

# **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **MAY 13, 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 Tuesday, May 13, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas and Caverzagie. Commissioner Campbell was absent. 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 May 7, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting from May 7, 2025. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-absent, 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-absent, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Deputy Sheriff, Jeremiah Franks updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that the recently acquired GForce software is being implemented at the Law Enforcement Center.

A quote from IAO Electric, LLC of Hiawatha, KS for the price of \$33,046.00 for labor and materials to connect the East end of the Law Enforcement Center building and the kitchen area to the existing Cummins standby generator on the West end of the building. This price includes adding a transfer switch in the Sallyport electrical Room fed from the current Emergency Transfer Switch in this room. Power will be off in the Kitchen and Sheriff's Office area for up to 2 days. A generator could be set up to run this end of the building while modifications are made, but is not included in this quoted price. The lead time to get a transfer switch is approximately 3 months.

### **COOPER NUCLEAR STATION**

Kimberly Tanner, Emergency Preparedness Offsite Coordinator of the Cooper Nuclear Station at Brownville provided an update to the County Board on the operations of the Cooper Nuclear Station. It was reported that currently the operation is 100% online. The Cooper Nuclear Station is moving away from the outdoor warning sirens to the IPAWS notification system. Dakota Schulenberg was introduced to the Board as he will be taking over as the Emergency Preparedness Offsite Coordinator as Mrs. Tanner announced that she will be retiring at the end of the year. It was also reported that the Cooper Nuclear Station has submitted an application for license extension to move operations through 2054. Thanks and appreciation was also given to the County EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall and his staff for their assistance and work to keep the emergency plans and documents up-to-date. It was also reported that the county agreements will be updated and submitted to the County Board for review later this year.

### **LUKE BONKIEWICZ, NACO**

Luke Bonkiewicz, NACO Research Program Analyst met with the Board to provide information on the programs that NACO is currently working on and the programs available to assist counties with obtaining needed information.

### **SE NE ADULT DRUG COURT**

Chris Reece, PSC Coordinator and Stephanie Corter, Drug Court Secretary presented to the Board the annual report and statistics of the SE NE Adult Drug Court.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to enter into the SE NE Adult Drug Court Interlocal

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SE NE ADULT DRUG COURT (Cont.)

Agreement for 2025-2026 with Otoe, Richardson, Nemaha, Johnson and Pawnee Counties to provide funding for the continuance of the Adult Drug Court. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The funding required from each county: Pawnee-\$1,993.10; Johnson-\$5,965.52; Richardson-\$9,937.93; Nemaha-\$5,965.52; Otoe-\$9,937.93. (Resolution Book 28, Page 46)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the counties of Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe and Pawnee agreeing to Richardson County serving as the fiscal agent and the Nebraska Supreme Court Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation will provide the personnel for the SE NE Adult Drug Court for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027. Motion seconded by Karas. Karas-aye, Campbell-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 47)

**PENNSYLVANIA COLOLNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NE**

Daniel T. Pleiss, Co-President of the Pennsylvania Colony Historical Society of NE and Michelle Heim met with the Board to request funding for the organization pursuant to Nebraska Revised State Statute 23-355.01(2) in which a nonprofit county historical association or society that is not receiving funds from a levy under subsection (1) of this section may request funding from the county.

The Board explained that with the recent legislation in the Nebraska Legislature to decrease and/or eliminate the Inheritance Tax Fund that future funding of the nonprofit historical societies and other organizations will be reviewed further when the County Board sets the budget for fiscal year 2025-2026. The funding for these organizations has been provided for through the Inheritance Tax Fund.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Other**

Gary Jones of Jones Air Conditioning and Heating presented to the Board a quote to replace the condensing unit at the Courthouse that was damaged during the October 31, 2024, storm. The quote is \$87,742.00. The Board will continue to review this matter.

**CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzaige. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-absent, 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 Capital Services, supp	1.68
Bailey, Stacey, reimb	231.82
Dunn Greenery, serv	355.00
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	1441.50
CR24-574 R. Weaver, JV22-38, JV23-37, JV23-38 & JV23-20	
Godemann, Bethany, reimb	49.46
Karas, Rick, reimb	367.92
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	99.00
Merz Inkm serv	72.00
Postmaster, supp	146.00
Pro Serv Business Systems, serv	161.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	8.95
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	416.92
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	26354.63

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
SNC, serv	1123.24
Uline, supp	1239.27
Payroll Expense	124920.44
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$157,098.71</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Brazos Trailers, supp	395.40
City of Humboldt, serv	90.84
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	337.41
Falls City Journal, ads	23.76
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Falls City Utilities, serv	490.46
Hamm Inc., supp	1321.39
Harmon’s OK Tire Shop, serv	110.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	6018.59
Midwest Service & Sales Co., supp	11081.60
Newman Signs, Inc., supp	4454.96
NMC, Inc., serv	780.41
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	4125.51
Salem, Village of, serv	27.95
Sapp Bros., serv	229.11
SNC, serv	110.04
Tri State Truck & Tractor Repair, serv	21.71
Unifirst, serv	15.62
Verdon, Village of, serv	32.64
Payroll Expense	32391.05
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$62,078.45</b>

COUNTY VISITOR’S PROMOTION FUND

Falls City Chamber of Commerce, adv	6000.00
Humboldt Chamber of Commerce, adv	2000.00
Omaha Magazine, adv	375.00
Richardson County, fee	25.00
<b>TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR’S PROMO FUND</b>	<b>\$8,400.00</b>

COUNTY VISITOR’S IMPROVEMENT FUND

Pennsylvania Colony Historical Society, bldg., imp	2000.00
Richardson Co. Historical Society, Inc., sidewalk	2000.00
<b>TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR’S IMPROV FUND</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, May 21, 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.

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John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk