

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **AUGUST 13, 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, August 13, 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 August 6, 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 August 6, 2025, Board of Equalization meeting 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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.richardsoncountyne.gov](http://www.richardsoncountyne.gov).

#### **COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

Kaytlyn Kennedy, Extension Educator reviewed with the Board the FY2025-2026 proposed budget for the Cooperative Extension Service in Richardson County.

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges the past week. A discussion was held on the road conditions due to the recent rainfall in the past weeks. The Board also reviewed the proposed FY25-26 budget for the road department with Mr. Darveau.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that there are currently 18 inmates being held at the Jail. The Sheriff's Department was awarded a NE Dept. of Transportation grant "Drive Sober--Get Pulled Over" which will reimburse Richardson County for overtime that is incurred by the county's law enforcement officers during August 16 through September 3. He also once again reported that the NE Jail Standards will be conducting the annual jail inspection on August 19.

The Board also continued the review of the FY25-26 proposed budgets for the Law Enforcement Center.

#### **ROB TICHY, COUNTY SURVEYOR**

Rob Tichy, County Surveyor reviewed the FY25-26 proposed budget with the Board.

#### **REVIEW OF FLOODWAY/FLOODPLAIN AREA**

##### **Application for Floodplain Variance**

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director, presented to the Board an application for a floodplain variance which was reviewed by the Board. The applicant is required to include a "no-rise certificate" which was not included with the application. No action was taken on this application. County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel was also available for this review.

A continued discussion was held regarding the ordinance of the floodway and possible changes that could be made to alleviate some of the current restrictions.

In researching the requirements to be met for any construction in a floodway in the neighboring state of Missouri, it was discovered that building in a floodway in Missouri is

permitted with certain guidelines as their state regulations and laws are written to allow it. Lance Braun from the Office of Nebraska District 1 State Senator, Bob Holstrom, was in attendance at this time and made note that their office will research the possibility of introducing legislation to change Nebraska’s regulations.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Monthly Operating Statement**

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

**Liquor License Amendment**

Motion was made by Karas to approve an amendment to the TumbleReeds, LLC liquor license to include additional outdoor seating to include existing concrete patio and large grassy area which includes a surrounding fence. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. TumbleReeds, LLC dba TumbleReed Mercantile is located at 65225 720 Road, Shubert.

**Other**

A representative from NextEra Energy Resources, Stephen B. Chase introduced himself to the Board along with two others and informed the Board that NextEra Energy Resources are reviewing certain areas within the County regarding possible development for a solar project.

**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**

Airstream, serv	285.00
Ameriflex, fee	70.00
Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimb	32.50
Benchmark Government Solutions, serv	537.45
Brite, supp	12359.76
Charm-Tex, supp	447.20
County Treasurer, tax	2027.42
Culligan, serv	60.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	702.10
Donahue & Sisco, serv	539.00
CR25-152 E. Shubert, CR25-249 K. Frederick, CR25-250 C. McNeely	
Falls City Mercantile, supp	248.45
Farm & City Supply, supp	70.54
Frederick, Keia, reimb	186.10
Galls, supp	276.93
Humboldt Standard, adv	109.00
KexRx, supp	1495.67
Koch’s Auto Service, serv	3763.76
Kollasch Law Office, serv	3311.00
CR25-64 C. Ochoa, CR25-65 C. Ochoa	
Marvin Planning Consultants, serv	1500.00
Merz Ink, supp	62.96
Meyer Laboratory, supp	112.00
NE Department of Revenue, tax	6.81
ODP Business Solutions, supp	250.98
Physicians Laboratory Services, serv	3456.00

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Platter, Paul, serv	300.00
Positive Concepts, supp	450.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	177.00
Quill, supp	280.92
Region V Systems, serv	4539.78
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	1069.03
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	439.94
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	1573.00
Simpson, Krystal, reimb	159.60
SNC, serv	872.19
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$41,841.97</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Falls City Utility Dept., serv	431.72
Hamm, rock	2332.70
Harmon's, serv	360.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	11497.29
Norris Quarries, rock	6737.95
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	545.78
Salem, Village of, serv	22.00
Stateline Propane, supp	750.00
Tri State Truck & Tractor, supp	18.66
Verdon, Village of, serv	32.64
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$22,728.74</b>

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Schawang Masonry, serv	4250.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$4,250.00</b>

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv	1390.98
SNC, serv	167.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$1,557.98</b>

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 20, 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