

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 11, 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, June 11, 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 May 28, 2025, meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to amend the agenda to include an executive session with Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. at the end of the meeting agenda and to approve the remaining 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.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director, presented to the Board the revised Local Emergency Operations Plan for Richardson County as approved by the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. The revisions to the plan included basic revisions to the wording on the provided templates.

Motion was made by Campbell to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-41 approving the revised Richardson County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 52)

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

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

Jan Wilhelm, Mayor of the City of Humboldt requested to meet with the Board to review how county roads work. The road in question particularly that passes by the Humboldt Airport was discussed.

OPEN SEALED BIDS FOR MOWING BROME HAY

At 9:30 a.m., Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the opening of sealed bids for the mowing of brome hay located at the Law Enforcement Center. One bid was received from Frederick Bros., Falls City for \$25.00.

Motion was made by Campbell to accept the bid from Frederick Bros., Falls City for \$25.00. Motion was seconded by Caverzagie. 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 12 inmates being held at the Jail. He reported that Deputy Aitken had hit a deer with his patrol unit on June 5.

The Board also reviewed with Sheriff Hardesty wage increases that he is requesting for the staff at the Law Enforcement Center for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, thru June 30, 2026.

The current Humboldt Law Enforcement Agreement was also discussed, and a report was given by Sheriff Hardesty and Commissioner Karas on the meeting they attended with the Humboldt City Council regarding the renewal of the agreement. The renewal agreement will be drafted and submitted to the Humboldt City Council for approval.

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KRAIG COONCE

Kraig Coonce of Rulo met with the Board to request approval to establish a cemetery plot on a parcel of real estate that he owns. This parcel is located in the Village of Rulo and is described as Block 38, Lots 3 & 4, 7 & 8 of Rulo Bedard Addition.

No action was taken at this time as more information is needed. A request was made that Mr. Coonce submit a formal request to the County Board with the contact person he has reviewed this with at the State of Nebraska so that the County Board and the County Attorney could review this matter with them also.

PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND BUDGET

At 10:15 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for a public hearing to be held for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed additional budget of expenditures of \$256,518.12 that will be needed in FY2024-2025 to meet the expenses that will be incurred in the Capital Acquisitions Budget within the General Fund for the electrical improvement project at the Law Enforcement Center that was funded through a NACO lease purchase.

No one from the public appeared at the hearing to speak.

Chairman Caverzagie declared the public hearing closed at 10:18 a.m.

RESOLUTION 2024-2025-42 ADOPT AMENDED BUDGET

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-42 to amend the FY2024-2025 budget to increase the General Fund revenue and expenditures as presented during the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 53)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:20 a.m. with Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. and County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel to discuss personnel matters and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual(s). Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to close the executive session at 11:16 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. The motion was 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 May, 2025:

Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court	\$ 978.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 227.50
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$16,543.00

Monthly Operating Statement

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

Subdivision

Motion was made by Karas to approve a subdivision for Dorothy A. Merwin, Rodney T. and Marjorie Merwin; Ronna M. and William Simpson; and Roland D and Diane L. Merwin; located in Section 31, Township 3 and Range 14 and to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-43. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 54)

Falls City Area Jaycees Special Designated Liquor License

Motion was made by Karas to approve the special designated liquor licenses for the upcoming events sponsored by the Falls City Area Jaycees at the Jaycees Community Field located south of Falls City: 1) Tractor Pull on July 11, 2025, and 2) Demolition Derby on August 23, 2025. Motion seconded by Campbell. 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 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

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv	188.48
Amazon, supp	433.33
Ameriflex, fee	70.00
Ankrom, Jami	182.00
Bailey, Stacey, reimb	324.80
Benchmark Government Solutions, serv	762.20
BuckIT, serv	5605.46
Campbell, Bob, reimb	355.60
CMC, serv	5000.00
Comfort Inn, lodg	134.95
Culligan, serv	194.80
DAS State Accounting, serv	702.10
Donahue & Sisco, serv	427.50
JV25-5	
Eickhoff, Mary, reimb	366.98
F&M Bank, supp	52.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	301.44
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	6442.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	510.29
Frontier Bank, pmt	28790.84
Hardenberger, Clayton, fee	20.00
Harmon, Leland, serv	25.00
Hillyard, supp	567.06
Humboldt Standard, adv	40.00
Jensen, Marianne, reimb	193.49
Karas, Rick, reimb	309.40
KexRx, supp	820.04
Koch's Auto Service, serv	1952.75
LaQuinta Inn, lodg	134.95
Ligouri, Angelo, serv	1225.96
JV25-3, JV25-4, JV25-6, JV25-7	
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1425.77

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GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Malcolm, Terry, serv	50.00
Meyer Home Center, serv	434.00
Meyer Laboratory, supp	290.45
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
Midwest Radar & Equipment, supp	440.00
MIS, serv	110.00
NACO, fees	2027.52
NE Assoc. of County Attorneys, reg	550.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, serv	425.00
ODP Business Solutions, supp	206.80
Office Depot, supp	469.99
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	940.61
Pitney Bowes, supp	2037.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	161.00
Quill, supp	659.18
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	100.76
Richardson County Court, fees	863.54
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	914.00
Richardson County Mutual Aid, serv	284.97
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	235.32
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	596.61
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	28308.21
Sapp Bros., fuel	10712.87
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	554.00
Scott, Pamela, reimb	725.20
SNC, serv	1980.32
Spartan Nash, supp	72.92
SumnerOne, serv	195.00
Unifirst, serv	74.66
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1142.25
Wheeler, Janece, reimb	20.00
Payroll Expense	140898.78
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$254,158.15

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan, serv	40.00
Diversified Drug Testing, serv	110.00
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	344.38
Hamm, rock	5241.45
Koch Auto Service, supp	16414.60
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	17879.64
Murphy Tractor & Equipment, supp	5200.00
Myers Tire Supply, supp	143.59
NPPD, serv	32.63
Norris Quarries, rock	8532.66
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	105.71
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	64.07
Powerplan, supp	1507.46
Quill, supp	101.75
Richardson County Register of Deeds, fee	44.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	8341.25
SNC, serv	108.53
Tifco Industries, supp	103.96
Truck Center Companies, supp	3734.12

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ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)

Unifirst, supp	47.56
Verdon, Village of, serv	33.52
Payroll Expense	33542.05
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$101,718.93

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

SNC, serv	167.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$167.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, June 18, 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

Stacey Bailey, Deputy County Clerk