

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JULY 30, 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, July 30, 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 July 23, 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 minutes from the Board of Equalization meeting of July 23, 2025, as presented. 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

KRAIG COONCE

Kraig Coonce of Rulo made a request to the Board for a real estate tax exemption on lots 3 & 4 in Block 38 of Rulo Bedard Addition located in the Village of Rulo for the purpose of establishing a private cemetery, parcel ID#740095420.

County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel was also in attendance at this time and suggested that this matter should also be reviewed by the Board of Trustees in the Village of Rulo and Mr. Koonce would most likely need to form a cemetery association.

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.

Request was made that the County Board approve the rehire of 2 prior Road Department employees. Motion was made by Caverzagie to acknowledge the re-hire of Joel Schawang and approve the re-hire of Matt Bletscher. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the future plans to address ditch cleaning and clearing out tubes located under county roads. Mr. Darveau recommended that the County contract for the completion of larger projects to be done on county roads and bridges.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. Currently there are 20 inmates being held at the Jail.

Motion was made by Campbell to rescind the motion to purchase the new 2023 Dodge Ram Charger from ESU Pursuit approved at the July 23, 2025, meeting. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director presented to the Board the 2025 Emergency Management Program Funding grant application and requested that the Board approve the application to be submitted to the NE Emergency Management Agency.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the application for EMPG funding for the FY2025-2026 in the amount of \$48,583.59 to be submitted to the NE Emergency Management Agency. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A discussion was also held regarding the Nebraska Regional Interoperable Network,

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NRIN which is located on the water tower in the Village of Stella. The Village is requesting that the County pay a portion of the electrical costs to maintain this system on the tower. Motion was made by Karas to approve the costs to maintain the NRIN system on the water tower in the Village of Stella which is approximately \$600/year. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT WITH MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS, INC.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve and enter into an agreement with Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc. to update the Richardson County Comprehensive Plan and the proposed zoning regulations at a total cost of \$47,600 to be completed within 14-18 months. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Resolution 2025-2026-3 Richardson County FSA (Flexible Savings Account) Plan

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the Richardson County Flexible Savings Account (FSA) Plan and Document, amended and restated January 1, 2025, and to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-3. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page)

Notice of New National Opioids Settlement for the Purdue Direct Settlement

Motion was made by Caverzagie to acknowledge the Notice of New National Opioids Settlement for the Purdue Direct Settlement and agree to the participation in the settlement which has been executed by County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, the authorized agent for Richardson County (October 26, 2021) to receive funding from the OPIOID Recovery Fund settlement agreements. Motion seconded by Karas. 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

East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv	326.17
Falls City Journal, adv	481.64
Physicians Laboratory, serv	3350.00
Quill, supp	311.77
Region V Systems, serv	428.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	85.49
Rieschick Drilling, serv	315.00
Riggs, Kim, reimb	158.20
SumnerOne, serv	76.47
Unifirst, serv	74.66
Verizon, serv	199.85
Visual Edge IT, serv	487.30
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$6,294.55

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ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Martin Marietta Materials, rock	28258.39
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$28,258.39

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 6, 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