

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

**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 18, 2026. 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 February 11, 2026, 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.

Motion was made by Campbell to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-29 to authorize the Chairman to sign a professional environmental services agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for project no. BRO-7076(27) for the Falls City NW project located on 710 Road between 651 and 650 Avenue. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 97)

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center the past few weeks. He also reported that in January there were 662 total calls of which 219 were traffic stops, 25 arrests that included 5 from other agencies, 1 out-of-county hold and 19 arrested by county department. Currently there are 17 inmates in the jail.

Sheriff Hardesty also informed the Board that Pawnee County has contacted the Department regarding the possibility of having Richardson County do the dispatch service for Pawnee County.

**HUMBOLDT SHARES, INC.**

Dr. George Griffiths, president of the Humboldt Shares, Inc. offered a quarterly report to the Board. The organization has provided a no interest loan to a local business and the organization is always looking at opportunities for businesses to locate in Humboldt.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Campbell to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 9:38 a.m. with County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel; Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. and County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff to discuss possible litigation 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 Karas to close the executive session at 10:04 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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## **RICHARDSON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

### **Representatives Ben Steffen and Mark Jones**

Ben Steffen and Mark Jones representing the Richardson County Planning Commission requested to meet with the Board to request from them a listing of the County's goals and objectives to include in and for the update of the Richardson County Comprehensive Plan.

The Planning Commission has scheduled a meeting to be held on Thursday, February 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Southeast Community College campus located at 3200 Bill Schock Blvd. in Falls City. The purpose of the meeting is to organize and discuss a planning process.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

### **Contract with Marvin Planning Consultants**

A letter prepared to be submitted for a change in the contract with Marvin Planning Consultants regarding the development of the comprehensive plan and zoning regulations will be considered at a later date.

## **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**

Candlewood Suites, fees	374.85
Clerk of District Court, fees	330.00
First Concord, fees	547.50
Fritz, Kerry, reimb	50.46
Handley Law Office, fees	865.00
JV24-5; JV24-7; JV25-40; JV25-44	
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	93.75
Medica, ins	58689.91
NE Assoc. of Weed Control, fees	150.00
Nemaha County KS Sheriff, fee	30.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9166.66
OPPD, serv	33.10
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash Acct., reimb	86.55
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	23789.08
Riggs, Kim, reimb	100.05
SumnerOne, serv	152.40
UNL-AEM Business Center, fees	195.79
Wolfes Printing, supp	23.75
Payroll Expense	110408.78
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$205,087.63</b>

### **ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

AGCO Finance, fees	7.04
Armbruster Motor Co., fees	55900.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	718.52
Farm & City Supply, supp	135.47
Hullman's Ford Lincoln, serv	16.88
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	139.29
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	15.00
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	19.34
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	10.65

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CLAIMS (Cont)

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)

TreviPay, supp	799.99
Unifirst, supp	23.28
Payroll Expense	36135.78
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$93,921.24</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

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 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 25, 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