

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 9, 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 9, 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 September 2, 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. Eight different brush complaints were presented to the Board and will be submitted to the County Attorney to send the required notice to landowners. Mr. Darveau also reported that due to rain this morning that maintenance is being done on equipment today.

The Dawson NW project is nearing final completion. The contractor has exceeded the amount of time allotted to complete this project and the County will be taking this into consideration with final payment to be made as per the original contract.

The notice to receive quotes for rock hauling was reviewed and discussed. A notice will be advertised requesting to receive sealed bids by September 25, 2026.

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 3 of those being held for other counties. For the month of August there were 35 total arrests (5 other agencies, 3 out of county and 27 by the Sheriff's Dept.); total calls were 540 with 208 being traffic stops. Since January 1, 2026, there have been 4,650 calls of which 2066 were traffic stops and total arrests were 762 (56 other agencies, 14 other counties, 192 Sheriff's Dept.)

The NE State Jail Standards will be conducting their annual inspection on September 10.

Maintenance items at the Law Enforcement Center have been addressed and were reviewed. The roof has a few areas that have experienced some leaking and the contractor has been notified to address this matter. A problem with the air conditioning in the kitchen during the extreme heat was also addressed and is working properly again.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

A letter was written and submitted to the Nebraska Department of Transportation regarding the STP-8-7 (116) Salem & Falls City Bridges; CN 13306. The letter expressed concerns of the County Board and citizens of Richardson County especially for the amount of time the highway will be closed between Salem and Falls City. The length of the detour as designated by the Nebraska Department of Transportation which will be about 30 miles for the residents of Salem to reach Falls City. Also of concern to the County Board is the increased use of county roads that will be traveled by traffic to get to Falls City and/or Salem and the increased maintenance that will be required as well as the safety with the increased traffic on these roads.

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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

Borrenpohl, Aereal, fee	108.16
BuckIT, serv	16036.81
Falls City Journal, adv	1179.12
Falls City Mercantile, supp	498.11
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	8018.98
Farm & City Supply, supp	115.94
Fields, Odis, reimb	407.15
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, serv	8083.72
Johnson County Sheriff, fee	18.70
KexRx, supp	581.51
Kirkendall, James, reimb	443.61
Kollasch Law Office, serv	1425.00
JV25-45, JV25-46, JV25-47	
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	767.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, serv	265.00
SNC, serv	1949.14
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	10.49
Richardson County Court, fees	898.99
SumnerOne, serv	124.00
US Signal, serv	1088.85
Weaver & Merz, reimb	901.93
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$42,922.21

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

City of Humboldt, serv	100.31
Diversified Safety & Compliance, serv	358.90
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	455.23
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	296.04
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	14284.25
NPPD, serv	36.84
NMC, supp	2424.49
PowerPlan, supp	22661.46
Salem, Village of, serv	25.95
Sapp Bros., fuel	15776.14
SNC, serv	109.16
Truck Center Companies, supp	1066.75
Verdon, Village of, serv	30.88
Verizon Connect Fleet USA, serv	1159.14
Woods & Aitken, serv	11799.30
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$70,584.84

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

SNC, serv	172.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$172.00

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, September 16, 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