

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARCH 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, March 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 Campbell to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain, 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.richardsoncounty.ne.gov](http://www.richardsoncounty.ne.gov).

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center. He reported that currently 19 inmates are being held in the Jail with 1 being held out of the county.

Purchase orders were presented to the Board for approval for a responder center console for \$1,453.04 and a police responder light bar quantum 2.0 49” dual color at \$2,052.26 for the new 2026 Ford F150 patrol unit that has been purchased.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the following salary changes for staff within the Sheriff’s Department: uncertified deputy in training from \$25.00/hour to \$28.40/hour and allow for a salary increase for 2 deputies who have served with the department for over one year and over two years. 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 road and bridge maintenance being done this week. Samples of road rock were shown and discussed. The locations of the different quarries and types of rock available at each was also discussed.

A report was also provided to the Board on the amount of rock that has been placed on county roads in each of the townships in the County from July 1, 2025, through March 19, 2026. Commissioner District 2 received 845 loads, 19,965.43 tons at \$388,851.14; Commissioner District 3 received 1107 loads, 23,545.05 tons at \$608,214.46 and Stockpile received 27 loads, 563.59 tons at \$12,141.69 totaling 1979 loads, 44074.07 tons at \$1,009,207.29.

<b>Loads</b>	<b>Tons</b>	<b>Township</b>	<b>Aggregate Costs</b>
125	3,034.66	Arago	\$ 52,416.67
209	4,963.43	Barada	\$ 94,604.86
201	4,552.95	Falls City	\$ 98,623.73
203	4,526.42	Franklin	\$ 118,391.28
126	2,522.84	Grant	\$ 64,274.37
183	3,923.91	Humboldt	\$ 102,627.99
66	1,598.07	Jefferson	\$ 28,733.50
115	2,444.32	Liberty	\$ 63,337.04
122	2,603.76	Muddy	\$ 67,980.20
48	1,050.79	Nemaha	\$ 27,372.87
178	4,161.75	Ohio	\$ 87,525.65
152	3,188.26	Porter	\$ 81,532.61
66	1,654.57	Rulo	\$ 26,946.73
64	1,461.53	Salem	\$ 36,834.56
94	1,823.22	Speiser	\$ 45,863.54
27	563.59	Stockpile	\$ 12,141.69
1,979	44,074.07	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$1,009,207.29

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**OPEN SEALED BIDS**

**Dawson Northwest Project No. C-74(2023-05)**

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the opening of sealed bids for the Dawson Northwest Project No. C-74(2023-05). Bids were received from the following: Malone Construction Co., Inc. of Douglas, NE for \$113,766.50; MC Wells Contracting of Omaha, NE for \$67,825.00 and Van Dorn Valley Construction, LLC of Denton, NE for \$40,720.78.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to accept the bids that were received only for purpose of further review by the County’s engineer and Highway Superintendent. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will consider awarding the contract for the project at next week’s meeting.

Josh Keithley of Midwest Engineering, Inc. presented the engineer’s estimate on the project at \$65,344.00.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Karas to deny a claim to the Humboldt Standard for 192.22 as the charges included on the statement were past 90 days and to allow the payment of all other 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**

DAS State Accounting, serv	343.50
Falls City Mercantile, supp	185.44
Farm & City Supply, supp	12.96
Galls, supp	172.99
GT Distributors, supp	4414.50
Hy-Vee, supplies	65.73
Johnson County Hospital, serv	115.00
LA Police Gear, supp	129.13
Lincoln National Life Ins., ins	1478.50
Medica, ins	58119.41
Quill, supp	165.86
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Region 5 Systems, serv	214.00
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	794.56
Sapp Bros., fuel	6824.79
Scott, Pam, reimb	30.96
SumnerOne, serv	227.71
Sunset Law Enforcement, supp	663.00
Visual Edge IT, serv	235.90
Vollmer, Julie, serv	200.00
Weaver & Merz, reimb	9.70
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$74,451.64</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Black Hills Energy, serv	224.74
NPPD, serv	142.77
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	97.90
Rulo, Village of, serv	30.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	17784.19
Unifirst, serv	127.85
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$18,407.45</b>

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**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 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 1, 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