

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 19, 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 19, 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 12, 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).

**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. With the most recent snow fall he reported that most of the motor graders are out working on the roads.

The staff is working on obtaining and preparing information to be included in the grant 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.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center and Jail the past few weeks.

An additional 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. Motion was made by Karas to authorize the Sheriff to sell these additional surplus items on the auction site, GovDeals. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Three different quotes received for the repairs and improvements to the grease and sewer drain at the Law Enforcement Center were reviewed. Motion was made by Campbell to accept a quote received from Airstream Heating and Cooling to replace 2 existing sewage ejector pumps, float switches, seal sewage pit and rework pump venting to proper specifications for \$4,100.00. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A quote received for the preparation of the inmate meals was reviewed by the Board. The Sheriff will be meeting with the current contractor of this service, Consolidated Correctional Foodservice of DesMoines, Iowa, to negotiate current pricing. This matter will be reviewed further at next week's meeting.

**EMA DIRECTOR**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director reviewed with the Board the expenses involved with the maintenance and insurance of the outdoor warning sirens that are located within the corporate limits of the villages and cities in the County. The Board will continue the review of this during next week's meeting and requesting that County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel be in attendance to assist in the drafting of an interlocal agreement with the villages and cities.

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**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

Planning Commission

Motion was made by Campbell to appoint Jerry McKim to the Richardson County Planning Commission for a term of three years which will expire on December 31, 2027. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**Subdivision**

A subdivision for Towle Realty located in S23, T1, R16 was presented to the Board but will be held for further consideration at next week’s meeting.

**CLAIMS**

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

Amazon, supp	33.77
AT&T, serv	1231.62
Bryan Medical Center, serv	6724.04
Bryan Physician Network, serv	552.00
BuckIT, supp	1400.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	150.00
Falls City Journal, adv	117.50
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	304.00
CR24-134 T. Pelletier	
First Concord Benefits, fees	216.00
Handley Law Office, serv	3591.00
CR24-19 D. Baxter, CR24-73 A. Adcock, CR24-87 A. Gibson, CR24-88 A. Gibson	
Holiday Inn, lodg	279.90
Hy-Vee, supp	23.77
Medica, ins	52676.77
Miller Farrell Insurance, ins	445.00
NE Assoc. of County Extension Boards, dues	100.00
NACO, reg	280.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	93.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9166.66
OPPD, serv	33.08
ProServ Business Systems, serv	161.00
Quill, supp	92.42
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	23676.21
Riggs, Kim, reimb	149.10
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	720.00
Spartan Nash, supp	104.73
Payroll Expense	108532.62
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$210,924.07</b>

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Black Hills Energy, serv	305.03
CapitalOne Trade Credit, supp	169.77

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)

Egger Bros., supp	390.46
Falls City Journal, adv	25.51
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	832.75
Hullman's Ford, supp	77.88
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	2251.75
Miller-Monroe, ins	3601.00
NACO, reg	40.00
NMC, supp	1814.48
Norris Quarries, rock	1709.56
NPPD, serv	155.02
Sapp Bros., fuel	930.50
Unifirst, supp	55.47
159 Lumber & Rentals, supp	30.20
Payroll Expense	34588.33
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$46,997.71</b>

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1200.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1200.00
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,400.00</b>

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, February 26, 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