

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 26, 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 26, 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 Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2025, meeting as read. 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 Caverzagie. 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.

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 19 inmates as of today of which three are from Pawnee County. It was reported that resignations have been received from 3 different staff members at the Law Enforcement Center the past few weeks and the Board reviewed the letters of resignation from those that have resigned.

The Board was also informed that Deputy Ractliffe has resigned from his position as a Sergeant. Deputy Ractliffe is also the K9 handler for the County's drug dog, Valor and Nemaha County, Nebraska has offered Richardson County \$5,000.00 to purchase the dog. Motion was made by Karas to approve the sale of Valor to Nemaha County, NE. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A discussion was also held regarding the generator system for the Law Enforcement Center and the need for an upgrade so that all areas of the Law Enforcement Center are serviced during an electrical outage. A contractor is researching the options to remedy the problem and to determine what equipment would be necessary to provide enough coverage for the necessary areas of the building.

Motion was made by Karas to recess the regular meeting agenda at 9:15 a.m. and go into an executive session with County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel and Clerk Eickhoff to discuss personnel matters and for the protection of an individual(s). Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 9:34 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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.

The County maintenance building in Verdon that was damaged during the winter storm on March 5, 2025, has been reviewed by the County's insurance carrier and a check for \$9,706.27 (\$19,768.37 less \$5,062.10 depreciation and less \$5,000 deductible). These funds will be applied towards the construction of a new metal building for this County maintenance site.

ZONING

A discussion was held regarding the implementation of zoning regulations for Richardson County with Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau and County Assessor, Kim Riggs. The 2002 proposed zoning regulations will be reviewed by the Board and other county officials with any suggestions for changes to be presented to the Richardson County Planning Commission for review. The Board will also be contacting a professional firm to assist with finalizing zoning regulations for Richardson County.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Cancel Check

Motion was made by Campbell to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-36 to cancel a check issued in error. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 41)

Other

County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey informed the Board that an employee in the County Treasurer’s Office has resigned and that she would be advertising for the position to be filled.

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	
Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, serv	1000.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	860.50
CR24-107 R. Merryman, CR25-10 B. Ramirez	
Fritz, Kerry, reimb	127.40
Hy-Vee, supp	92.53
Ligouri, Angelo, serv	665.00
NE Assoc. of District Court Clerks, fees	75.00
Nodoway County Sheriff, serv	37.00
OPPD, serv	33.08
Quill, supp	255.99
Region V Systems, serv	4382.50
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	167.02
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	300.00
Summit Fire Protection, serv	2161.00
Weaver & Merz, reimb	8.95
Wolfe’s Printing, supp	158.67
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$10,324.64

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	
Agco Finance, supp	417.98
Hamilton Equipment Co., supp	372.09
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	9689.25
NPPD, serv	136.52
Norris Quarries, rock	4235.63
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	7256.46
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$22,132.93

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, April 2, 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