

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 12, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 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 August 5, 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 from the August 5, 2026, Board of Equalization meeting. 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 with the addition of an executive session during the session with the Road & Bridge Dept. Motion seconded by Campbell. 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.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the proposal from Hall Brothers, Inc. for the scrub mastic surface seal on an additional 4 miles of county hard surfaced road located on 633 Avenue from Hwy 8 south to the State Line, approximately 4.14 miles at a price of \$102,595.68, (\$1.76 unit/sq. yd.) which is based off of the sealed bid amount that was approved on April 1, 2026. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2026-2027-4 to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with NPPD for utility relocation on Stella SW project BRO 7074(26) NDOR #13526. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. (Resolution Book 29, page 7-8)

Executive Session

Motion was made by Caverzagie to go into an executive session at 9:15 a.m. with Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent; County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel and County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff to discuss personnel matters and for the prevention of needless injury to an individual. 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 9:34 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. 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 this past week. He reported that there were 18 being held in the jail with 5 of those being held for other counties. Discussion was held regarding the damage that has been done to county minimum maintenance roads after a rain. He also reported that the 2 deputy trainees that have been attending the Law Enforcement Academy will graduate on August 20. The Nebraska State Jail Standards will also be conducting the Annual Jail Inspection on September 10.

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FY 26-27 BUDGET REVIEW

The Board reviewed the requested budgets for FY2026-2027 with the following: Kim Riggs, County Assessor; Kaytlyn Kennedy, Extension Educator; Bethany Godemann, County Court; Odis Fields, Veterans Service Officer; Rob Tichy, County Surveyor; Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer and Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk/Register of Deeds/Elections.

The Board will continue discussions on the requested FY2026-2027 budget over the next several weeks before presenting a proposed budget for the FY2026-2027.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Fee Reports

A report was approved for Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court for fees collected during the month of July, 2026 totaling \$ 782.00.

Other

A written notice was signed by Chairman Caverzagie and delivered to the grievant and the Union regarding the decision of the County Board at last week’s meeting to deny the grievances for Roger Glathar and Bryan Dettmann.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Karas to approve 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

Ameriflex, fee	70.00
Blue Cardinal Chemical, supp	273.72
County Treasurer, tax	2651.24
F&M Bank, supp	52.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	146.88
Falls City Journal, sub	55.00
Hall County Sheriff Office, serv	22.53
Humboldt Standard, adv	32.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	318.75
Kirkendall, Brian, reimb	15.22
Lancaster County Sheriff, fee	6.76
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
Physicians Laboratory, serv	5800.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	159.25
Quill, supp	187.48
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	121.55
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	56.24
Sapp Bros., fuel	440.89
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	2141.00
SNC, serv	1044.63
SumnerOne, serv	192.49
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$13,817.63

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan, serv	42.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	386.02
Inland Truck Parts, supp	36.97
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	630.01
Jim Hill's, serv	175.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	22642.45
NPPD, serv	36.84
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	199.00
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	1215.12
PowerPlan, supp	3863.18
Salem, Village of, serv	25.95
Sapp Bros., fuel	19630.56
SNC, serv	102.50
Truck Center Companies, supp	666.54
Unifirst, supp	45.00
Verdon, Village of, serv	31.76
Verizon Connect Fleet USA, serv	945.80
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$50,674.70

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND

Richardson County, rent	25.00
SENTC, dues	200.00
TOTAL VISITOR'S PROMO FUND	\$225.00

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND

Collection Museum, funding	10000.00
Humboldt Garden Foundation, funding	14538.25
TOTAL VISITOR'S IMPROV FUND	\$24,538.25

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 19, 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