

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 26, 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 26, 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 19, 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 19, 2026, Quarterly Safety Committee 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. 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.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week. Mr. Darveau reported on an equipment demonstration that was held here in Richardson County and was attended by representatives from other surrounding counties. It was also reported that the Dawson NW project is nearing completion. A review was also done on equipment maintenance. He also reported that Martin Marietta quarry at DuBois most likely will not have a supply of road rock until after the first of the year as they are currently shut down.

The Board also reviewed the FY2026-2027 budget for the Road & Bridge Department with Mr. Darveau.

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 17 being held in the jail with 5 of those being held for other counties. Notification has been received from the Dept. of Homeland Security that funds are being released to Richardson County from items and monies confiscated from a drug case a few years ago totaling approximately \$13,000.

Sheriff Hardesty also reported that the 2 graduates from the Law Enforcement Academy who completed the course last week are on full-time duty now.

The Sheriff's Office staff also made presentations to the students at Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer Schools on several different topics including bullying and the inappropriate use of different apps and tools on cell phones.

The 2024 Tax Distress Warrant report of collections by the Sheriff was also presented to the Board.

COUNTY TREASURER

County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey presented the 2024 Distress Warrant report and reported that the Sheriff had collected all for the 2024 tax year.

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RICHARDSON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Mark Jones, Vice-Chair of the Richardson County Planning Commission reported on the meeting that was held last evening. The Commissioner reviewed the mission statement from the County Board and discussed the goals and objectives to develop the planning process.

The planning commission will be holding Town Hall meetings tentatively scheduled for November 9, 16 and/or 17 to be held in Humboldt, Verdon and Falls City. A survey is also being planned to send out.

REVIEW gWorks CLAIM

A teleconference call was held with John Warcop of gWorks to further review a claim for \$21,224.50 which was denied by the County Board on May 27, 2026. County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel and Mr. Warcop will be reviewing the claim further with executive officers from gWorks in an attempt to resolve the matter.

FY 26-27 BUDGET REVIEW

The Board further reviewed the requested budgets for FY2026-2027. A discussion was held on salary increases for the official’s deputies and for other staff positions. A few items that were planned for reduction in the budget at last week’s meeting were reconsidered and are being kept in the budget. The Board will finalize the proposed budget at next week’s meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Inventory Report Forms

Inventory Report Forms were approved for the following: County Board, County Clerk, Register of Deeds, Clerk of District Court, Election Commissioner, County Treasurer, County Judge, County Sheriff, County Assessor, County Attorney, County Surveyor, EMA Director, Noxious Weed Control, Highway Superintendent, Veterans Service Officer, Extension Office, Probation Office and Courthouse Maintenance.

The County Board also completed and filed with the County Clerk the inventory statement of all real estate and real property the county has any interest of any kind.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the payment of all claims that were submitted today with the exception of one to Falls City EDGE which will be denied. There was not a second to the motion.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the payment of all claims that were submitted with the exception of one to Falls City EDGE for \$7,500 which will be held for further review. 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

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv	277.33
Allen Septic, serv	350.00
Amazon, supp	18.89
Capital Business, serv	50.00
CMC, serv	5151.00
Consolidated Management, serv	10335.50
Culligan, serv	73.40
DAS State Accounting, serv	1009.30
Datashield, serv	145.00
Decked, supp	1529.99
Department of Correctional Services, serv	2203.79
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv	343.16

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Falls City Journal, sub	75.00
Galls, supp	1088.04
Government Forms & Supplies, supp	1926.42
Great Plains Uniforms, supp	359.47
Holiday Inn, lodg	279.90
Horton, Arynne, fee	125.85
Kollasch Law Office, serv	1936.00
CR25-64 C. Ochoa, CR25-65 C. Ochoa	
Quill, supp	92.08
Region 5 Systems, serv	36.00
Schneider Geospatial, serv	20800.00
SumnerOne, serv	84.00
Thompson, Dwight, serv	205.00
Unifirst, serv	111.49
University of NE, fee	410.00
US Signal Company, serv	11228.85
Weaver & Merz, reimb	19.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$60,264.46

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Falls City Auto Supply, supp	667.69
Hinton Mobile Heavy Repairs, serv	900.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	27071.31
NPPD, serv	84.44
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	80.74
Rulo, Village of, serv	30.00
Safety-Kleen Systems, supp	491.96
Stateline Propane, supp	3032.00
Unifirst, supp	48.92
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$32,407.06

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, September 2, 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