RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 21, 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 21, 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 October 14, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes from the Board of Equalization meeting held on October 14, 2026 as presented. 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. He reported that the crews were working on cleaning out ditches and that equipment repairs are being done in which he reported that a transmission went out on a semi-truck and is being replaced.

Mr. Darveau presented a report to the Board with his recommendation to reclassify 642 Boulevard between 705 Road and 703 Trail to a minimum maintenance road. The Board will consider this report at next week's meeting whether to proceed with the procedures within Nebraska State Statute 39-2112 to make this classification change.

Correspondence was received from Fuxa Enterprises regarding the rock hauling and the situation of the lack of available rock at the Whetrock Quarry in Murray where the rock will be purchased from. Fuxa Enterprises LLC requests that its original hauling rate of $9.93/ton be revised to $12.62/ton delivered to reflect these changed conditions and the delayed project schedule.

Motion was made by Campbell to accept the revised bid from Fuxa Enterprises, LLC from $9.93/ton to $12.62/ton. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Campbell also requested that a small portion of the hard surfaced road south of Rulo be repaired. The crews will be addressing this area for repairs in the near future.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week and reported that there are 18 inmates currently being held in the Jail. An application has been submitted for funding of overtime for deputies during November 25-29 for the "Click It or Ticket" program through the NE Department of Transportation. The department is also making application for funding through the "ICE 287(g) Program" which is a federal partnership established under Immigration and Nationality Act Section 287(g) that allows U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to delegate specific immigration enforcement duties to trained state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers.

Sheriff Hardesty also reported that while attending the Nebraska Sheriff's Association conference on October 4-7 he had the opportunity to meet with different vendors that offer health and pharmaceutical services to correctional facilities. He is researching the services these companies provide to determine if there could be any cost savings for the County.

FALLS CITY EDGE

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of the Falls City Economic & Development Growth Enterprise presented to the Board the quarterly report of the organization.

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SE NE COMMUNITY ACTION
Falls City Outreach Office

Sherry Huddleston of the Falls City Outreach Office of the SE NE Community Action presented to the Board an activity report on the organization.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director reviewed with the Board the action that will be taken by the NPPD Cooper Nuclear Station at Brownville in the next several months with regards to the emergency siren located within the Village of Shubert that will no longer be used by NPPD. NPPD has advised that this siren will be removed from the Village of Shubert.

This siren has also been used as an emergency weather siren. The Richardson County Emergency Management Agency has provided weather alert radios to the village for distribution to residents within the village. It was also mentioned that NPPD should have also distributed an emergency radio to residents within the 10-mile radius of the Cooper Nuclear Station which also give severe weather alerts.

The County will be reviewing this matter further and reaching out to Nebraska Public Power District to inquire about the emergency siren and the possibility of transferring to another public entity.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Right-of-Way Acquisition

Motion was made by Campbell to authorize the Chairman to sign right-of-way acquisition documents for the Falls City viaduct project with the State of Nebraska Department of Transportation acquiring property from Richardson County of .01 acres for a price of $120.00. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Pledge Security Receipts

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the replacement of a pledge security receipt from F&M Bank, receipt #94844 to replace receipt #93054. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Karas to approve the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Campbell. 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

Ameriflex, fee	70.00
AT&T, serv	1015.77
Bahr, Dennis, serv	300.00
Clerk of District Court, fees	565.00
Comfort Inn, lodg	330.00
Crowne Plaza, lodg	929.70
Culligan, serv	212.90
DAS State Accounting, serv	376.50
Embassy Suites, lodg	477.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	349.87
Falls City Sanitation, serv	66.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	45.94
Hy-Vee, supp	92.37

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Kawres, supp	110.00
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	32.78
Kollasch Law Office, serv CR25-34 C. Ochoa, CR26-64 C. Ochoa, CR26-65 C. Ochoa	2609.45
Maximus US Services, serv	2300.00
Midwest Automatic Fire Sprinkler, serv	547.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	90.00
NE University of Lincoln, reimb	410.00
Nemaha Valley Observer, adv	19.43
ODP Business Solutions, supp	33.32
OPPD, serv	33.11
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Scheitel, Samantha, reimb	243.55
SumnerOne, serv	670.40
Unifirst, serv	111.49
US Signal, serv	1088.85
Vigilnet America, serv	816.44
Visual Edge, serv	241.94
Weekend Arborist, serv	100.00
Wolfe's Printing, supp	29.54
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	**$14,366.35**

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

A1 Iron Corp, supp	773.75
Black Hills Energy, serv	49.87
Capital Business Systems, serv	590.19
Humboldt Standard, adv	29.87
Martin-Marietta Materials, rock	11717.08
Midwest Engineering, serv	27557.50
NPPD, serv	110.52
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	66.56
Unifirst, supp	92.75
Woods & Aitken, serv	2484.00
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	**$43,472.09**

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Pennsylvania Colony Historical Society, funding	2500.00
Quad County Historical Society, funding	2500.00
Richardson County Historical Society, funding	5000.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	**$10,000.00**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 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 28, 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