

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 25, 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 25, 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 18, 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncounty.ne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

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

The Department is considering purchasing a pickup that is available at the Nebraska Federal Surplus for the purchase price of \$31,000. This pickup would be geared especially for snow removal. The purchase of a paint striping machine is also being considered for use on the county's hard surfaced roads.

Bid specifications are being completed for the construction project C74-(2023-05) located 637 Avenue between 712 and 713 Road located NW of Dawson and for the resurfacing on the "dustless highway".

A discussion was held on the condition of the hard surfaced road south of Rulo and commercial traffic using it. With seemingly an increase in heavy truck traffic the road is showing a rapid deterioration in some areas.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center. The number of inmates being held at the Jail as of today is 14.

A purchase order to obtain 2 refrigerators from Mary's Appliance in Falls City for \$2,148.00 was approved since a commercial size refrigerator quit operating at the law Enforcement Center.

Improvements to the outdoor storage shed are being planned so that it can be utilized for official space for the Law Enforcement Center.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall informed the Board that the tower on the Courthouse has an antenna on it that is bent and is in a condition that it should be removed to prevent any damage to the Courthouse roof if it might tear away and fall. He recommended that while the antenna is being removed that the light be changed at this time as removing the antenna will require someone to climb the tower to release it. The Board requested that Mr. Kirkendall contact a contractor to proceed with this matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Karas to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 9:54 a.m. to discuss a general assistance application and for the protection of the reputation of an individual with an applicant for General Assistance and their representative,

Sherry Huddleston of SENCA; County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel and Clerk 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 10:01 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

Resolution 2025-2026-30 Cancel Check

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-30 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 98)

Other

A purchase order was approved for the Cooperative Extension Service to purchase a computer system.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Campbell to allow 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	75.92
AT&T, serv	982.25
Charm-Tex, supp	43.11
CVSAOAN, reg	120.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	493.50
EForce, serv	32951.70
Falls City Journal, adv	3891.31
Farm & City Supply, supp	7.99
Great Plains Reporting, serv	218.10
Hy-Vee, supp	232.97
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	150.80
Koch's Auto Service, serv	2545.86
Quill, supp	142.77
Meyer Home Center, supp	33.15
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	609.38
Sumner One, serv	84.00
TEAM Consulting, fee	75.00
VDO Communications, supp	533.11
Visual Edge IT, serv	235.90
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$43,474.82

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	351.35
Falls City Sanitation, serv	60.00
Haug Communications, supp	640.84
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	31500.94

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)

Miller Farrell Insurance, ins	639.00
Norris Quarries, rock	9878.19
NPPD, serv	143.48
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	150.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	9.20
Sapp Bros., fuel	4916.88
Unifirst, supp	44.25
Woods & Aitken, serv	19493.93
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$67,828.06

COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND

Falls City Chamber of Commerce, funding	8500.00
Humboldt Chamber of Commerce, funding	3000.00
Omaha Magazine, adv	395.00
Richardson County, rent	25.00
TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND	\$11,920.00

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Falls City Edge, funding	7500.00
Schawang Masonry, serv	9000.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$16,500.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 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 4, 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.

John Caverzagie, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk