

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 17, 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, June 17, 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 June 10, 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.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent, was unable to attend the meeting.

A note was received from Vicki Jacobitz regarding the condition of the county road, 644 Avenue between 717 and 718 Road, and requested that some improvements be made to the ditches along this area of road to help carry the water away from the road.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week.

He presented to the Board proposals for the FY2026-2027 salaries for the department employees for the Board to consider. He also presented to the Board for consideration his calculations if the County were to provide family coverage insurance for employees at 70% of the cost.

VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE

Odis Fields, Veterans Service officer, presented to the Board the nomination(s) that were received for the appointment to the Veterans Service Committee for the next term July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to reappoint Jameson Baker to the Veterans Service Committee for a term of 5 years beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

APACE

Patrick Kreifels, Regional Administrator of Region V Systems and Matt Kasik, Director APACE (formerly Region V Services) presented to the Board the annual reports of the organizations which included statistics of services provided to Richardson County and funding that is required from each county as per NE State Statute 71-808. Richardson County will be responsible for \$15,713 for FY2026-2027 and will also provide additional funds requested in the amount of \$2,446 to meet the programming requirements of Region V. The Region 5 Systems County Match Certification was signed by Chairman Caverzagie.

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BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director, presented to the Board the Subrecipient Certification of Compliance with Foreign National Vetting Requirements and requested that the Board approve the certification to be submitted to the NE Emergency Management Agency.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the certification for EMPG Funding for FY2025-2026 to be submitted to the NE Emergency Management Agency. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Discussed and approved purchase order for 100 Public Alert NOAA Weather radios from Midland Radio Corporation for \$3,499.00.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Karas. 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	184.11
Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimb	382.77
BuckIT, supp	1450.00
Clerk of District Court, fees	176.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	33.00
Datashield Corp., serv	24.00
Douglas County Sheriff, serv	8.76
Election Systems & Software, supp	148.82
F&M Bank, supp	52.00
Falls City Journal, adv	366.36
Farm & City Supply, supp	284.97
Kollasch Law Office, serv	2882.00
CR25-34 C. Ochoa, CR25-65 C. Ochoa	
NE Health & Human Services, serv	96.00
Petersen Reporting, serv	237.55
Physicians Laboratory, serv	2875.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	153.91
Richardson County Mutual Aid, fee	302.88
Riggs, Kim, reimb	195.03
Schendel Pest Control, serv	91.38
Visual Edge IT, serv	235.90
Weaver & Merz, reimb	901.94
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$11,082.38

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Falls City Auto Supply, supp	268.85
Falls City Journal, adv	32.51
Farm & City Supply, supp	605.07
Gage County Equipment, serv	1576.14
Koch's Auto Service, serv	5443.50
Martin-Marietta Materials, rock	29587.42
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	771.64
Quill, supp	460.56
Tifco Industries, supp	109.92
Unifirst, supp	47.43
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$38,903.04

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, June 24, 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

Keia Frederick, Deputy Clerk-Elections