

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JULY 2, 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, July 2, 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 25, 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 Board of Equalization minutes from June 25, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the 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.

COUNTY TREASURER

Rachel Jean, Deputy County Treasurer presented to the Board the request to close out the American Rescue Plan Act Fund (ARPA) special bank account with all remaining interest that has accrued on these funds to be transferred into the County General Fund. The closeout of the Local Assistance Tribal Contingency Fund (LATCF) was also discussed.

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-1 in reference to closing out the ARPA Fund Account 2580 and the LATCF 2585. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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. An update was given on the current projects being completed and those that will be starting in the next few weeks. Commissioner Campbell reported on a project the Road Department completed in the Preston area and a compliment was received from the landowner on the cooperation that was given by the Highway Superintendent and the Road Department crew.

Mr. Darveau also reported that he has contacted someone from Beatrice who will be servicing the Road Dept. to meet the requirements for CDL instruction and certification.

Gayle Swisegood requested to meet with the Board regarding the County's driveway access policy. The policy that was adopted on June 12, 2018, was reviewed and Mr. Swisegood's questions were answered.

Bill Ely requested to meet with the Board regarding the condition of the county roads past his residence and surrounding area. Mr. Ely indicated that more rock needs to be placed on the county roads and that the budget should allow more funds for rock.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty was unable to meet with the Board this week.

QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION

The Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection and found the facility to be in good order. A leak from the roof was discovered this past weekend after the recent rainfall and a contractor informed the County that the roof had received hail damage that needs to be addressed.

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Fee Reports

Reports were reviewed and approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of June, 2025:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 122.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$10685.75
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court	\$ 682.00

Monthly Operating Statement

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

EPC Agreement

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve and enter into an agreement with Region V Systems for Emergency Protective Custody Services from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at a cost of \$214.00/day. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 59)

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Campbell 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

Bennett, Pam, serv	100.00
BuckIT, serv	7005.46
Culligan, serv	22.40
Datashield Corp., serv	148.75
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	334.66
F&M Bank, pmt	46625.30
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	5501.71
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	3465.00
<small>CR25-49 T. Beccard, CR25-40 K. Buis, CR25-10 B. Ramirez, CR25-29 T. Rogers</small>	
Farm & City Supply, supp	76.08
Federal Signal Corp, serv	5720.00
Fritz, Kerry, reimb	75.60
Gravatt, Jere, serv	100.00
Handley, Dylan, serv	600.00
Karas, Rick, reimb	327.04
Mellage, Mary, serv	100.00
Miller Farrell Ins., ins	186469.75
MIPS, serv	3565.86
MIS, serv	110.00
Nemaha County, reimb	5606.64
Petersen Reporting, serv	760.75
Richardson County Court, fees	660.10
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	590.00
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	279.00
SE NE Development District, dues	6634.00
SumnerOne, serv	44.32

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)

Unifirst, serv	74.66
Verizon, serv	215.91
Wolfe's Printing, supp	40.46
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$275,253.45

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Hamm, rock	2257.10
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	16721.14
Miller Farrell Ins., ins	149971.50
Norris Quarries, rock	3815.04
OPPD, serv	168.79
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	158.22
Sapp Bros., fuel	19593.54
Schendel Pest Control, serv	250.00
SNC, serv	105.12
Truck Center Companies, serv	1869.15
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$194,909.60

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	324.92
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND	\$324.92

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

County Treasurer, contribution	9937.93
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$9,937.93

JAIL BOND REPAY FUND

BOK Financial Corp., pmt	293838.75
TOTAL JAIL BOND REPAY FUND	\$293,838.75

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 9, 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