RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 23, 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 23, 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 16, 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 of the September 21, 2026, meeting of the public budget hearing. 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.

Discussion was held on the purchase of the trailer from Brazos Trailers of Wills Point, TX at a price of $44,350 with a trade-in of $20,000 to make the purchase price $24,350.00. Mr. Darveau was considering the purchase of two dump trailers but has concluded that purchasing one at this time would be in the best interest of the County and then consider the purchase of the second at a later date. Mr. Darveau also was able to receive three informal quotes for comparison with the trailer from Brazos being the most competitive (Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, Inc.

Mr. Darveau submitted to the Board nine brush complaints which were also forwarded to the County Attorney for further action.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. There are 13 inmates being held in the jail, with 3 of those being held for other counties. Discussion was held regarding jail meal costs and food storage in the kitchen area, grant funding that is being pursued and a report on the newly certified officers that are now serving on the patrol.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF FY2026-2027 BUDGET
Resolution 2026-2027-8

Motion was made by Campbell to table the adoption of the FY2026-2027 budget until the September 30, 2026, meeting. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF Resolution 2026-2027-9 Tax Levy

Motion was made by Karas to table Resolution 2026-2027-9 regarding the tax levy for the County of Richardson to be set at a different rate than the prior year, 2025. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Resolution 2026-2027-10 Veterans Aid Account

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2026-2027-10 to establish the petty cash/expense account for the Richardson County Veterans Aid Account which is pursuant to Nebraska Revised State Statute 80-102. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 29, Page 13)

Other

About 5 citizens from the public were in attendance at the meeting today and were given the opportunity to speak and address the Board. Steve Johansen, Joyce Thompson and Kristy Fisher offered comments.

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

Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimb	158.08
Capital Business, serv	50.00
Clerk of District Court, fees	582.00
CMC, serv	154.44
Consolidated Management, serv	10580.50
DAS State Accounting, serv	1042.30
Falls City Journal, sub	75.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv CR25-78 R. Paxson, CR26-215 T. Betz, JV25-45, JV25-46, JV25-47, JV26-11, JV26-10, JV26-12	1609.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	24.15
Handley Law Office, serv CR26-128 A. Siders, CR26-24 R. McNeely, CR25-106 S. Corliss, CR25-22 J. Bram	6000.00
Humboldt Standard, sub	50.00
Jim Hills, serv	610.00
Koch's Auto Service, serv	1640.66
Lincoln National, life ins	1544.99
NE Health & Human Services, serv	186.00
NE Weed Association, dues	225.00
Nemaha County Sheriff's Office, serv	110.00
OPPD, serv	33.12
Postmaster, supp	842.00
Quill, supp	176.95
Richardson County CPR, serv	40.00
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	615.77
SumnerOne, serv	174.27
Unifirst, serv	111.49
Visual Edge IT, serv	241.94
W&D's Auto Care, serv	65.00
Wolfe's Printing, supp	31.18
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	**$26,973.84**

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Grainger, supp	103.44
Home Lumber Co., supp	83.19
Martin-Marietta Materials, rock	5253.44

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)

Myers Tire Supply, supp	145.11
NPPD, serv	84.44
Operation & Expense Acct, reimb	199.14
Tri State Truck & Tractor Repair, supp	16.51
Work Zone, supp	2485.00
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	**$8,370.27**

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv	1783.18
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	**$1,783.18**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, September 30, 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.

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John Caverzagie, Chairman Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk