

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 5, 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, August 5, 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 Commissioner 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 July 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 BO Motion seconded b Karas. Karsaye, 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 this past week. A review of the FY2026-2027 proposed budgets for the Law Enforcement Center was held with the Sheriff.

He provided statistics on the activity of the department for the month of July, 2026: 599 calls of which 302 were traffic stops, 34 total arrests with 15 of those from other agencies, 1 out-of-county and Sheriff's Office at 18.

FY 26-27 BUDGET REVIEW

The Board reviewed the proposed budgets for the County Attorney's Office with Samantha Scheitel, County Attorney and the Clerk of District Court budget with Pam Scott Clerk of District Court.

GRIEVANCE HEARINGS

Grievance hearings were held for Roger Glathar for an incident of June 25, 2026, and for Bryan Dettmann for an incident of June 23, 2026. Justin Hubly, Executive Director of the NE Association of Public Employees AFSCME Local 61 represented the employees at the hearing and explained the reasoning for the grievances being filed.

After the employees presented their grievances, motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda at 11:15 a.m. and go into an executive session with special legal counsel, Jerry Pigsley; Road Department Foreman, Julie Vollmer; County Attorney, Samantha Schetiel and County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff to review the information provided at the grievance hearing and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 11:35 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to deny the grievance of Roger Glathar. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Campbell to deny the grievance of Bryan Dettmann. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The Board requested that special legal counsel, Jerry Pigsley prepare the written response of the decision for the County Board to render to the Grievants and the Union within five (5) workdays.

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Fee Reports

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

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$	458.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$13,435.48	
Sheriff Hardesty		
December, 2025	\$	8,877.76
January, 2026	\$	7,355.17
February, 2026	\$	8,768.67
March, 2026	\$	6,912.05
April, 2026	\$	5,347.76
May, 2026	\$11,333.46	
June, 2026	\$	7,071.65

Monthly Operating Statement

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

Other

The Board held a conference call with Josh Keithley of Midwest Engineering, Inc. to review the progress on the Dawson Northwest project.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Caverzagie 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

BuckIT, serv	7285.21
Clerk of District Court, fees	265.00
Culligan, serv	23.40
Falls City Journal, adv	61.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	7242.21
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	2772.00
CR26-4 C. Bryant, CR26-215 T. Betz, JV25-45, JV25-46, JV25-47, JV25-26., JV21-19, JV26-11, JV26-10, JV26-12	
Farm & City, supp	32.94
Jim Hills, supp	2184.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc, serv	110.00
MIPS, serv	4039.02
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, serv	500.00
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	86.00
Richardson County Court, fees	681.92
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	23870.89
SNC, serv	886.70
Sapp Bros., fuel	10685.15
SumnerOne, serv	173.64
Thompson, Dwight, serv	950.00
TK Elevator, serv	1656.06
Verizon, serv	239.90
Weaver & Merz, reimb	901.93
Payroll Expense	116322.22
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$180,969.19

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ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

East Richardson Rural Water Dist. 2, serv	46.00
Harmon’s, serv	120.00
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	77.77
OPPD, serv	107.23
Sapp Bros., fuel	508.40
Payroll Expense	36296.05
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$37,155.45

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	329.43
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND	\$329.43

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

SNC, serv	172.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$172.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 12, 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