

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 2, 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, April 2, 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 26, 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 minutes of the March 26, 2025, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. 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. It was reported that the deck on the bridge on the road leading into the County yard in Falls City will be poured this week and that this road should be accessible to the County yard in the next few weeks.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the law enforcement center the past few weeks. There are 23 inmates currently in the jail with 4 being from other counties.

The Sheriff also reported that Electric Contracting Company is beginning the last phase of the electrical improvement project at the Law Enforcement Center. The Sheriff also informed the Board that during part of this improvement construction project, inmates will need to be housed at other facilities for a short period of time.

The Board also reviewed with Chris Maher of Airstream Heating and Cooling a quote to replace the existing ERV system at the Law Enforcement Center with a AVFO6 Commercial ERV at the price of \$54,026.00. Motion was made by Campbell to approve the quote as presented to replace the existing ERV system at the Law Enforcement Center with a AVFO6 Commercial ERV. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

PROJECT RESPONSE

Kira Verdenburg of Project Response presented to the Board a report on the organization and the services provided by the organization and the statistics for services given to residents of Richardson County.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of March, 2024:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 177.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$24,388.25
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$ 656.00

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the March, 2025, monthly operating statement.

Summit Fire Protection Agreement

Motion was made by Karas to approve and enter into an agreement with Summit Fire Protection for the fire alarm monitoring system of the Courthouse. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Other

Moton was made by Karas that due to the shortage of staffing in the Veterans Service Office the past year that approval be given to pay out a portion of accumulated vacation to Odis Fields. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Veterans Service Committee Recommendation

The Board received a recommendation from the Veterans Service Committee to fill the vacancy of the Veterans Service Officer left vacant by the retirement of Mona Godemann. Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the recommendation of the Veterans Service Committee to appoint Odis Fields as the Veterans Service Officer effective today, April 2, 2025, at a salary of \$26.09/hour and to approve the recommendation of James Kirkendall to serve as the Assistant Veterans Service Officer at \$20.47/hour. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

Armbruster Motor Co., serv	67.42
BuckIT, serv	7005.46
Campbell, Bob, reimb	147.00
Culligan, serv	126.00
East Richardson Rural Water District #2, serv	232.78
Falls City Mercantile, supp	229.43
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	6772.46
Farm & City Supply, supp	35.98
Humboldt Standard, adv	138.85
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	261.10
MIPS, serv	3277.10
Nemaha County, reimb	6438.29
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	933.00
Pitney Bowes, serv	186.54
Postmaster, supp	730.00
Quill, supp	183.16
Richardson County Court, fees	816.50
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	58.88
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	1395.91
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	918.53

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	26004.44
Secretary of State, supp	50.00
Strecker, Jenny, supp	65.00
SumnerOne, serv	44.32
TK Elevator, serv	416.76
Verizon, serv	215.91
Visual Edge IT, serv	230.65
Wherry Mortuary, serv	345.00
Woods & Aitken, serv	71.00
Payroll Expense	121056.56
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$178,494.03

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan, serv	50.00
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	1155.26
Koch’s Auto Service, serv	809.16
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	5676.69
Norris Quarries, rock	6652.96
OPPD, serv	158.00
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	54.33
True Ag & Turf, supp	3547.89
TSA Manufacturing, supp	1181.08
Unifirst, supp	55.37
Woods & Aitken, serv	5879.55
Payroll Expense	34001.57
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$59,287.86

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

Government Forms & Supplies, supp	1064.68
MIPS, serv	319.05
REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND	\$1,383.73

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 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 9, 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