

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST 27, 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 27, 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 20, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Campbell 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.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges the past week.

Mr. Darveau presented for consideration by the Board information on a pull type mulcher made by Capital Industries which would help with breaking down the grass in wind rows along county roads.

Commissioner Karas expressed at this time that the County Board appreciated everyone that appeared at the meeting last week to voice their concerns with the conditions of the county roads. Items that were mentioned during that meeting have been and are being addressed.

Commissioner Campbell inquired on the status of the repairs/replacement of the garage doors at the County Shop and several specific road condition problems that need addressed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported there are currently 22 inmates being held at the Jail which includes inmates being held from other counties.

An accident that occurred on 656 Road which is located within the Sac & Fox Reservation area was discussed. Commissioner Campbell stated that he had received a phone call from a landowner expressing that some of the debris from the accident was left in county road right-of-way. This led into a discussion of the activity within the Reservation areas being the responsibility of the County Sheriff's Department or the Tribal Police. The Board requested that the Sheriff meet with the tribal police departments to review the areas of responsibility for the continued safety and protection of the public.

REVIEW FY25-26 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Board reviewed the proposed FY2025-2026 budget.

Motion was made by Karas to advertise the public budget hearing for Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to advertise the public hearing to change the tax levy from the prior year for Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 10:15 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

SENCA Report

Sherry Huddleston, Falls City Outreach Office presented to the Board a activity report of the agency from October, 2024 through July, 2025.

National Opioids Secondary

County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey informed the Board that Richardson County will participate in the National Opioids Secondary Manufacturers Settlements.

Annual Inventory Reports

The Board reviewed and approved the annual inventory reports for the following: County Board members, County Clerk-Register of Deeds-Election Commissioner, Clerk of District Court, County Treasurer, County Judge, County Sheriff, County Assessor, County Attorney, County Surveyor, Emergency Management Agency, Noxious Weed Dept., Road and Bridge Department, Veterans Service Officer, Extension Educator, Probation Office and Courthouse Maintenance. An inventory report of the County Owned Real Estate was also reviewed and approved.

Update On Courthouse and Law Enforcement Roof

The Board reviewed some areas that are needed to be addressed with the upper part of the Courthouse (penthouse) which may be causing some water damage to occur inside the building. Commissioner Campbell will be working to get this matter resolved.

The Board also reviewed insurance information received regarding damage to the roof at the law enforcement center during a hailstorm that occurred earlier this year. Commissioner Campbell will be inquiring on the options to repair this damage with different specialized contractors in this type of roofing.

Other

Motion was made by Caverzagie to appoint Talon Anderson, representing the County Roads Department to the County Safety Committee to fill the vacancy that occurred when Wyatt Martin resigned from Richardson County Road Department. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the sale of surplus office furniture and equipment through social media sites to the highest bidders. Motion seconded by Campbell. 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 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

Benchmark Govt Solutions, serv	191.85
Community Medical Center, serv	5000.00
CVSOAN, reg	60.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	1209.60
Falls City Mercantile, supp	111.78
Family Medicine, serv	420.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	4.17
Frederick, Keia, reimb	15.00
Homolka, Morgan, serv	209.00
Jim Hills, serv	700.00
Kirkendall, James, class	400.00
NACO, reg	255.00
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	59.76
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	177.00
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	72.10

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

SumnerOne, serv	120.32
Unifirst, serv	82.18
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$9,087.76

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Martin Marietta Materials, rock	55985.68
Midwest Petroleum Equipment, supp	490.50
NMC, supp	11668.92
Norris Quarries, rock	3227.69
NPPD, serv	81.01
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	95.84
Rulo, Village of, serv	30.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	9637.04
Unifirst, supp	41.25
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$81,257.93

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, September 3, 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