

# **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **JUNE 25, 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 25, 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 18, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting from June 18, 2025. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Safety Committee Meeting on June 18, 2025. Motion seconded by Karas. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://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. He reported that he will be holding interviews for 2 positions to be filled in the Department and advertising to fill a vacancy for the office administrator.

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement center this week. Currently there are 9 inmates being held at the Jail. He reported that there are still some issues with the air conditioning not cooling certain areas of the Law Enforcement Center and it is being addressed.

A grant to compensate for overtime accrued by deputies for traffic speed enforcement during the period of July 14 through July 31 has been applied for through the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

Sheriff Hardesty reported that a deputy has been hired to fill a vacancy. The Board also reviewed further the requested proposed salary increases effective July 1, 2025, for the department staff with no action taken at this time. The Board indicated that they would continue the review of the request and finalize the decision after the budget has been reviewed.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the purchase of 2 patrol units, 2025 Ford Explorer police interceptors with selected options from Hullman's Ford Linc of Falls City from the state bid contract #16076 OC at a price of \$46,904 each. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **DISTRICT 1 CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER**

Melanie Stormer, District 1 Chief Probation Officer reported to the Board statistical information on the probation office in Richardson County along with the proposed budget for the Nebraska State Probation District 1. Richardson County's portion of the costs for District 1 probation is \$10,666.68, a reduction of \$969.66 from the prior year.

### **SCOTT MILLER, MILLER-FARRELL INSURANCE**

Scott Miller and Steve Simon representing Miller-Farrell Insurance Agency presented to the Board the county general liability, work comp, auto, property, error & omission, umbrella, etc. insurance changes and renewal premium information to the Board for the period of July 1,

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MILLER-FARREL INSURANCE

2025 through June 30, 2026.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to accept the insurance changes and renewal premium for the coverage period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, with Miller-Farrell Insurance at a total of \$336,441.25, an increase of the prior year of 5%. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER KARAS**

Commissioner Karas requested this time to review the current wages of the staff in the County Treasurer’s Office. County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey was also in attendance for this meeting and requested that the Board consider an increase for the support staff in the County Treasurer’s office to keep in line with other departments and other job opportunities in the area.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Recognition of County Officials and Employees Policy**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-45 regarding changes approved to the policy for recognition of County Officials and Employees from 2007 as follows: reception expense to \$150, plaque or token for certificate of service to \$150 and certificates of achievement to \$100. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 56)

**Overspent Budgets**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-46 regarding the overspent budgets and unencumbered funds during fiscal year 2024-2025, in which the Humboldt Law Enforcement Agrmnt was overspent by \$31,809.60. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 57)

**Agenda Request Form**

Motion was made by Campbell to approve a form and adopt a policy regarding the request for items to be placed on the County Board meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**Other**

Funds were received from the Department of the Interior for U.S. Entitlement Lands in the amount of \$1,425.00.

**CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Campbell 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**

159 Lumber, supp	351.66
Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv	52.61
Amazon, supp	427.95
Clerk of District Court, fees	643.00
Consolidated Management, serv	20881.00

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Culligan, serv	162.40
DAS State Accounting, serv	702.10
Dept. of Correctional Services, serv	1834.56
Douglas County Sheriff's Office, serv	23.65
Falls City Mercantile, supp	141.08
Farm & City Supply, supp	254.09
Hullman's Ford, serv	481.56
Humboldt Standard, adv	173.00
Hy-Vee, supp	440.50
Jensen, Marianne, reimb	5.35
Koch's Auto, serv	1085.52
Ligouri, Angelo, serv	2220.60
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1423.61
Mary's Appliance, supp	994.00
Medica, ins	55929.78
Miller-Farrell, ins	150.00
Miller-Monroe, fee	40.00
NE Dept of Health & Human Services, serv	93.00
Nemaha County Hospital, serv	4624.50
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9166.66
Nolte, Sean, reimb	20.00
Nussbaum, Emily, reimb	131.88
Petersen Reporting, serv	423.30
Physicians Laboratory, serv	11600.00
Plattsmouth Dept. of EMS, serv	150.00
Postmaster, supp	847.20
Psychological Resources, serv	150.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	519.93
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	23427.84
Road & Bridge Fund, tax	276924.84
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	279.00
St. Joseph Plumbing & Heating, serv	1574.24
Summit Fire Protection, serv	2070.00
UNL, reimb	5078.84
Wolfe's Printing, supp	1001.84
Payroll Expense	111994.63
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$538,495.72</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Agco Finance, supp	218.70
Blue Valley Door Co., supp	30251.25
County Treasurer, transfer	300000.00
Grainger, supp	884.40
Hamm, rock	1827.70
Jim Hawk Truck Trailer, supp	37.64
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	23941.53
NPPD, serv	75.92
NMC, supp	1102.35
Norris Quarries, rock	3882.19
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	182.29
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Safety-Kleen Systems, supp	424.87
Sapp Bros., fuel	5842.13
Truck Center Companies, supp	3598.11
Unifirst, supp	55.37
Woods & Aitken, serv	7183.45

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

ROAD & BRIDE FUND (Cont.)

Payroll Expense	35029.04
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$414,561.94</b>

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv	1200.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv/reimb	1400.06
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,600.06</b>

ARPA FUND

Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire,etc	6.66
Payroll Expense	46.24
<b>TOTAL ARPA FUND</b>	<b>\$52.90</b>

LATCF FUND

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv	232.39
Kustom Signals, supp	2742.62
<b>TOTAL LATCF FUND</b>	<b>\$2,975.01</b>

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 2, 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