

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MAY 21, 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 21, 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 from the May 13, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-abstain, 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.

REGION V SYSTEMS AND APACE

Patrick Kreifels, Regional Administrator of Region V Systems and Matt Kasik, Director APACE (formerly Region V Services) presented to the Board the annual reports of the organizations which included statistics of services provided to Richardson County and funding that is required from each county as per NE State Statute 71-808. Richardson County will be responsible for \$15,713 for FY2025-2026 and will also provide additional funds requested in the amount of \$2,446 to meet the programming requirements of Region V.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve and enter into an Interlocal Agreement of Amended and Restated Agreement for the Formation of the Region V Community Human Services Program and APACE. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 46)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve and enter into an Interlocal Agreement of Amended and Restate Agreement for the Formation of the Region V Community Human Services Program and Region V Systems. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 47)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the funding for Region V per NE State Statue 71-808 at the amount of \$15,713.00 and to approve additional requested funding in the amount of \$2,446.00. Motion seconded by Campbell. 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. Currently there are 17 inmates being held at the Jail.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the quote in the amount of \$33,046.00 from IAO Electric, LLC of Hiawatha, KS for the generator improvements at the Law Enforcement Center that were discussed at last week's meeting. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. Quotes from other vendors were requested but never received.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the monthly service charge with the State of NE Office of the CIO of \$150.00 to maintain recordings of radio communications for the Richardson County Sheriff's Department. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

The Board continued the discussion of the matter with the FEMA designated areas of floodplain, flood fringes and floodways in Richardson County and flood insurance program requirements with Mr. Kirkendall and County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel. A review of a draft letter to be sent to landowners affected by the floodway areas was done and further changes will be made and reviewed again at next week's meeting before being approved for mailing.

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EMA DIRECTOR (Cont.)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the purchase of a 2025 Ford F150 STX from Hullman's Ford-Lincoln of Falls City for the purchase price of \$46,623.00 less a \$1,250.00 rebate for a final price of \$45,373.00. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. Other quotes received and considered were from the State of NE contract prices, Armbruster Motor Company and others from Hullman's Ford and are on file at the Office of the Richardson County Clerk for public inspection during regular business hours.

ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Karas to approve and adopt Resolution 2024-2025-39 certifying that the STOP sign funding agreement with the NE Department of Transportation has been completed by the Richardson County Department of Roads. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 48)

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-40 authorizing the Chairman to sign the Environmental Services Agreement BK2264 Supplemental Agreement #2 with Felsburg, Holt & Ulevig for the Stella SW Project BRO-7074(26). Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 49)

Motion was made by Karas to enter into the contract with Van Dorn Valley Construction, LLC for the Falls City SW pipe replacement project located between S20 and S29, T1, R16. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 50)

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Notice from NAPE AFSCME Local 61

The Board received notice from NAPE AFSCME Local 61 that the grievance filed by Bryan Dettmann, Wyatt Martin and Ronald Ramer that was denied by the County Board of Commissioners has been submitted to the County Board to proceed with Step 3 of the grievance process to be presented to the County Grievance Board.

Engagement Letter Special Legal Counsel

Motion was made by Caverzagie to enter into an engagement letter with Woods & Aitken, Jerry Pigsley, Attorney, to represent the County with a Road Department Union Grievance that has been submitted to the Grievance Board (2 representatives from the County, 2 representatives from the Union and 1 mutually agreed upon member). Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Appoint Members to Grievance Board

Motion was made by Campbell to appoint Commissioner Karas and Commissioner Caverzagie to the grievance board for the road department contract and submit a listing of names to be considered by the Union to serve as the 5th mutually agreed upon person. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Tax & Equalization Review Commission

Notice was received from the NE Tax Equalization & Review Commission that no adjustment of any class or subclass of real property in Richardson County is required by law.

Tax Assessment Rolls

Notice was received from the Richardson County Assessor that the tax assessment rolls has been completed for tax year 2025.

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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

Best Buy, supp	151.41
Bryan Physician Network, serv	552.00
BuckIT, supp	3300.00
Clerk of District Court, fees	548.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	150.00
Electronic Contracting Co., serv	75416.53
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, serv	3733.50
JV24-4	
Holiday Inn Express, lodg	220.00
Hy-Vee, supp	508.17
KS Haug, serv	900.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	526.21
OPPD, serv	33.08
Physicians Laboratory, serv	600.00
Postmaster, supp	168.00
Quill, supp	2025.40
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	149.91
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	234.00
SumnerOne, serv	164.00
Weaver & Merz, serv	1160.75
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$90,540.96

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	83.44
Blue Valley Door Co., supp	1465.75
Capital City Concepts, serv	3000.00
Cornhusker International Trucks, supp	177.25
Farm & City Supply, supp	1011.22
Hamm, rock	12884.96
Jim Hill's, serv	415.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	10166.68
Metal Culverts, supp	24716.72
Midwest Infrastructure, supp	19895.32
Miller Seed, supp	2956.00
Norris Quarries, rock	807.58
NPPD, supp	65.26
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	93.42
Sapp Bros., fuel	4921.16
Unifirst, supp	39.75
Woods & Aitken, serv	10440.75
Work Zone, supp	1762.00
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$94,902.26

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, May 28, 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