

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 5, 2025**

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, February 5, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week.

A review of damages done to 719 Road west of Hwy 75 was held with County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel present also. Motion was made by Campbell to authorize the Highway Superintendent to send a letter describing the damages done to this road to Tender Real Estate, LLC in Omaha, and that any further damage will necessitate legal action. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 9:17 a.m. with Steve Darveau, Highway Superintendent; Sheriff Hardesty; County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel and Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual(s). Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 9:30 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that there are currently 14 inmates in the Jail.

A listing of items was presented to the Board that have been determined to be surplus and the Sheriff requested authorization to sell the items on a law enforcement supply auction site, GovDeals and/or Purple Wave. Motion was made by Karas to authorize the Sheriff to sell the surplus items on these auction sites. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A quote was received from General Fire & Safety for the installation of a Clean Agent Fire Suppression System in the server room at the Law Enforcement Center. Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the quote pending a recommendation from the County's IT person, Joe Buckminster, with General Fire & Safety at a quoted price of \$17,130.00. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

FALLS CITY EDGE

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

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding by, between and among: County of Atchison, MO; Counties of Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe and Pawnee counties; regarding alert, warning, and notifications sent through FEMA’s Integrated Public Alert and Warning System. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 32)

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of January, 2025:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 198.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$ 7,802.25
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$ 1,048.75

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for January, 2025.

Other

Notice was received from the Nebraska Tax Equalization & Review Commission of the hearing set for March 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. regarding the appeal filed by Ronald E. Elliott on the 2024 property valuation, Case No 24R 0635.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims 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

Arbor Cleaning, serv	2107.75
BuckIT, serv	8405.46
Clerk of District Court, fees	472.00
Consolidated Management, serv	9679.16
Culligan, serv	267.20
DAS State Accounting, serv	702.12
Falls City Journal, adv	776.93
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	6936.14
Ligouri Law Office, reimb	18.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
MIPS, supp/serv	10852.16
NE Assoc. of County Clerks, dues	50.00
NE Assoc. of EMA. Fees	270.00
ODP Business Solutions, supp	81.19
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	921.00
Pitney Bowes, supp	609.00
Quill, supp	195.94
Richardson County Court, fees	1449.30
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	2105.83

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24783.25
Security Equipment, serv	274.86
SNC, serv	817.19
Spartan Nash, supp	13.57
SumnerOne, serv	116.00
Visual Edge IT, fee	230.65
Payroll Expense	115153.07
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$187,397.77

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

AGCO Finance, supp	738.37
Culligan, serv	110.00
Diversified Drug Testing, serv	240.00
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv	46.00
Metal Culverts, supp	33926.40
OPPD, serv	169.46
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	115.15
Pinnacle Propane, supp	44.00
Stateline Propane Service, supp	366.91
Unifirst, supp	84.79
Woods & Aitken, serv	6574.35
Payroll Expense	33091.15
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$75,506.58

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	319.05
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND	\$319.05

VETERANS AID FUND

Richardson County Veterans Aid Fund, transfer	311.00
TOTAL VETERANS AID FUND	\$311.00

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

SNC, serv	167.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$167.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk