

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 1, 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, April 1, 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 25, 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.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center. He reported that currently 14 inmates are being held in the Jail. He reported that the new patrol unit will not be delivered until late May.

TED GODEMANN AND STEVE FREDERICK

Workplace safety and biohazard

Ted Godemann and Steve Frederick requested to meet with the Board to review workplace safety and biohazard. Mr. Godemann referred to the information regarding workplace safety available through the NE Department Labor and recommended the County Safety Committee review this. They also presented information on a mold analysis report for tests that were done by an employee of the Courthouse.

The Board will be contacting contractors to possibly have a review of the Courthouse done.

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 Karas to award the bid for the Dawson Northwest project No. C74(2023-05) to Van Dorn Valley, LLC of Denton, NE in the amount of \$40,720.78. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held to consider implementing a comprehensive GPS and an AI-integrated camera system designed to enhance safety and mitigate liability through Verizon. This system will allow the road department to maintain accurate grading records, placement of rock on the roads, etc. The Board will be reviewing this information and consider further at next week's meeting.

OPEN SEALED BIDS

2026 Scrub Mastic Project No. C-74(2026-02)

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the opening of sealed bids for the 2026 Scrub Mastic Project No. C-74(2026-02) Dustless Highway. One bid was received from Hall Brothers, Inc. from Marysville, KS for \$271,043.52 with a projected start date of July 6 and completion on July 16, 2026.

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OPEN SEALED BIDS (Cont.)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to accept the bid for project C-74(2026-02) for the Scrub Mastic on the dustless highway that was received from Hall Brothers, Inc. for \$271,043.52. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION

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

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the March, 2026, monthly operating statement.

Other

Jones Air Conditioning of Falls City submitted to the Board a quote for the replacement of a heating/cooling unit in the County Assessor's Office at a cost of \$2,542.00. Motion was made by Campbell to approve the quote and the purchase of a cabinet floor flat top fan coil chilled/hot water unit \$2,542.00. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A memo will be sent to all County departments requesting that any purchases of items be delayed through the month of April, 2026, to assist with the current cash flow.

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	56.99
Culligan, serv	130.00
Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, serv	525.00
East Richardson Rural Water District #2, serv	351.90
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	7163.10
Farm & City Supply, supp	27.17
Handley Law, serv	1430.00
MIPS, serv	3933.71
NACO, fee	175.00
Pitney Bowes, serv	299.41
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	10.77
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	25354.08
Road & Bridge fund, tax	107942.92
Sapp Bros., fuel	180.20
SumnerOne, serv	49.64
TK Elevator, serv	441.77
Verizon, serv	3349.90
Wolfe's, supp	77.16
Payroll Expense	117951.98
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$269,450.70

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Armbruster Motor Co., serv	1455.67
East Richardson Rural Water District #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Journal, adv	30.89
Harmon's, supp	2123.56
Koch's Auto Service, supp	19800.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	34761.43
Murphy Tractor, grader	368500.00
OPPD, serv	137.16
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	254.67
Quill, supp	302.74
Trevi-Pay, supp	284.96
Turbo Technologies, supp	151.70
Payroll Expense	36053.29
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$463,902.07

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	324.92
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND	\$324.92

DRUG COURT FUND

Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, reimb	178.12
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$178.12

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 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 8, 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