RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 7, 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, October 7, 2026. Roll call was answered by Karas and Caverzagie, Commissioner Campbell was absent. 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 Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-absent, 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-absent, 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.

The bids received for the rock hauling were discussed with more review to be held at next week's meeting, October 14.

Mr. Darveau also reported that a representative from VanDorn Construction will be at the October 14, 2026, meeting to discuss with the Board the funds that are being withheld from the Dawson NW project due to the date that construction was completed which was specified within the contract to be completed at an earlier date.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Deputy Clinton Stonebarger updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week.

Motion was made by Karas to approve a purchase order for a 2027 Ford PIU Eco Boost through a state bid contract #16214(OC) for $49,477 from Anderson Ford with deliver expected to be in January/February 2027. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

RICHARDSON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Mark Jones, Vice-Chairman of the Richardson County Planning Commission updated the Board on the meeting that was scheduled for September 28, 2026. He reported that only four of the eight members were present and that a quorum was not present for the meeting.

Mr. Jones did request that the Board consider a listing of three different courses of action to assist the Planning Commission with moving forward to obtain an updated Comprehensive Plan for Richardson County. Those courses of action to consider for the Planning Commission are: **1)** do nothing, leave current plan as is and recommend that the County Board do the same; **2)** Amend the current comprehensive plan and develop language addressing the following changes: Poultry Farming/Feeding, Electrical Energy Production and Data Centers; **3)** Rewrite and update the entire County Plan which would include poultry farming/feeding, electrical energy production and data centers.

The possibility of developing a recruiting process to attract residents in Richardson County to consider serving on the Planning Commission was also discussed. The items to include in the process would be that possible members would have an understanding of those Nebraska State Statutes 23-114 through 23-114.04 that refer to county planning and zoning, the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and the Richardson County Comprehensive Plan & Zoning Regulations from 2001. Mr. Jones also recommended that the Planning Commission either increase the membership by one additional member to make it a nine person board or eliminate a position to make it seven members.

The Board will include these items of the Richardson County Planning Commission on next week's meeting agenda, October 14, 2026, for further discussion.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to accept letter of resignation from Planning Commission member, Jerry McKim effective today, October 7, 2026. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. Members that are up for reappointment for an additional three year term beginning on January 1, 2027, are Dick James, Ben Steffen and Jerry Duerfeldt.

QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION

The Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection and found the facility to be in good order.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Fee Reports

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

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	$ 360.12
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	$9,715.32
Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court	$ 373.25

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for September, 2026.

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-absent, 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

Benchmark Government Solutions, serv	1098.90
CMC, serv	5000.00
Culligan, serv	56.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	315.49
Falls City Sanitation, serv	66.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv JV25-45, JV25-46, JV25-47, JV25-26, JV26-11, JV26-10, JV26-12, CR26-305 M. Shafer	2587.50
Godemann, Bethany, reimb	16.32
Great Plains Uniforms, supp	854.30
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, serv	860.00
KexRx, supp	664.67
Microfilm Imaging Services, serv	110.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
MIPS, serv	4058.82
Nebraska.gov, sub	44.00
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	86.00
Pitney Bowes, serv	186.54
Postmaster, supp	278.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	115.00
Richardson County Court, fees	1060.85
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	179.00

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Sherman's Station, fuel	133.50
SNC, serv	1996.24
SumnerOne, serv	124.00
TK Elevator Co., serv	441.77
Verizon, serv	239.90
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1027.53
Wolfe's Printing, supp	96.34
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	**$21,726.67**

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

A1 Iron Corp., serv	7550.88
Culligan, serv	52.50
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	472.49
Haug Communications, serv	900.00
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	381.47
Jim Hill's, serv	1675.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	9255.19
NPPD, serv	36.84
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	174.23
Richardson County Vendor, tax	2382.00
Salem, Village of, serv	25.95
Sapp Bros., fuel	562.33
SNC, serv	104.97
TreviPay, supp	105.98
Truck Center Companies, supp	1166.04
Van Dorn Valley Construction, serv	17546.20
Verizon Connect Fleet USA, serv	1189.70
Work Zone, supp	439.94
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	**$44,067.71**

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	329.43
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND	**$329.43**

DRUG COURT FUND

Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, reimb	186.87
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	**$186.87**

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

SNC, serv	172.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	**$172.00**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, October 14, 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