

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 16, 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 16, 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 April 9, 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 add to the agenda an executive session due to an emergency situation at the request from Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director and to approve the remaining 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.

The Board reviewed the quotes received through Sourcewell for the purchase of a new wheel loader. Quotes were as follows: NMC, Inc. for \$242,920.00; Titan Machinery for \$248,450.64; A1 Iron Corp. for \$197,302.69; Murphy Tractor for \$210,500.00.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the quote from Murphy Tractor & Equipment, Lincoln, NE for \$210,500 which was obtained through Sourcewell contract #011723-JDC. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Campbell to authorize the advertisement to receive sealed bids by Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 9:30 a.m. for the Falls City Southwest pipe replacement project located between Sections 20 and 29, Township 1, Range 16. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Campbell presented a statement to the County Board regarding the road department union, a description of the period dating back to early 1990 when the union was enacted at the Road Department and a statement that it is his opinion that it is time to get this matter resolved and make effort to try and settle this matter out of court.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that Electronic Contracting Company is completing the electrical improvement project and plans to have completed on or before May 3. For the past week or so, inmates have been housed in other facilities and plans are to have them all returned by Friday. While this improvement project is being done and the inmates are out of the cell areas, the staff has been doing painting, making repairs and cleaning of the jail facility.

The deputies will be working overtime during the dates of May 12 to June 1 and reimbursed by the grant funds that have been awarded through the Nebraska Department of Transportation for the "Click It or Ticket" grant.

JEREMY INGRAHAM

Jeremy Ingraham of Burlington Junction, MO and an owner of a parcel of real estate at 66318 703 Lane, Rulo, NE, requested to meet with the Board regarding the discovery that he and his wife have made with regards to the FEMA restrictions with no allowance for any new construction to be made on that parcel.

The Board reviewed the correspondence that Mr. Ingraham had provided and discussed the matter with him. Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director was also in attendance for this meeting.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Karas to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:29 a.m. with Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director, Samantha Scheitel, County Attorney and County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff to discuss possible litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 11:03 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Karas to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 11:16 a.m. to discuss pending litigation and for the protection of the public interest with the County Clerk also in attendance. 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 12:04 p.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Transfer of Funds

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-37 to transfer the funds from Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$150,000.00 as per the FY24-25 budget document. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 42)

Other

A liquor license application has been received from the NE Liquor Control Commission for TumbleReeds, LLC located at 65225 720 Road, Shubert, for the issuance of a Class C Beer, Wine, Spirits On and Off Sale. The County Board has advertised and will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 9:15 a.m.

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

Charm-Tex, supp	113.60
Clerk of District Court, fees	362.00
County Treasurer, tax	2027.42
DAS State Accounting, serv	507.50
Datashield, serv	24.00
Eickhoff, Mary L., reimb	297.50
Falls City Journal, adv	77.50
Falls City Mercantile, supp	21.02
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	64.94
LaQuinta Inn & Suites, lodg	499.80

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Lynn Peavey, supp	105.60
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, serv	142.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9166.66
OPPD, serv	33.08
Prochaska & Assoc., serv	1673.75
Ram Exterminators, serv	96.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	8.95
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	131.24
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1.17
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	25973.34
Ritchie, Morgan, serv	220.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	5315.59
Saylor Screenprinting, supp	86.00
SumnerOne, serv	217.41
Wherry Mortuary, serv	365.00
Witt, Robert, reimb	75.00
Payroll Expense	126883.73
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$174,509.80

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Agco, supp	43.77
Black Hills Energy, serv	124.14
CapitalOne Trade Credit, supp	3.99
Concrete Industries, supp	3479.44
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	209.48
Farm & City Supply, supp	488.08
Hullman's, serv	109.95
Jim Hill's, supp	145.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	8246.53
NPPD, serv	85.20
Norris Quarries, rock	6289.67
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	197.84
Safety-Kleen Systems, supp	415.34
Thomas & Thomas, serv	1096.40
Unifirst, supp	55.37
Payroll Expense	32292.75
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$53,282.95

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1200.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv/reimb	1401.04
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$2,601.04

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

County Treasurer, transfer	150000.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$150,000.00

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv	1570.41
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$1,570.41

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 p.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, April 23, 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