RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 28, 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 28, 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 21, 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. Equipment maintenance and repairs were discussed, the possibility of placing striping on the county's hard surfaced roads and specific repairs and ditch cleaning that is being done on 657 Blvd in S3, T1, R17.

The Board reviewed the report from the Highway Superintendent to change the functional classification of county road 642 Blvd between 705 and 703 Road from its current classification of Local Road to a Minimum Maintenance Road and consider setting a public hearing date. The report states "After conducting a thorough review and field assessment of this roadway segment, the Richarson County Road Department has determined that it meets the criteria for minimum maintenance due to the following factors: 1) The road does not serve as the sole access point to any occupied residential dwellings. No bus or mail routes. 2) Adjacent property owners have alternative, well-maintained routes to access their agricultural lands. 3) Low tonnage Bridge located on this road. 4) Reclassifying it will allow the county to allocate resources to higher volume roadways. The report further reads that upon approval of this reclassification; the Richardson County Road department will reduce regular maintenance on this segment. The County will no longer provide regular blading, snow removal, or standard surface upgrades.

Motion was made by Campbell to hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. for any interested party to appear and speak for or against the reclassification of said road as described below and the request that Richardson County will make to the Nebraska Department of Transportation to reclassify this road as Local to a Minimum Maintenance Road:

> *Beginning 33' west of the North 1/4 corner and 33' east of the North 1/4 corner of Section 19, Township 1, Range 15E of the 6th PM, Richardson County, Nebraska, thence running south to 33' west of the Center 1/4 corner and 33' east of the Center 1/4 corner of Section 30, Township 1, Range 15E of the 6th PM, Richardson County, Nebraska; also described as a segment of road beginning at 642 Boulevard beginning at 705 Road and running 1 and 1/2 miles south ending at 703 Trail.*

Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Caverzagie received correspondence from the Nebraska Department of Transportation regarding the recent correspondence the County Board submitted to them regarding Hwy 8 Salem and Falls City Bridge projects. The NE Department of Transportation replied that they are willing to discuss options with Richardson County regarding the county road maintenance on the local road known as Pony Creek Road, from Salem to Falls City while this bridge construction is being done and Hwy 8 is closed from Salem to Falls City as it is expected to have a significant increase in traffic.

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 16 inmates currently being held in the Jail with 5 of those being from other counties.

The Board received the Annual State Inspection report and briefly reviewed with Sheriff Hardesty.

Sheriff Hardesty reported that the USDA grant application to assist with the purchase of a patrol unit is being completed and it will be presented to the County Board at the next meeting for approval.

Information received from Innovative Correctional Healthcare to provide services to the jail inmates was also reviewed.

COUNTY TREASURER

County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey presented to the Board the 2025 Distress Warrant Notice listing that resulted in zero warrants that are unpaid.

The Treasurer reported that the office makes a great effort to contact those who have not paid by the due date so that they don't incur the extra expenses with service fees for the distress warrant being issued. All those that are contacted are very appreciative of the extra notification, however there was one taxpayer contacted that was not and did not agree with the extra effort of the County Treasurer's Office to contact them before the distress warrant was issued. The County Treasurer informed the County Board that a note has been made on this taxpayers file to "Make NO extra calls or emails to collect if delinquent".

The Board was also informed by the County Treasurer that the County has signed on to the Albertsons portion of the Opioid Settlements.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Motion was made by Karas to authorize Chairman Caverzagie to sign the County's Cost Allocation Plan Certification as prepared by Maximus for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Campbell reported that the downspout drains from the Courthouse have been completed as specified within the quote for the improvement by Justin Vonderschmidt for $5,752.00 that was approved on July 15, 2026, and that Scholl Lawn & Landscape had replaced the areas that were broken up in the yard with sod.

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

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv	551.24
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	118.56
Bahr, Dennis, serv	300.00
Charm-Tex, supp	404.60
CMC, serv	7123.30
Dept. of Correctional Services, serv	2710.50
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv	316.94
Falls City Journal, adv	1315.96
Falls City Mercantile, supp	237.68
Falls City Sanitation, serv	132.00
Farm & City, supp	52.08

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

First Concord, fees	555.00
Hunzeker, Greg, serv	600.00
Jim Hill's, serv	755.00
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	174.78
Lincoln National Life Ins., ins	1345.75
Medica, ins	59924.12
Nestore & Mercure, reim	9993.33
ODP Business Solutions, supp	70.35
Olowolafe Law, serv	3410.00
CR25-105	
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	142.65
Region 5 Systems, dues/serv	5610.00
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24612.84
SumnerOne, serv	92.00
Payroll Expense	125159.10
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	**$245,707.78**

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Blackstrap, Inc., supp	1849.30
Inland Truck Parts, supp	6215.19
Martin-Marietta Materials, rock	8953.39
NPPD, serv	47.60
NE Snow Equipment, equip	16528.94
Rulo, Village of, serv	30.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	13565.08
Unifirst, supp	48.92
Payroll Expense	34776.87
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	**$82,015.29**

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1300.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1300.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	**$2,600.00**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. A meeting will not be held on Wednesday, November 4 but the Board will meet again on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. instead of Wednesday, November 11, 2026, due to the Veterans Day Holiday, 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