RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 10, 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 Tuesday, November 10, 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 Campbell to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on October 28, 2026. 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 Campbell. 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.richardsoncountyne.gov.

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. A report was given with a total amount of calls answered for October, 2026: 696 total calls with 403 of those being traffic stops, total arrests were 42 (4 from other agencies, 1 other county holds and 37 from Sheriff's Dept.).

He reported that the water heaters in the jail needed some repairs which have been made and that the service company suggested that plans be made to replace them which could cost up to $30,000/each. The service company will also be researching to replace these units in the future with tankless water heaters.

He was also contacted from Innovative Correctional Healthcare regarding the proposal they submitted to provide services to the jail inmates. They relayed to Sheriff Hardesty that they would be open to negotiating a price.

The State Jail Inspection was received and was reviewed. The inspection found areas of non-compliance with the Nebraska Jail Standards in Chapter 2—Personnel, 2-004.02 and 2-004-02B and in Chapter 3—Records and Statistics, 3-002.01. The Sheriff will be corresponding with the State Jail Standards to remedy these items.

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing for the USDA Grant funding application for the purchase of a patrol unit was held. No one appeared at the hearing.

Deputy Holliday, who is preparing the grant application informed the Board that the application has not been completed and that it would be necessary to schedule another public hearing in the next several weeks regarding when the completed application is ready for submission to the USDA.

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 presented to the Board quotes for the replacement of a motor grader. Those quotes are: 1) Nebraska Machinery Company, Lincoln for a new CAT 140-15AWD for $379,250 as listed on Government Pricing of Sourcewell contract #011723-CAT with a trade-in of the 2015 CAT 12M3 of $87,250 resulting in the total price due at delivery of $292,000; 2) Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co for a new John Deere 672 P-Tier Motor Grader with 6WD for

$364,500 as listed on Government Pricing of Sourcewell contract #011723*JDC with a trade-in of the 2015 CAT 12M3 of $68,400 resulting in the total price due of $296,100. This matter will be placed on next week's agenda for further consideration.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director and John Rowland of R-E-S met with the Board to present an electrical service assessment of the Courthouse which detailed the preliminary findings and recommended investigation. It has been discovered that there is a low voltage concern and to minimize disruption to Courthouse operations, R-E-S recommends scheduling an electrical investigation on a day when the Courthouse is closed with coordinated shutdowns of the affected services and equipment. This investigation could take up to 8 hours with a 3 person crew and with time and materials the estimated cost could be up to $6,865 again depending on how long it will take to find the problem area.

Motion was made by Campbell to accept proposal from R-E-S Electrical Services to perform this investigation on the electrical system within the Courthouse at a quote of up to $6,865. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Kirkendall also presented the job description and salary verification form for signature of the Chairman to be submitted to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency for the receipt of the 2026 Emergency Management Programing Grant funds.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Monthly Operating Statement

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

Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of October, 2026.

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	$ 575.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	$11896.12
Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court	$ 753.00

Four County Juvenile Diversion Program

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Johnson, Pawnee and Nemaha counties for the Four County Juvenile Diversion program for 2026-2027. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Planning Commission

Motion was made by Karas to appoint Diane Bohling to the Richardson County Planning Commission to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Jerry McKim, which term will end on December 31, 2027. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The Board also reviewed the upcoming reappointments that will need to be made to the Planning Commission for the new term of January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2029.

Transfer of Funds

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2026-2027-14 to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of $300,000.00. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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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

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv	966.14
Capital Business, serv	50.00
Charm-tex, supp	429.38
Culligan, serv	31.70
DAS State Accounting, serv	1009.30
Eickhoff, Mary L., reimb	114.00
Election Systems & Software, supp	9789.88
Falls City Journal, adv	1531.94
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	7017.60
Farm & City Supply, supp	41.97
Fritz, Kerry, reimb	35.72
Good News Assembly, rent	200.00
Handley Law Office, serv	5625.00
CR26-148 B. Reyes, CR26-155 D. McQueen, CR26-9 R. Martinez, CR26-10 R. Martinez	
Homolka, Morgan, serv	287.50
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	804.50
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	312.27
Koch's Auto Service, serv	815.86
Lancaster County Sheriff, serv	18.79
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
MIPS, supp	4408.70
MIS, serv	110.00
NACO, fees	990.00
NCEA, dues	290.00
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	86.00
Petersen Reporting, serv	2728.70
Plains Radiology, serv	235.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	115.00
Quill, supp	69.98
Richardson County Court, fees	514.78
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	51.96
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	666.49
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	25127.52
Sapp Bros., fuel	19701.42
Schendel Pest Control, serv	365.52
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	1766.00
SNC, serv	1974.94
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, rent	100.00
Summit Fire Protection, serv	912.50
SumnerOne, serv	313.60
University of NE, reimb	5443.33
US Signal Co., serv	3248.23
Verizon, serv	239.94
Weaver & Merz, reimb	907.17
Wolfe's Printing, supp	62.84
Election Worker Expense	11928.46
Payroll Expense	122094.39
*****Election Workers*****	
Eldon Snoke	*228.63*
Deborah Russ-Farwell	*228.63*

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Carmen Mendenhall	*299.00*
Denise Kurpgeweit	*261.91*
Jean McNeelyy	*228.63*
Barbara Kelly	*228.63*
Marsha O'Grady	*228.63*
Richard Malcolm	*228.63*
Mary Beth Rowell	*248.00*
Dana Bauer	*232.50*
Janece Wheeler	*228.63*
Deanna Ewing	*248.00*
Jerri Elwonger	*228.63*
Barbara Ebel	*228.63*
Thomas Bartek	*259.63*
Tracy Burns	*224.76*
Christine Roberts	*228.63*
Pam Merz	*228.63*
Linda Winsterman	*232.50*
Lois Hersh	*228.63*
Phyllis Kreutzer	*232.50*
Tiffin Bauman	*248.00*
Judy Miller	*209.25*
Nancy McKim	*268.75*
Rita Kreifels	*243.83*
Carol Harris	*232.43*
Kathy Curfman	*232.50*
Elaine Croston	*232.50*
Doris DeJonge	*248.00*
Linda King	*287.52*
Susan Keholm	*248.00*
Pam Mendenhall	*232.50*
Kelly Workman	*248.00*
Gloria Hunzeker	*232.50*
Victoria Gordon	*209.25*
Margaret Fisher	*293.30*
Dina Sells	*245.88*
Cindy Foster	*308.27*
Denise Keithley	*241.48*
Cynthia Fritz	*248.39*
Lana Willman	*246.87*
Elizabeth Ketner	*315.87*
Dona Hall	*259.03*
Susan James	*259.03*
Christy Bergland	*259.03*
Brody Mendenhall	*15.50*
Carlee Bailey	*15.50*
Ava Bletscher	*15.50*
Josie Bletscher	*15.50*
Kaylie Lewis	*15.50*
Patricia Brown	*210.03*
Glenda VonBehren	*199.18*
Mary Jane Gist	*199.18*
Carolyn Glathar	*210.03*
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TOTAL GENERAL FUND	**$233,564.02**

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

City of Humboldt, serv	89.32
Culligan, serv	35.10
Diversified Safety & Compliance, serv	129.00
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Sanitation, serv	66.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	774.99
Gage County Equipment, supp	1469.19
Inland Truck Parts & Service, supp	240.12
JF Petroleum Group, serv	1329.75
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	198.00
Martin-Marietta Materials, rock	26488.72
NACO, reg	165.00
NMC, supp	130.45
NPPD, serv	36.84
OPPD, serv	108.83
PowerPlan, supp	82.84
Sapp Bros., fuel	16764.06
Truck Center Companies, supp	1455.60
Verdon, Village of, serv	33.52
Verizon Connect Fleet USA, serv	1189.70
Payroll Expense	34749.00
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	**$85,582.03**

COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND

Richardson County, rent	25.00
Scott, Pamela, serv	100.00
TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND	**$125.00**

COUNTY VISITOR'S IMPROV FUND

Main Street Falls City, funding	6000.00
Richardson County Historical Society, funding	$6000.00
TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR'S IMPROV FUND	**$12,000.00**

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

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

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

County Treasurer, transfer	300000.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	**$300,000.00**

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv	1311.45
SNC, serv	172.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	**$1,483.45**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, November 18, 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