

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 12, 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 12, 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 February 5, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

**SE NE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP, INC.**

Kay Wissmann of SE NE Community Action Partnership, Inc. presented to the Board the documents required for the grant application to the NE Public Department of Transportation for the Richardson County Transit program for July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027. The local match required for the grant funding from Richardson County will be \$10,230 for each fiscal year.

Motion was made by Campbell to enter into the agreement with SENCA to provide and administer the public transportation assistance program in Richardson County funded by the State of Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, and to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-30 authorizing SENCA to apply for the NE Public Transportation Act Funds for FY2025-2026. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 33-34)

**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. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of making application with the U.S. Department of Transportation Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program for funding in cooperation with the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska and the Village of Rulo for improvements to the bridge at the Mouth of the Nemaha River, the improvements on the hard surfaced road south of Rulo and improvements to certain streets within the Village of Rulo.

**ONE & SIX YEAR ROAD PLAN**

Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan public hearing and declared the public hearing opened at 10:00 a.m.

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent presented the listing of projects that are included on the 1 year plan and then the next 5 years. A complete listing of the projects can be found on [www.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

Two persons were present for the hearing. Robert Storant spoke in concern of a bridge (C007402805) located on 707 Road east of 630 Avenue southwest of Humboldt and wanted to state for the record that he presented a petition to the Board on September 27, 2022, signed by 120 interested parties impacted by the condition of this bridge. He requested that the County apply for funding through the multi-jurisdictional grant funding program and requested that it be included on the 6-year road plan. There is also concern that third party travelers that cross this bridge frequently are overweight. He also requested that more overweight signs be posted at different locations before approaching this bridge be put in place to deter this overweight traffic over the bridge.

Mr. Darveau, Highway Superintendent indicated that this bridge is not a priority for replacement and that a road has been improved to provide another access to the property in this

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area. He also stated that the cost to replace this bridge would be approximately \$2 million.  
Chairman Caverzagie declared the public hearing closed at 10:44 a.m.

Motion was made by Campbell to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-31 approving the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan as presented by Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. at the public hearing. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 35)

### **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

Motion was made by Karas to enter into an interlocal agreement with Johnson, Nemaha and Pawnee counties for the Four County Juvenile Diversion program. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 36)

### **CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Karas. 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**

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Falls City Sanitation, serv   | 40.00              |
| Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv  | 3315.50            |
| <small>CR24-405 M. Hillyard, CR24-464 D. Shafer, CR24-574 R. Weaver, JV22-38,<br/>JV23-37, JV23-38, JV22-14, JV21-20, JV21-19, JV24-4</small> |                    |
| Farm & City Supply, supp  | 228.68             |
| Great Plains Uniforms, supp   | 3024.65            |
| Midwest Mobile Radio Service, fee   | 30.00              |
| Koch's Auto Service, serv   | 3461.49            |
| NE Assoc. of Weed Control, fee  | 150.00             |
| Nebraska.gov, fee   | 101.00             |
| ODP Business Solutions, supp  | 71.48              |
| O'Reilly Automotive, supp   | 808.88             |
| Postmaster, supp  | 1460.00            |
| Quill, supp   | 168.20             |
| Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb   | 461.32             |
| Richardson County Sheriff, fees   | 727.52             |
| SNC, serv   | 1055.54            |
| SumnerOne, serv   | 172.53             |
| Unifirst, serv  | 93.64              |
| Weaver & Merz, reimb  | 1139.75            |
| Wolfe's Printing, supp  | 271.96             |
| <b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>   | <b>\$16,782.14</b> |

### **ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Barco Municipal Products, supp  | 712.28  |
| Falls City Auto Supply, supp    | 88.61   |
| Falls City Utility Dept., serv  | 1189.34 |
| Martin Marietta Materials, rock | 1562.93 |
| Midwest Engineering, serv       | 5900.00 |
| NPPD, serv                      | 56.55   |
| NMC, supp                       | 1285.79 |
| Norris Quarries, rock           | 4619.23 |
| PowerPlan, supp                 | 306.10  |

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|                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Salem, Village of, serv             | 22.00              |
| SNC, serv                           | 101.98             |
| Truck Center Companies, supp        | 287.30             |
| Verdon, Village of, serv            | 31.76              |
| 159 Lumber & Rentals, supp          | 293.26             |
| <b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b> | <b>\$16,457.13</b> |

COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND

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| Richardson County, rent                  | 25.00          |
| <b>TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND</b> | <b>\$25.00</b> |

COUNTY VISITOR'S IMPROV FUND

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Humboldt Ministerial Association, funding | 1000.00           |
| <b>TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR'S IMPROV FUND</b> | <b>\$1,000.00</b> |

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, February 19, 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.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk