

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 18, 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, June 18, 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 June 11, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, 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.

ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

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

A discussion was held on rock hauling and placement on county roads and the amount of rock that the County purchases. Mr. Darveau presented to the Board information on the amount of rock that is placed on county roads within each precinct and the costs that are involved. This report included the total amount for 2024 and the amount from January 1, 2025, through May 31, 2025, for comparison. He reported to the Board that the Department keeps this record, and it is updated monthly.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. Currently there are 14 inmates being held at the Jail. The Sheriff presented the funds that have been received for the sale of surplus property on the GovDeals website which totaled \$6,018.57. Donations are also being received for the Drug Dog program and the golf tournament that is being planned for June 28, 2025, which to this date are \$1,450.00.

Discussion was held on plans to replace two patrol units in the next year's budget.

The Public Service Commission hearing held this past week resulted in the application for the County to be an approved Secondary PSAP has been submitted to the Attorney General for an opinion.

The Sheriff also requested that the proposed salary increases presented be approved and to become effective July 1, 2025. The increases are proposed as follows: 2% increase for deputies/sergeants; office assistant from \$23.00/hour to \$25.00/hour (8%); dispatchers to increase to a range of \$20.00/hour to \$23.00/hour from a top of \$21.00/hour; dispatch supervisor from \$23.00/hour to \$25.00/hour; communications director from \$25.50/hour to \$27.00/hour; jail supervisor from \$22.44/hour to \$24.00/hour; jail shift supervisor at \$23.00/hour; jailers at a range of \$19.00/hour to \$22.00/hour from \$20.00/hour. The Board took no action at this time.

FALLS CITY EDGE

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of the Falls City Economic Development & Growth Enterprise presented to the Board a request for continued funding to the organization from Richardson County and a renewal agreement. The renewal agreement includes a change only for the payment dates to February 28 and August 31 and the duration of the agreement is August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2028, with a contribution from Richardson County of \$15,000.00/year.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the renewal agreement as presented with Falls City Economic Development & Growth Enterprise. Motion second by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, page 55)

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BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director informed the Board that the department has determined that they have 2 ipads that shall be considered as surplus property and are requesting authorization to advertise these for sale on the social media sites. The advertisement will be for 2 weeks and will be sold to the highest bidder at the close.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to authorize the Emergency Management Agency to sell 2 ipads which have been determined to be surplus on the social media sites to the highest bidder. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE

James Kirkendall, Asst. Veterans Service Officer presented to the Board the nomination(s) that were received for the appointment to the Veterans Service Committee for the next term July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the appointment of Richard Malcolm to the Veterans Service Committee for a term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The Board also extended their thanks to Fred Sikora who has served on the committee the past 5 years.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Pledge Security Receipt

Motion was made by Campbell to approve a pledge security receipt #JC93054C from F&M Bank to replace pledge security receipt #JC93066B. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Southeast Nebraska Development District

A request was received from the Southeast Nebraska Development District for the continued funding of the organization for the next fiscal year 2025-2026. The annual report was also submitted for review.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the FY25-26 membership dues of \$6,019.00 and the FY25-26 housing dues of \$615.00. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Recognition of County Officials and Employees Policy

Motion was made by Karas to approve changes to the policy for county employee recognition expenses (reception expense to \$150, plaque or token for certificate of service to \$150 and certificates of achievement to \$100) and to consider a resolution to formalize the change at next week's meeting. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Joint Public Hearing Postcards

Motion was made by Karas to designate Multi-County Information & Programming Services (MIPS) to print the postcard notices in 2025 for the joint public hearing if needed. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Grievance Board Determination

The County received the findings and decision on grievance that was presented to the Grievance Board at a hearing held on June 9. The Board found that the employees, Bryan Dettman, Wyatt Martin and Ronald Ramer were correctly denied civil leave according to the

agreement detailed in Richardson County exhibit 1 that was presented at the hearing, and the County is not required to return any vacation or paid-time-off used on March 24, 2025.

Fee Reports

Reports were reviewed and approved for Sheriff Hardesty for fees collected during the following months: August, 2024--\$10,440.77; September, 2024--\$7,765.69; October, 2024--\$8,396.60; November, 2024--\$6,412.52; December, 2024--\$4,206.93; January, 2025--\$3,463.60; February, 2025--\$4,605.65; March, 2025--\$6,256.89; April, 2025--\$7,946.22; May, 2025--\$4,431.16.

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

AT&T, serv	1011.32
Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimb	209.30
Caverzagie, John, reimb	331.10
Courtyard by Marriott, lodg	278.00
Crowne Plaza, lodg	869.70
DAS State Accounting, serv	507.50
Falls City Mercantile, supp	249.85
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Volunteer Ambulance, serv	640.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	5190.50
JV22-38, JV23-37, JV23-38, JV21-20, JV21-19, JV24-18, JV24-17, JV24-19, JV24-4, CR24-561 K. Buis, CR25-29 T. Rogers, CR25-23 T. Rogers	
Farm & City Supply, supp	541.99
Haug Communications, supp	591.00
Hy-Vee, supp	20.03
Jim Hill's, supp	12.50
Justice Data Solutions, serv	5900.00
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	275.80
Lexipol, serv	586.20
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	1032.00
Midwest Auto Fire Sprinkler, serv	495.00
MIPS, serv	4362.70
Morehead, Amanda, reimb	49.70
NE State Fire Marshall, serv	72.00
OPPD, serv	33.09
Petersen Reporting, serv	493.85
Postmaster, supp	1079.20
Quill, supp	521.97
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Register of Deeds, fee	166.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	114.93
Riggs, Kim, reimb	159.60
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	279.00
SumnerOne, serv	20.08
Sunset Law Enforcement, supp	2473.90
Uline, supp	1352.55
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$30,078.24

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	46.28
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	618.21
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	484.47
Hamm, rock	429.21
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	19158.37
NPPD, serv	65.26
Norris Quarries, rock	14140.87
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	208.98
Tri-State Truck & Tractor Repair, serv	51.45
Vollmer, Julie, reimb	442.77
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$35,685.87

LATCF FUNDS

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv	24788.00
TOTAL LATCF FUNDS	\$24,788.00

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS

CPC, serv	2315.64
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS	\$2,315.64

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, June 25, 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