto Service, serv	3326.51
Lincoln National Life Ins., ins	1567.65
Malcolm, Terry DDS, serv	560.00
Meyer Laboratory Inc, serv	143.50
Midwest Process Services, serv	42.82
Miller Farrell Insurance, ins	3517.00
NACVSO, dues	50.00
Nartec, Inc, serv	189.42
NE Assoc. of Dist. Crt Clerks, dues	50.00
NE Assoc. of Weed Control, reg	150.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	90.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9166.66
ODP Business Solutions, serv	319.03
OPPD, serv	33.08
Otoe County Sheriff, serv	15.00
Physicians Laboratory, serv	166.00
Principal Life Ins., ins	41.65
ProServ Business Systems, serv	177.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Quill, supp	304.21
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County, reimb	70.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	8.85
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	406.03
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24899.62
Riggs, Kim, reimb	394.94
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Scott, Pam, reimb	329.00
SumnerOne, serv	34.97
Unifirst, serv	88.69
US Signal, serv	945.00
Vision Care Direct, ins	17.90
Vollmer, Julie, reimb	200.00
Weaver & Merz Law Office, reimb	901.95
Wolfes, supp	50.07
Payroll Expense	116824.66
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$205,642.09</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	140.74
Diesel Laptops, supp	4675.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	542.56
Farm & City Supply, supp	1527.19
Koch's Auto Service, serv	490.90
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	24767.70
NPPD, serv	159.76
Norris Quarries, rock	4530.60
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	211.07
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	367.78
PowerPlan, supp	333.88
Quill, supp	73.16
Safety-Kleen Systems, supp	428.28
Sapp Bros., fuel	6169.77
Schmidt, Josh, serv	300.00
Stateline Propane, propane	426.00
TreviPay, supp	683.87
Tri State Truck & Tractor, serv	3937.00
Unifirst, supp	56.31
Woods & Aitken LLP, fees	16624.05
Payroll Expense	36140.73
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$102,586.35</b>

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1300.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1300.00
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

County Treasurer, transfer	200000.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$200,000.00</b>

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS

CPC	2213.57
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,213.57</b>

December 4, 2025

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for the next regular weekly meeting 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

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**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 Wednesday, December 31, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the December 24, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

**FOUR COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES**

Linda Volker, administrator of the 4 County Juvenile Services Grant presented to the Board an annual update and statistics of the program. The grant application will be for the next fiscal year will soon be submitted to the NE Crime Commission with Nemaha County being the lead county on the grant. The program has been in place for approximately 14 years serving juveniles in Pawnee, Johnson, Nemaha and Richardson Counties.

Motion was made by Karas to approve and enter into a memorandum of understanding with Pawnee, Johnson and Nemaha counties to agree to the conditions enumerated within the agreement to provide this County Juvenile Services Program in the counties. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 84)

**COUNTY TREASURER**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the following pledge security receipts from F&M Bank: County Treasurer accounts--receipt #JC94843J (\$900,000) to replace receipts #JC93015B (\$835,000) and #JC93025A (\$65,000); County Clerk accounts--receipt #JC93031D (\$200,000) replaced with #JC94843H (\$280,000) and receipt #JC93052A (\$100,000) amended to (\$20,000) on receipt #JC93052A . Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-21 to approve the applications received from the following financial institutions as depositories for Richardson County funds for the year 2026: State Bank of Table Rock, F&M Bank, American National Bank, Nebraska Federal Investment Trust—Union Bank & Trust and Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust—NPAIT. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. It was reported that crews are hauling scrap iron to Pawnee City this week to get the yard cleaned up. A listing is also being made of items that will be offered for sale on the next "Big Iron" sale. Mr. Darveau also reported that the County has been awarded a grant through the NE Department of Environmental Quality to hold a tire recycling event in 2026.

The board held a discussion at this time regarding the possibility of letting out for bid specifications for road rock to be delivered to certain stockpile areas within the County. The Board will be working to determine specifications to include within the bid notice.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported on several different maintenance items that are currently being addressed at the Law Enforcement Center.

The Sheriff explained to the Board a software program that serves as an inventory record to be utilized within the jail facility, Guardian RFID. The cost of this software program is \$5,800.00 and will interface with the Jail program EForce. The company would install the program and allow the use by the department with payment not to be required until July 1, 2026, so that funding could be provided in the new fiscal year budget. Motion was made by Karas to approve the purchase of the software program, Guardian RFID and the quote for the additional service from EForce to interface with this change and to authorize the Sheriff to sign the agreements as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

He also explained the T.A.P. Officer Training Program and the quote received from Complete Tactical Consultants from Omaha. The quote for this training program is \$2,000. The Sheriff and Board will review this matter further.

The Sheriff presented to the Board information on restraint devices available from StunTronics. This equipment would be used to assist with the transport of and appearances of inmates in the courts. Motion was made by Campbell to approve the purchase of StunTronics Bandit System for \$1,900.00. Motion seconded by Karas. Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## **BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director, met with the Board to present information regarding the Radio Interoperability for Richardson County. He participated in a conference call, along with Commissioner Campbell and representatives of SE NE Development District with Senator Fisher's office who is planning to request that funding needed for this project be included in appropriations funding. The cost to the County would be 20% of the total cost of the project. Two different proposals are being considered through Motorola Solutions: 1) Fire/EMS-AES System at \$1,446,959.89 with 20% of county share at \$289,391.98 and 2) Fire/EMS-Statewide at \$1,632,301.15 with 20% of county share at \$326,460.23. The plans for the project need to be decided as the County Board will need to complete and sign the grant application shortly after it is received in early March.

Rachel Jean, Clerk from the Village of Rulo, was requested by the Village Board of Trustees to meet with the County Board to review with them the interlocal agreement between the cities and villages regarding the outdoor warning sirens. The Village of Rulo is requesting that the village be made aware of when and what type of maintenance to the sirens will be done as the County will be responsible for the maintenance. Mr. Kirkendall stated that the County would send the maintenance contract for the outdoor warning sirens to the Village for their record. Mrs. Jean indicated that this would be sufficient for their records.

## **DISCUSSION ON SALARY RESOLUTION FOR 2027-2031 TERM OF OFFICE**

The Board held a discussion to review information to establish the resolution setting the salaries for the term of office, January 2027 through January 2031.

Present for this discussion were Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court; Kim Riggs, County Assessor; Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer; Sheriff Hardesty; Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent and Samantha Scheitel, County Attorney.

This discussion will continue further at the January 7 meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

Commissioner Campbell reviewed with the Board the notice of public hearing that is to be held next week, January 7, 2026, regarding a change to the resolution of the zoning overlay district floodplain management ordinance 60.3(d) effective October 7, 2021. The published notice stated Tuesday, January 7, 2026, as the date of the hearing, which Tuesday should have been printed as Wednesday. County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff, that she also discovered that an error in the publication was found. The Board will consider this matter at next week's meeting and plan to reschedule the hearing due to this error in the notice of hearing publication.

December 31, 2025

## CLAIMS

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

Campbell, Bob, reimb	338.10
Caverzagie, John, reimb	329.00
Comfort Inn, lodg	374.85
Farm & City Supply, supp	13.08
Petersen Reporting, serv	1499.55
Postmaster, supp	468.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	516.05
Stateline Propane, fuel	172.13
SumnerOne, serv	49.64
Verizon, serv	239.92
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$4,000.32</b>

### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Candlewood Suites, lodg	374.85
Hotsy Equipment, supp	41.07
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	30951.06
Norris Quarries, rock	5204.29
OPPD, serv	112.73
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	55.00
Rulo, Village of, serv	30.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	1913.55
Unifirst, supp	41.25
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$38,723.80</b>

### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for the next regular weekly meeting 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