RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 30, 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 30, 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 23, 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. Maintenance on county roads was discussed and what will need to be addressed with the heavy rainfall that the area has and will experience in the next several days. He also reported that work is being done by those landowners who were recently sent roadside brush notices.

Mr. Darveau also reported that he met with Josh Keithley from Midwest Engineering, who does engineering work for the county projects, to review several projects that will need to be addressed in the next year for needed repairs and improvements.

Discussion also continued on the purchase of a new rock dump trailer and the Board authorized the Highway Superintendent to proceed with the purchase of one trailer at this time to replace one that is needing some repair.

Mr. Darveau also reported that he will be having a part-time employee to help during the winter months if needed.

A representative from Martin-Marietta was in attendance at the meeting and provided information on the operation at the DuBois quarry and the current availability of rock and the future plans.

Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the receipt of sealed bids for rock hauling from the Whetrock Quarry in Murray, NE to a stock pile to be located in Dawson, NE. Bids were received from the following:

Wenninghoff Seeding, Omaha, NE	$21.53/ton
Fuxa Enterprises, LLC, Cedar Creek, NE	$ 9.93/ton
Brandt Excavating, Lincoln, NE	$13.25/ton
Alex Seeba DBA Seeba Transfer, Falls City, NE	$14.50/ton
Ashland Road Excavating, LLC, Plattsmouth, NE	$15.68/ton
Rulo Transportation, LLC, Rulo, NE	$14.25/ton
Nebraska Digging, Alvo, NE	$14.25/ton

All bids were received by the Board and will be further reviewed by the Board and Highway Superintendent with projected plans to release a decision on awarding to a successful bidder on or before October 14, 2026.

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2026-2027-12 to authorize Chairman Caverzagie to sign the Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards for 2026. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 29, Page 17)

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. There are 15 inmates currently being held in the jail, with 2 of those being held for other counties.

He reported statistics for the month of September, 2026, with 486 total calls being received of which 241 were traffic stops, 32 total arrests (4 from other agencies, 3 other counties, 25 Richardson County Sheriff's Office).

He reported that grant funding will be made available from the USDA and the Sheriff's Department will be applying for this grant to purchase a patrol unit. This will help with the budget to reduce about $50,000. County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey presented to the Board and the Sheriff during this time that Chief Deputy Sheriff, Dexter Holliday was added as an authorized representative from Richardson County to the County's SAM account so that the application for this grant could be submitted.

The Sheriff also informed the Board that a reduction has been made in the amount needed for salaries within the Sheriff's budget and the Communications Dispatch budget which will reduce expenses by $9,417.20.

Notification was also received from Consolidated Correctional Foodservice that there will be an increase in the cost of providing meals to the inmates at the Richardson County Jail. This increase will be in the flat rate fee for the facility per day from $289/day to $299/day and an increase of .06 cents per meal served, from $1.75 to $1.81. The increase takes affect October 8, 2026.

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

The Board reviewed a listing of changes to the County Board proposed budget that were presented for their consideration which would reduce the property tax requirement by $609,417.20 for tax year 2026. The proposed tax requirement included in the budget hearing notice was $8,284,080.42 and the adopted tax requirement will be $7,674,663.22.

Motion was made by Karas to adopt the FY2026-2027 budget with changes from the proposed budget that have been presented which would reduce the property tax requirement by $609,417.20 for tax year 2026, resulting in a final tax requirement will be $7,674,663.22. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-nay. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 29, Page 14)

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF Resolution 2026-2027-9 Tax Levy

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2026-2027-9 to set the tax rate for the County of Richardson for 2026 at .355206, a different rate than the prior year, a 19% increase from 2025 which was .300327. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 29, Page 15)

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Subdivision Resolution 2026-2027-11

Motion was made by Karas to approve a sub-division for Max Shafer IV located in S16, T3, R16 and to adopt Resolution 2026-2027-11. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-ye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 29, Page 16)

A check was received in the amount of $162.00 from GovDeals, Inc. for the sale of the map scanner/copier that was deemed as surplus by the County Board on July 22, 2026.

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CLAIMS

Motion was made by Caverzagie 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

Ameritas, retire	39.80
Continental Fire Sprinkler Co., serv	405.00
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	290.72
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	8164.63
Farm & City Supply, supp	27.96
Humboldt Standard, adv	837.33
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	1067.50
Marvin Planning Consultants, serv	1200.00
NACO, serv	5555.20
NE Surgery Center, serv	5185.00
Quill, supp	95.83
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	22884.75
SumnerOne, serv	49.64
Payroll Expense	120687.64
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	**$166,491.00**

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Marburger's Motor Repair, serv	24.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	10204.97
OPPD, serv	99.56
Rulo, Village of, serv	30.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	51420.63
Unifirst, supp	48.92
Woods & Aitken, serv	11799.30
Payroll Expense	34810.39
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	**$108,437.77**

VETERAN'S AID FUND

Richardson County Veteran's Aid Fund, transfer	555.09
TOTAL VETERAN'S AID FUND	**$555.09**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, October 7, 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