

## **RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **AUGUST 20, 2025**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 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 13, 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 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 & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges the past week. Discussion was held on the proposed FY25-26 budget and future projects to be done.

Mr. Darveau and Commissioner Karas also reported that a demonstration was held using the County's "road groomer" and a tractor being considered for purchase by the County to make certain that it would be compatible to pull this equipment which it was found to be.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported there are 18 inmates being held at the Jail today. Staffing issues in the dispatch, jail and deputies was also discussed with the announcement that an employee in the dispatch center has left employment. The idea of hiring an experienced part-time employee for the dispatch was discussed which would help to fill the shifts until the vacancy is filled.

A discussion was held regarding a verbal proposal that was received from Airstream to inspect the Law Enforcement facility every three months to ascertain that the plumbing, heating and cooling units are operating correctly at a quote of \$300/quarter. Motion was made by Campbell to consider a written proposal for this service with Airstream to inspect the plumbing, heating and cooling units throughout the Law Enforcement Center on a quarterly basis to ascertain that operations are in good working order. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Sheriff will notify Airstream to provide a written contract for this service to be considered at a future meeting.

It was reported that General Fire & Safety has completed the project that was approved at the February 5, 2025, to install a clean agent fire suppression system in the server room at the Law Enforcement Center has completed the project.

Sheriff Hardesty also reported that the Nebraska Jail Standards conducted the annual state jail inspection yesterday, August 19. The final report will be received by the County at a later date.

#### **SAMANTHA SCHEITEL, COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Motion was made by Karas to authorize the County Attorney to sign the Amendment to the NE Dept. of Health & Human Services agreement for child support enforcement. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### **Group of Concerned Citizens regarding Richardson County Roads**

Mike Rogge and Tim Rist requested this agenda item to be placed on the County Board meeting agenda with Neal Kanel and Ben Steffen making the initial presentation to the Board on

the concerns that the citizens in the rural area of Richardson County have regarding the current conditions of the county roads.

Others who requested to address and speak at this meeting were Craig Ely, Moose Bletscher, Bill Ely, Judy Handley, Roger Glathar, ~~Jim Farwell~~, Cindy Foster, Colton Vollan, Carol Glathar.

CORRECTED: Sept 3, 2025 minutes to Tom Farwell

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau explained to the group the problems with a project located on 637 Avenue between 712 and 713 Road which is northwest of Dawson, and that the situation on this project is being corrected.

County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel assisted the Board with facilitating the session.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Transfer of Funds**

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-5 to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$200,000. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 64)

**Other**

Funds were received from the National Opioids Settlement Trust for \$4,551.31; National Opioids Trust Allergan for \$1,292.89 and National Opioids Trust Kroger for \$950.42 which will have been deposited with the County Treasurer into the Opioid Settlement Fund.

Senator Bob Holstrom from Nebraska Legislative District 1 was in attendance for today’s County Board meeting.

**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-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**

AT&T, serv	1092.60
Community Medical Center, serv	7659.26
Consolidated Management Company, serv	10568.25
Culligan, serv	187.20
Falls City Journal, sub	110.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	111.76
Farm Supply, supp	18.56
First Concord, fees	502.50
Hullman’s Ford, vehicles	93800.00
Kawres, supp	150.00
KS HCI Haug Communications, serv	4920.00
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1431.63
NE Dept. of Revenue, fee	715.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9166.66
OPPD, serv	33.11
O’Reilly Automotive, supp	399.70
Postmaster, supp	168.00
Quill, supp	30.59
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash Acct., reimb	682.30
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24537.60
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	383.49

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Sapp Bros., serv	10309.13
Southeast Safety for Kids, serv	100.00
SumnerOne, serv	239.07
Wolfe’s Printing, supp	20.78
Payroll Expense	115155.64
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$282,540.83</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	46.91
Falls City Journal, adv	44.97
Farm & City Supply, supp	255.42
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	41249.89
NPPD, serv	98.89
Norris Quarries, rock	12392.23
Unifirst, serv	23.48
Payroll Expense	36616.67
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$90,728.46</b>

DRUG COURT FUND

Seth Hawkins, serv	1300.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1300.00
<b>TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

County Treasurer, transfer	200000.00
<b>TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$200,000.00</b>

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

Charm-Tex	185.90
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS</b>	<b>185.90</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 27, 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.

<hr/> John J. Caverzagie, Chairman	<hr/> Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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