

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARCH 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, March 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 February 26, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting of February 26, 2025, as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas 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 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. Mr. Darveau reported that he had received quotes from Murphy Tractor & Equipment, Equipment Blades and NE Machinery Company for the purchase of grader blades and parts. The purchase will be made from Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., Inc. for these blades and parts totaling \$16,871.40.

He reported that with the weather conditions the past few days with the rain then ice and snow that it is impossible to remove the ice cover. So, roads will be soft for a few days and the road graders and rock trucks will be out when the roads have dried some. He asks rural residents to be understanding and patient with the condition of the county roads for the next week or so.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to send to the County Attorney 2 brush complaints for further action pursuant to NE §89-1813. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-34 to approve the Plan-In-Hand Report for project BRO-7074(26) Stella Southwest located on 717 Road and approximately ¼ mile East of 640 Avenue. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 39)

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty was unable to meet with the Board. Ashely Fisher, Dispatch Supervisor provided an update to the Board reporting that there are currently 11 inmates in the Jail. Also reported was that salary increases were given to three employees in the Dispatch.

She also presented to the Board information on the records management program, E Force, for the Law Enforcement Center which would replace the current system, Justice Data Solutions C.R.I.M.E.S. The cost of the program is \$72,303.40 with 50% of the payment due for the 1<sup>st</sup> year of service and 50% due during the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of service. There is also an Annual License and Support fee of \$6,000/year for the next 5 years and a possible 3% increase on this in the subsequent years following.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the purchase of the records management program, E Force and to fund the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the cost from the Inheritance Tax Fund and the 2<sup>nd</sup> year and annual fees to be included within the Communications Dispatch budget for FY2025-2026. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A discussion was also held regarding the quote received from the current provider, Consolidated Correctional Foodservice of DesMoines, Iowa for the inmate meals. The provider

indicated in an email sent to the Sheriff that the new proposal could be put into effect immediately with a signed contract. The Board questioned that the current contract should probably be terminated before entering into the new contract with Consolidated Correctional Foodservice of DesMoins, Iowa. This matter will be considered further at next week's meeting.

### **COUNTY VISITOR COMMITTEE**

Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court and the secretary of the County Visitor's Committee met with the Board regarding the formalizing of the By-Laws and the appointment of 2 additional members to the Committee.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the changes as printed of the Richardson County Visitor's Committee By-Laws regarding Article IV, Section 2 and Article VI, Section 1 and to sign the By-Laws for the record. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to appoint Brian Poppe and Diana Orton for a term of 4 years which term will expire on December 31, 2028, to the County Visitor's Committee who shall both represent the hotel industry within Richardson County. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **100 YEAR REDEDICATION CEREMONY OF COURTHOUSE**

Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court; Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer; Kim Riggs, County Assessor and Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk met with the Board to discuss the rededication ceremony of the Courthouse which will be 100 years on April 24, 2025. The group requested funds for the event which is planned for Wednesday, April 23, 2025. Plans were discussed and information will be forthcoming.

### **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

#### **Monthly Operating Statement**

The Board reviewed the February, 2025 monthly operating statement.

#### **Fee Reports**

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

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 117.50
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$9,627.25
Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court	\$1,067.00

### **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**

Amazon, supp	462.49
Ameriflex, fees	140.00
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	413.70
Benchmark Government Solutions, serv	119.50
BuckIT, serv	7005.46

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GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Consolidated Management Co., serv	10179.25
Culligan, serv	236.00
CVSOAN Treasurer, dues	100.00
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	190.33
Falls City Mercantile, supp	443.80
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	8746.72
Fields, Odis, reimb	50.00
Humboldt Standard, adv	48.00
KexRx, supp	656.74
Koch's Auto Service, serv	1139.48
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1564.54
Merz Ink, serv	220.00
Midwest Auto Fire Sprinkler, serv	1427.01
MIPS, serv	3277.10
MIS, serv	110.00
ODP Business Solutions, supp	532.48
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	929.64
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	80.00
Pitney Bowes, supp	405.00
Quill, supp	65.82
Richardson County Court, fees	434.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	158.26
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	603.53
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1.22
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	25004.51
Sapp Bros., fuel	10183.94
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	300.00
SNC, serv	845.84
SumnerOne, serv	160.32
True Value, supp	17.95
Uline, supp	148.49
Verizon, serv	215.91
Visual Edge IT, serv	256.65
Wolfe's Printing, supp	170.00
Woods & Aitken, serv	355.00
Payroll Expense	116365.88
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$193,804.56</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan, supp	40.00
Martin Marietta, rock	14149.95
Norris Quarries, rock	3138.36
OPPD, serv	168.00
Operation & Expense Acct., reimb	94.97
Sapp Bros., fuel	1514.13
Stateline Propane Service, serv	448.25
Unifirst, supp	55.37
Woods & Aitken, serv	3409.80
Payroll Expense	33911.00
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$56,929.83</b>

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	319.05
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$319.05</b>

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**DRUG COURT FUND**

Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	169.21
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$169.21</b>

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND**

CPC, serv	1304.52
SNC, serv	167.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$1,471.52</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, March 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.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk