

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 29, 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 29, 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 April 22, 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 minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting from April 22, 2026, as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. 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.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve and enter in a contract with Hall Bros., Inc. for the 2026 Scrub Mastic, C-74(2026-02) hard surface on the dustless highway NE of Falls City at a price of \$271,043.52 for 10.5 miles. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve an agreement with Verizon Connect for the vehicle tracking subscription and dashcam service and software for county vehicles. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center and Jail this past week. He reported that there are 13 inmates being held in the jail at this time. The Sheriff's Department will also be participating in a grant program "Make It Click" that will reimburse sheriff's deputies for overtime during the period of May 15 thru May 31, which is a grant program through the Nebraska Department of Transportation—Highway Safety Office.

A brief discussion was held on the quotes received for electrical hook-up and HVAC installation at the outdoor storage building located at the Law Enforcement Center which is planning to be utilized as an evidence storage area. No action was taken.

Commissioner Campbell at this time wanted to congratulate Richardson County dispatcher, Chase Hardesty on his recent award received, Life-Saver Award which was presented to him last week at a training held in Kearney.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Karas to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 9:42 a.m. with County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel to discuss county legal business 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 9:55 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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PROPOSAL FROM HALSEY, Inc. dba SERVPRO

The Board reviewed a proposal received from Halsey, Inc. dba ServPro of St. Joseph and Maryville, MO to do some restoration/service of areas within the Courthouse. The proposal totaled \$7,353.97. This proposal was based on the formal mold investigation report dated April 15, 2026, that was completed by Techtron Environmental Solutions.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the proposal from Halsey, Inc. dba ServPro of St. Joseph and Maryville, MO as presented totaling \$7,353.97. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall met with the Board to review a proposed salary increase for the Deputy EMA Director position. The proposed increase was from \$23.35/hour to \$27.02/hour which would represent 75% of the EMA Director position current salary.

After much discussion, motion was made by Campbell to table the proposed salary increase for further review. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Subdivision

Consideration of a subdivision will be held for further review at next week's meeting after more supporting documentation is received to approve.

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	45.80
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	452.40
Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimb	155.30
CMC, serv	557.00
Culligan, serv	214.40
DAS State Accounting, serv	1352.80
Dept. of Correctional Services, serv	2976.25
Epler's Carpet Cleaning, serv	1285.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	252.40
Hy-Vee, supp	83.16
LA Police Gear, supp	129.13
Koch's Auto Service, serv	4260.33
ODP, supplies	125.04
Quill, supp	1039.35
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24171.52
Sapp Bros., fuel	3943.44
Sayler Screenprinting, supp	80.00
SumnerOne, serv	49.64
University of NE, reimb	2702.03
Verizon, supp	239.88
Weaver & Merz, reimb	118.25
Payroll Expense	128531.61
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$172,764.73

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Gage County Equipment, serv	2111.70
OPPD, serv	95.16
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	152.78
Rulo, Village of, serv	30.00
Payroll Expense	35891.82
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$38,281.46

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, May 6, 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