

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 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, March 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 March 12, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Campbell. 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 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.

Discussion was held on the repairs to the maintenance garage at Verdon which was damaged a few weeks ago during the snowstorm. Mr. Darveau has been researching quotes to replace this damaged building with a new metal building.

The bridge on the road leading into the County Shop is under construction and progressing towards completion.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Samantha Scheitel, County Attorney requested to re-hire a former employee, Alexandra Fleming, as a full-time attorney for the County Attorney's Office

Motion was made by Karas to approve the re-hire of Alexia Fleming for the position in the County Attorney's Office. Motion seconded by Caverzagie-aye. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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 17 inmates as of today. The generators at the Law Enforcement Center were discussed and the need for improving as during the last storm the system was not sufficient for the facility.

A discussion was also held regarding the payment to the Community Medical Center regarding the monthly fee for the hospital's service to provide medical services to the inmates. It has been determined that the monthly invoices from CMC sent by e-mail were not coming through to the Law Enforcement Center most likely due to an incorrect e-mail address being used. Sheriff Hardesty will be contacting CMC to resolve this matter and to request a change in the agreement so that the annual contractual amount can be paid in one installment.

The Board also inquired about the agreement for a school resource officer with Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer Schools. Sheriff Hardesty indicated to the Board that the school resource officer is no longer at HTRS. The Board requested that the written notification terminating this position at HTRS be forwarded to the County Clerk for the record.

SE NE COMMUNITY ACTION

Sherry Huddleston, Family Development Specialist from the Falls City Outreach Office of SENCA, presented a report to the County Board from October, 2024 through January, 2025.

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PROJECT RESPONSE

Kira Verdenburg of Project Response was unable to meet with the Board due to travel and weather conditions. This session will be rescheduled.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director requested to meet with the Board regarding the Courthouse fire alarm system

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the quote with the Summit Fire Protection of Lincoln, NE to install a cellular communicator for \$1,412.00 and to authorize EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall to proceed with contacting the company to oversee the project and after the installation of the cellular communicator to follow-up with Security Equipment, Inc. to terminate the monitoring services for the alarm system. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A discussion was also held regarding the rural fire department radio repeaters. The radio communication equipment is placed on the Falls City water tower and the City of Falls City has indicated at different times that plans are to install a generator at the water tower site to provide electrical service when power is out so that radio communication would still be available.

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	29.99
AT&T, serv	1231.62
CMC, serv	65000.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	507.50
Douglas County Sheriff, serv	22.19
Farm & City Supply, supp	127.96
Handley Law Office, serv	3999.50
CR24-68 C. Shaw, JV22-14, JV23-20, JV23-37, JV23-38, JV24-5	
Jensen, Marianne, reimb	17.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	400.00
KexRx, supp	158.10
Lake Mac Assessment, serv	2500.00
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1499.05
Medica, serv	55432.05
MIPS, serv	340.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	551.36
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9166.66
ProServ Business Systems, serv	161.00
Quill, supp	792.45
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	310.91
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	26247.62
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	50.40
Riggs, Kim, reimb	142.80
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Summit Fire Protection, serv	749.00
SumnerOne, serv	6.77
True Value, supp	29.38
Work Zone, supp	236.60
Payroll Expense	119886.29
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$289,666.08

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	295.53
Farm & City Supply, supp	353.05
Home Lumber, supp	30.00
Hotsy Equipment, supp	485.99
Hullman’s, supp	337.29
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	13702.93
NMC, supp	590.25
NPPD, serv	123.45
Norris Quarries, rock	6035.56
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	69.22
Quill, supp	48.86
Road Builders, supp	87.80
Unifirst, supp	55.37
Payroll Expense	34021.83
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$56,237.13

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, reimb/serv	1435.20
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1200.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$2,635.20

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, March 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.

John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk