

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 6, 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, May 6, 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 29, 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.

COUNTY TREASURER

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer presented to the Board the listing of remaining unsold taxes to be moved to County Tax Sale.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to accept and approve the listing of those parcels of remaining unsold real estate taxes be moved to County Tax Sale. Motion seconded by Karas. 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. Equipment repairs and maintenance was also reviewed.

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 14 inmates being held in the jail at this time. The Department is working to make application for the USDA grant of approximately \$50,000.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the re-hire of Clinton Stonebarger to serve as a deputy and to approve the use of a patrol vehicle to be used by the sheriff deputy to travel outside of the county to his residence which is no more than 10 miles. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A quote was received and approved for repairs to be done to the garage doors on the sally port entrance at the law enforcement center totaling \$2, .

WASHINGTON NAT'L INSURANCE COMPANY

Aaron Brinkerhoff, Agent for Washington Nat'l Insurance Company requested to meet with the Board to present supplemental insurance products the insurance agency has available to offer to employees as a payroll deduction. The Board will review the information received and additional information that will be sent as requested and respond back to Mr. Brinkerhoff.

SE NE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP, INC.

Kay Wissmann of SENCA presented to the Board information regarding a proposed increase for the Richardson County Transit. The proposed rate increase would generate \$2,500 in additional revenue for the program which is needed to meet the increased costs of insurance and fuel. Mrs. Wissmann also reported that it has been 17 years since a rate increase has been implemented. The rate increase would be .50 cents, from \$1.50 to \$2.00.

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SENCA (Cont.)

Motion was made by Karas to approve the recommendation from SENCA to increase the rate for the Richardson County Transit by .50 cents. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE; Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for April, 2026.

Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of April, 2026:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 200.58
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$10,737.36
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$ 754.00

Subdivisions

Resolution 2025-2026-36

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a subdivision for Lori J and Byron L Whitney located in S10, T3, R16 and to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-36. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 106)

Resolution 2025-2026-37

Motion was made by Karas to approve a subdivision for Chad W and Janelle P Scholl located in S34, T2, R16 and to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-37. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 107)

Resolution 2025-2026-38

Motion was made Karas to approve a subdivision for Chad R and Callie E. Mullins located in S9, T1, R17 and to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-38. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 108)

Report from City of Falls City

A report from the City of Falls City for Tax Increment Financing for 2025 was reviewed.

Other

Information was received from the county's health insurance agency, Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc. who service the Medica insurance coverage with the rate increase of 7% that will take effect on July 1, 2026.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Caverzagie to hold for further review 2 claims which will be held for further review 1) Bethany Godemann for \$33.98 and 2) EMA Petty Cash for \$61.20 and to allow the payment of the remaining claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

*(The claims listed below are available for public inspection
at the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.)*

GENERAL FUND

Amazon, supp	108.86
BuckIT, serv	7186.14
Charm-Tex, supp	272.90
Clerk of District Court, fees	402.00
CMC, serv	5000.00
Consolidated Management, serv	10328.50
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	273.24
ES&S, supp	8228.16
Falls City Journal, adv	1583.24
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	5946.68
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	1131.00
JV25-45 J. Cooper, JV25-46 J. Cooper, JV25-47 J. Cooper, JV25-26 J. Lewis, JV23-20 K. Morris, JV25-42 S. Rose	
Farm & City Supply, supp	221.97
JT Farm Service, supp	813.75
Karas, Rick, reimb	338.72
KexRx, supp	1075.58
Marving Planning Consultants, serv	775.00
Maximus US Services, serv	2700.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
MIPS, serv	3933.71
MIS, serv	110.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	177.00
Quill, supp	1744.40
Richardson County Court, fees	642.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	2.26
Road & Bridge Fund, tax	576671.99
Scott, Pam, reimb	77.60
Sherman's Station, fuel	325.50
SNC, serv	1913.06
SumnerOne, serv	119.00
Unifirst, serv	96.05
US Postal Service, supp	2882.05
US Signal, serv	1046.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$636,156.36

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Bahr Welding, serv	1100.00
Culligan, serv	34.64
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	46.00
Harmon's, supp	230.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	63930.25
Sapp Bros., fuel	33585.10
SNC, serv	110.91
Unifirst, supp	43.40
Woods & Aitken, serv	21067.35
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$120,147.65

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

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

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

DRUG COURT FUND

Dairy Queen, supp	100.00
Reece, Chris, reimb	100.00
Tacos Johns, supp	100.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$300.00

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

SNC, serv	172.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$172.00

HIGHWAY BOND REPAY FUND

BOK Financial Corp., pmt	106443.75
TOTAL HIGHWAY BOND REPAY FUND	\$106,443.75

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, May 13, 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