

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MAY 7, 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, May 7, 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 April 30, 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 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.

COUNTY TREASURER

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer presented to the Board the report of the unpaid taxes after the April 30, 2025, deadline for the 1st half of 2024 taxes due and requested to move these certificates to County tax sale. Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the transfer of these certificates of unpaid taxes to County tax sale. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week.

A review of the bids that were received at last week's meeting for the Falls City SW pipe replacement project between Sections 20 & 29, Township 1, Range 16 was held. Motion was made by Caverzagie to award the bid to Van Dorn Valley Construction, LLC for \$47,439.89 with construction to begin July 15, 2025, and completion set for August 15, 2025. Motion seconded by Karas. 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 this week. He reported there are currently 18 inmates in jail. The electrical improvement project at the Law Enforcement Center has been completed and a review of the project was held yesterday with the contractor and support staff at the LEC with ECC of Lincoln. Training has also been planned and will begin within the next week for the implementation of the

new management program, EForce.

Sheriff Hardesty also reported that he attended a Nemaha Natural Resources District meeting last evening and was informed that there could possibly be some FEMA grant funding available to assist with generator upgrades.

SE NE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL

Susan Keholm, CCAP-Development Director with SENCA presented to the Board the 2024 annual report of the organization. Debbie Green with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for juveniles was also in attendance. Presented the 2024 Annual Report.

Motion was made by Karas to approve a Proclamation to make aware that May will be observed in Richardson County as Community Action Month. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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EMA DIRECTOR, BRIAN KIRKENDALL

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director updated the Board on the repair that needs to be done to the generator at the Courthouse which will need a new transfer switch installed and has been ordered.

Mr. Kirkendall also requested approval to purchase a new pickup for the department. The Board requested he obtain the quotes from the state bid contract, etc. and review this matter further in the next few weeks.

The Board also reviewed the matter regarding the floodplain, flood fringes and floodway properties in Richardson County, located generally along the Missouri River. The Board will discuss this matter further at the May 21 meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:45 a.m. with Jerry Pigsley, special legal counsel, Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent and Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk 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 Karas to close the executive session at 11:39 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 DEPT UNION GRIEVANCE

Motion was made by Caverzagie that in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, 11.16 Civil Leave, (c), the time spent by the employees, Bryan Dettmann, Wyatt Martin and Ronald Ramer appearing before the Nebraska Commission of Industrial Relations on

March 24, 2025, was not for the purpose “as a function of their job and shall not be considered as hours worked” as the definition of a job function is a list of actions performed by an employee in a certain position that describes the main responsibilities of their job with those job functions often to appear as a list of daily tasks that an employee completes at the workplace.

Furthermore, the statement of grievance states that Mr. Dettman, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Ramer were each subpoenaed to appear before the Nebraska Commission of Industrial Relations on March 24, 2025, assuming by NAPE/AFSCME Local 61, which was for non-work related matters and according to this section the employee must use vacation leave or earned compensatory time. The grievance is denied. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of April, 2025:

Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$16,643.50
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 211.00
Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court	\$ 1,194.00

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the April, 2025 monthly operating statement.

Manager Change at FC Country Club, Inc.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the application for a manager change at the Falls City Country Club, Inc. with Thomas Gist as the manager. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER (Cont.)

Subdivision

Motion was made by Karas to approve a sub-division for Terry L and Brenda L Frank located in S28, T3, R13 and to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-38. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page)

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Caverzagie to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Karas. 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

Ameriflex, fee	70.00
Animal Health Center, serv	557.75
BuckIT, serv	7005.46
Cass County Jail, serv	7735.00
Charm-Tex, supp	964.20
CMC, serv	5000.00
Culligan, serv	33.60
DAS State Accounting, serv	702.10
Datashield, serv	94.50
Falls City Journal, adv	90.76
Falls City Mercantile, supp	479.45
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	5796.29
Farm & City Supply, supp	383.34
Fields, Odis, reimb	60.00
Gworks, serv	20479.00
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, serv	1282.50
JV23-37, JV23-38	
Handley Law Office, serv	646.00
CR24-518 C. Vaughn, CR24-567 C. Vaughn	
High Plains Power Systems, serv	575.00
Humboldt Standard, adv	384.00
Jim Hills, serv	50.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	292.50
JT Farm Service, supp	1009.75
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	222.60
Koch's Auto Service, serv	1179.69
Meyer Laboratory, supp	263.90
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
MIS, serv	110.00
NACO, reg	50.00
Nemaha County Sheriff's Office, serv	2383.50
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	933.00
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	80.00
Postmaster, supp	202.00
Pritchard & Abbott, serv	2300.00
Quill, supp	236.56
Radiology Associates, serv	356.00
Richardson County Court, fees	694.22
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	418.26

Richardson County Sheriff, fees	737.74
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1.25
Riekenberg, Kris, serv	82.00

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Riggs, Kim, reimb	145.60
Schawang Masonry, serv	2000.00
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	454.00
SNC, serv	887.44
Summit Fire Protection, serv	761.75
SumnerOne, serv	192.00
Unifirst, serv	86.30
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$68,519.01

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan, supp	40.00
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	46.00
Hamilton Equipment, supp	48.58
Hamm, rock	3025.79
Helena, supp	126.25
Martin Marietta, rock	21905.96
NPPD, serv	32.63
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	9.00
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	492.60
PowerPlan, supp	16871.40
Truck Center Companies, supp	1110.79
Woods & Aitken, serv	23117.83
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$66,826.83

DRUG COURT FUND

Glenn's Corner Market, supp	350.00
Pizza Hut, supp	100.00
Reece, Chris, reimb	200.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$650.00

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Falls City Edge, funding	7500.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$7,500.00

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

SNC, serv	167.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$167.00

HIGHWAY BOND REPAYMENT

BOK Financial Corp., pmt	116817.50
TOTAL HIGHWAY BOND REPAYMENT	\$116,817.50

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. Due to conflicts in the schedule, the next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2025, will be held on **Tuesday, May 13, 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