

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 2, 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, September 2, 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 26, 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.

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

Mr. Darveau reported that rock haulers have been going to Weeping Water to get road rock for the west part of the County. Commissioner Campbell suggested that the County advertise for bids for rock hauling to a stock pile due to the lack of rock availability in the area and the quarry at DuBois being down until after the 1st of the year. The Board intends to advertise for sealed bids and will develop the specifications for the bid.

Mr. Darveau reported that the bus routes from Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer have been received but that they department has not yet received the updated bus routes from Falls City Public Schools.

He also reviewed with the Board equipment maintenance and purchasing new trailers.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a salary increase for the Highway Superintendent at an annual salary of \$78,654.00; road foreman at \$28.06/hour and clerical staff at \$20.70/hour effective August 30, 2026. Motion seconded by Campbell. 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 14 being held in the jail with 3 of those being held for other counties. The repairs are being made to the radio equipment that was damaged from lightning in a storm event a few weeks ago. There has also been a discovery of a couple of leaks in the roof and the contractor has been contacted to look at these areas.

The Board also held a discuss with the Sheriff regarding the salary increases in the new fiscal year budget.

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 complete review of the entire County Board proposed budget was also done reviewing the changes that were made from the budget requests received from all the departments.

Clerk Eickhoff presented to the Board the 2026-2027 Property Tax Request Authority Computation Form, Preliminary Property Tax Request Authority and the 2026-2027 Allowable Growth Percentage Computation Form. The County property tax request is \$8,284,080.42 for 2026-2027 compared to the prior year of \$6,180,382.26, with the proposed levy at .383412. The County will need to participate in the Joint Public Hearing which will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the District Courtroom, 3rd Floor of the Courthouse, Falls City.

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners will hold the Public Budget Hearing for the County’s proposed budget on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 202, Courthouse, Falls City.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Fee Reports

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

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 174.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$14,942.64
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$ 540.00

Resolution 2026-2027-7 Deputy Resolution

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2026-2027-7 to establish the rate of salary for deputies within the offices of the elected officials to become effective on January 7, 2027. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 11)

Contract with MIPS

Motion was made by Karas to approve the contract with MIPS for professional services to provide to Richardson County Rural Residential CAMA Configuration at a price of \$79,000 which will be paid 50% in FY26-27 and 50% in FY27-28. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 12)

Correspondence from Pennsylvania Colony Historical Society

Correspondence was received from the Pennsylvania Colony Historical Society regarding funding request. A response will be made to the organization that the previous annual request for funding of \$5,000.00 has been provided for within the FY26-27 budget in the Inheritance Tax Fund.

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

Amazon, supp	318.15
Datashield, serv	296.56
Department of Motor Vehicles, fees	1155.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	328.90
Falls City Mercantile, supp	18.86
Farm & City Supply, supp	18.95
Futurity IT, serv	1500.00
Marvin Planning Consultants, serv	1550.00
MIPS, serv	4039.02
MIS, serv	110.00
NACO, fees	80.00
Paper Eaters, serv	110.00
Quill, supp	466.28
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	57.85

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Richardson County Sheriff, fees	465.64
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	23944.35
Riggs, Kim, reimb	357.20
Road & Bridge Fund, tax	357258.46
SumnerOne, serv	49.64
Verizon, serv	239.90
Payroll Expense	116903.69
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$509,268.45

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan, serv	42.00
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv	46.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	24036.10
OPPD, serv	95.95
Sapp Bros., fuel	7137.45
Unifirst, serv	47.00
Payroll Expense	36037.24
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$67,441.74

ROAD BUYBACK FUND

Hall Brothers, serv	373639.20
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$373,639.20

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	329.43
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS FUND	\$329.43

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:47 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, September 9, 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