

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 11, 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, March 11, 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 March 4, 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.

NPPD, Cooper Nuclear Station

Dakota Schulenberg, Emergency Preparedness Offsite Coordinator of the NPPD Cooper Nuclear Station at Brownville gave a quarterly update to the Board on the facility activity. He reported that the facility is getting closer to moving all notifications to the IPAWS system. The facility will also be doing an outage beginning sometime in September of this year.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

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 2025. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The Board also discussed a salary increase for the EMA Director. Motion was made by Campbell to approve a 5% salary increase for the EMA Director effective January 1, 2026, and a 3.5% in 2027. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (2025--\$66,894.64; 2026--\$70,243.44)

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

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

Plans are being made to include in the next fiscal year's budget to replace the underground fuel tanks which are needing repairs and have reached their expected service years of which they have been in place for approximately 35 years.

Specifications for the county garage in Verdon are also being made for the current building to be replaced.

The Board also reviewed the salary for the highway superintendent and this discussion will continue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 9:52 a.m. to discuss personnel matters with Highway Supt., Steve Darveau, Jr.; Julie Vollmer, Road Foreman; Samantha Scheietel, County Attorney and Clerk Eickhoff. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION (Cont.)

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 10:50 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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 10:51 a.m. with Jerry Pigsey, special legal counsel; County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel and Clerk Eickhoff to discuss pending litigation. 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 11:21 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

Subdivision

Motion was made by Karas to approve a subdivision for Michael R. and Sherri L. Hunzeker located in S36, T2, R17 and to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-32. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 100)

Other

A check was received from EMC Insurance for \$16,304.00 for premium dividends on the work comp insurance.

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	672.04
Amazon, supp	109.99
American AED, supp	6981.00
APCO, serv	505.00
BuckIT, serv	7186.14
Comfort Inn, lodg	330.00
Concrete Industries, serv	3078.75
Consolidated Management Co., serv	10494.75
DAS State Accounting, serv	1009.30
Dept. of Correction Services, serv	3714.98
Falls City Sanitation, serv	60.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	9321.29
Family Medicine, serv	37.80
Farm & Home Publishers, supp	105.00
Galls, supp	612.75
Hall Funeral Home, serv	400.00
Handley Law Office, serv	1771.00
CR25-86 O. Mann	
Humboldt Standard, adv	100.65
KexRx, supp	791.03

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Koch's Auto Service, serv	1233.26
Marvin Planning Consultants, serv	2650.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
MIPS, serv	6878.23
NE State Patrol, reg	735.00
Norfolk Lodge & Suites, lodg	260.00
ODP Business Solutions, supp	213.25
Quill, supp	290.39
Region 5 Systems, serv	4539.78
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	360.54
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	482.42
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1194.01
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	37.70
Safe Life Defense, supp	1468.20
Schendel Pest Control, serv	91.38
SNC, serv	1928.68
Tichy Land Survey, serv	6600.00
Uline, supp	510.13
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$76,784.44

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

City of Humboldt, serv	90.17
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	1453.65
Harmon's, supp	125.00
Miller Farrell, ins	544.00
NPPD, serv	45.36
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	224.82
Salem, Village of, serv	25.95
Sapp Bros., supp	1607.86
SNC, serv	101.99
Truck Center Companies, supp	1514.48
Unifirst, serv	23.28
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$5,756.56

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv	2009.13
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$2,009.13

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, March 18, 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