

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 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, March 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 March 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 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. Maintenance on roads was discussed and Mr. Darveau reported that 2 motorgraders were being serviced at this time. He reported that the grant application has been completed and submitted.

Commissioner Campbell inquired on the maintenance being done on school bus routes. Mr. Darveau explained that the designated school bus routes that he currently has on file which were received from the school districts many years ago, are some of the first to be cleared. He suggested that the County request that the school districts submit updated bus routes to the Road Department so that any changes that have been made by the schools can be also made by the County so that everyone is using the same information to help alleviate any misunderstandings.

The bridge on the road leading into the County Yard is being replaced and is being torn out this week with the replacement construction to start next week.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the law enforcement center the past few weeks. He reported there are 18 inmates as of today. The calls received during the month of February totaled 455 of which 202 were traffic stops, a total of 25 arrests with 24 made from the Sheriff's Office and 1 from another agency.

Electric Contracting Company will be starting within the next week to replace and install the improved electronic system that operates the doors, cameras and other items at the Law Enforcement Center. Sheriff Hardesty reported that inmates may have to be housed in another facility for a short time while this work is being done but all efforts will be done to maintain the inmates at the jail to avoid any additional costs. The project should be completed within 1 to 3 weeks.

It was reported that Airstream Heating and Cooling have replaced the 2 existing sewage ejector pumps, float switches, seal sewage pit and reworked the pump venting to proper specifications which has eliminated the odor at the Law Enforcement Center. This was approved at the February 19, 2025, meeting.

Motion was made by Karas to approve and authorize the Sheriff to sign the Addendum with Consolidated Foodservice of Des Moines to terminate the current contract dated August 26, 2020. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve and authorize the Sheriff to sign the Food Service Agreement with Consolidated Foodservice of Des Moines, Iowa effective on March 13, 2025 with the pricing based on the quote between the parties dated February 28, 2025 and will remain in effect for three years. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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COUNTY OFFICIALS

Sheriff Hardesty, Treasurer Bartek-Ramsey, Assessor Riggs, Clerk Eickhoff, Clerk of Dist Court Scott and Highway Supt Darveau met with the Board to review the section of paid time off in the employee handbook. Discussion was held on the suggested different proposed changes which include changing the wording and title to sick leave instead of paid time off, consolidating the vacation leave and paid time off into one group and reducing the number of hours allowed to accrue from 640 hours to 480 hours. This matter will be discussed further.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:42 a.m. with Jerry Pigsley, special legal counsel to discuss pending litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to close the executive session at 11:50 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Resolution 2024-2025-35 Cancel Check

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-35 to cancel a check issued in error. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 40)

Other

Carol Glathar attended the meeting and wanted to make known publicly and acknowledge that Commissioner Karas had made a personal donation of \$50 for improvements to the Lynchberg Cemetery which has been declared an abandoned and neglected cemetery.

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

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv	4100.00
Ameriflex, fee	70.00
APCO International, dues	130.34
Centrix Technologies, supp	456.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	355.98
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Family Medicine, serv	155.40
Farmers Repair, supp	120.00
Hall Funeral Home, serv	1000.00
Hullman’s, serv	162.36
Keller, Kaylea, reimb	9.60
Lancaster County Sheriff, serv	18.73
Ligouri, Angelo, serv	142.50
Malcolm, Terry, serv	560.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
NE Assoc. of County Treasurers, fee	175.00

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

NE State Patrol, fee	885.00
Nolte, Sean, reimb	14.00
Paper Eaters Mobile Shredding, serv	120.00
Physicians Laboratory, serv	3174.00
Postmaster, supp	98.50
Quill, supp	108.99
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	43.00
Richardson County CPR, serv	560.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	586.13
Richardson County Sheriff, fee	18.00
SNC, serv	1106.42
Unifirst, serv	93.64
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1142.25
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$15,455.84

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

City of Humboldt, serv	88.99
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. 2, serv	46.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	289.84
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	1330.14
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	16021.08
Mr. Automotive, supp	4.46
Norris Quarries, rock	6897.19
NPPD, serv	56.38
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	45.00
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	2095.52
Richardson County CPR, serv	680.00
Salem, Village of, serv	22.85
Sapp Bros., fuel	5131.48
SNC, serv	102.67
Stateline Propane, propane	285.25
Truck Center Companies, supp	135.75
Verdon, Village of, serv	36.16
W&D Auto, serv	155.00
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$33,443.76

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

EForce, serv	36151.70
Scott, Pamela, reimb	25.05
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$36,176.75

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 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 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.

John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk