

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 16, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice-Chairman Karas at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas and Campbell. Commissioner Caverzagie was absent. The Invocation was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Vice-Chairman Karas announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the Board of Equalization minutes from July 9, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. 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-absent. 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.

COUNTY TREASURER, AMANDA BARTEK-RAMSEY

County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey presented to the Board the Distress Warrant Collections for 2023 taxes. Two warrants were issued totaling \$180.59 and were collected in full by the Sheriff.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. It was reported that 16 inmates are currently being held in the jail.

The Sheriff presented to the Board a report that the 2023 tax distress warrants have been collected and the total collected was \$270.71 (warrant total \$180.59 + interest of \$13.92 + service fee of \$36.00 + mileage fee of \$40.20).

Information was also presented to the Board quotes for the purchase of equipment needed for placement in the new patrol vehicles. Discussion was also held regarding the purchase of a 2025 Dodge Charger patrol unit.

Motion was made by Campbell to move forward to purchase a new 2023 Dodge Charger AWD black V6 from ESU Pursuits of Edwardsville, KS for \$37,900.00. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve a purchase order for the equipment to be placed in the 2023 Dodge Charger from 911 Customs for \$6,120.27. Motion seconded by Karas. Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve a purchase order for the equipment to be installed in one 2025 Ford Police Interceptor from 911 Customs in the amount of \$7,400.00. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

TOM BLISS, SE NE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Tom Bliss, Executive Director of the Southeast Nebraska Development District presented to the Board the activity currently being done in Richardson County by SENDD. He also introduced the staff person, Brittany McCullough who has been working with the cities and villages within Richardson County.

Mr. Bliss explained to the Board that grant funding is possible for the purchase of 1st responder radios and possible equipment.

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A discussion was also held on updating the Richardson County Comprehensive Plan and proposed zoning regulations. He informed the Board that the University of Nebraska-Lincoln would offer assistance for this project through students who participate in these courses at UNL which could benefit the County with some costs savings. He also explained that there might be some grant funding available to assist with these updates, although this funding has been reduced in the past year.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Subdivision

Motion was made by Karas to approve a subdivision for David L. Keithley located in S29, T3, R16 and to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-2. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 60)

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. 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	1991.26
Amazon, supp	97.97
Clerk of District Court, fees	287.00
Community Medical Center, serv	5000.00
DAS State Accounting, fee	357.50
Farm & City Supply, supp	207.52
First Wireless Inc, serv	886.17
Haug Communications, supp	278.75
Heartland Public Safety Equipment, supp	1604.41
IAO Electric, LLC, serv	16523.00
Kirkendall, James, reimb	50.00
Meyer Laboratory Inc, supp	299.90
Mid-States Organized Crime Info, dues	100.00
NE UC Fund, tax	9352.44
NSA/POAN, fees	400.00
ODP Business Solutions, LLC, supp	34.27
OPPD, serv	33.11
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	80.00
Pitney Bowes, supp	186.54
Quill, supp	25.91
Radiology Associates, serv	168.00
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Region V Systems, dues	4168.50
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	124.58
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	396.00
SumnerOne, serv	266.13
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$43,036.84

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	46.23
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ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Cont.)

Farm & City Supply, supp	331.33
NMC, supp	4068.72
NPPD, serv	65.26
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	30.85
Sapp Bros., fuel	5957.70
Unifirst, serv	39.75
Verdon, Village of, serv	31.76
Woods & Aitken LLP, fees	9101.90
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$19,673.50

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS

Combined Public Communications, serv	2557.77
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS	\$2,557.77

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 23, 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.

Rick Karas, Vice-Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk