

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 24, 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, September 24, 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.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campvelli-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made Karas 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. The recent heavy rains and the current road conditions resulting from the rains were discussed.

Mr. Darveau reported that the new loader is to be delivered sometime this week and that a contractor is reviewing the condition of the roof of the main shop at the Falls City County yard to determine the cost for repair and/or replacement. Discussion was also held on the future sale of surplus equipment and the repairs being made to equipment this week.

Preparations are being made to develop building specifications to replace the maintainer garage located in Verdon so that a bid letting can be scheduled in the next few months. Plans are also being developed to advertise for sealed bids for the resurfacing on the dustless highway north and east of Falls City next year.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that there are currently 20 inmates being housed and with one additional to be brought in today. The third patrol unit that was approved for purchase on the 1st of August should be delivered in early November. He also reported that the 2021 patrol unit that needed engine repairs or replacement will just be repaired. The radio system in the dispatch incurred some problems through the early morning hours today and since has been remedied.

The department will also be holding an interview with an applicant to fill a deputy position who holds a certification from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Academy. Other staffing matters were also reviewed.

CHRIS MEEKS, OPPD

Chris Meeks, Government & Community Relations Strategist-Public Affairs representative with OPPD requested to meet with the Board to present an update on the projects currently being done by OPPD.

COUNTY ATTORNEY, SAMANTHA SCHEITEL

County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel requested to delay the consideration of a resolution to approve the County Attorney to do divorce cases with their private practice until next week.

The Board did review with her at this time further the matter of emergency calls to the Sheriff's Department that are on either the Sac & Fox Nation of Kansas and Nebraska or the Iowa Tribe of Kansas & Nebraska. The Board has requested that the legal counsel for the tribes be contacted to arrange a meeting to review this matter and possibly develop a Memorandum of

Understanding to provide proper coverage for emergency calls on the reservation areas. The question is whether the tribal police are required to respond to all calls and/or if the County Sheriff has authority to respond to calls and/or to issue citations, etc. The County Attorney has reached out to the tribal legal counsel and will follow-up to possibly get this meeting arranged in the near future.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Historical Societies Funding

Motion was made by Karas to approve the annual funding for the following historical societies in Richardson County: Richardson County Historical Society at \$10,000; Quad-County Historical Society at \$5,000; Pennsylvania Colony Historical Society of Nebraska at \$5,000. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement Roof

Quotes are still being obtained for the repair and/or replacement of the roof at the Law Enforcement Center.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Caverzagie to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Karas. 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	
Amazon Capital Services, supp	30.03
Cooper, Sandy, fees	20.00
Creamer, Ashley, fees	113.64
DAS State Acctg., fees	150.00
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Farm & Home Publishers, supp	727.50
Futurity IT, Inc., subs	1500.00
Gage County Treasurer, fees	10666.68
Godemann, Bethany, dues	5.00
Horner, Peggy, fees	98.54
Kawres, supp	132.00
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	434.77
Lenard Heating & Cooling, serv	180.00
Lippold, Mary Jo, fees	68.70
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	697.00
NACO, reg	75.00
NE Health & Human Services, fees	93.00
PIP Marketing Signs, supp	791.39
Quill LLC, supp	484.33
Region V Systems, fees	4539.78
RC EMA Petty Cash Acct., reimb	78.00
RC Sheriff Petty Cash Acct., reimb	838.57
Riggs, Kim, reimb	457.80
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	954.00
Simpson, Kirsten, fees	44.36
Sumnerone, serv	19.97
Ultra-Chem Inc., supp	195.87
Unifirst, serv	82.18
Woods & Aitken LLP, serv	355.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$23,873.11

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Bahr Welding LLC, serv	80.00
FC Sanitation, serv	40.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	40762.90
Midwest Petroleum Equipment, serv	1475.86
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	141.18
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	7572.79
Operation & Expense Acct., reimb	462.12
Quill LLC, supp	84.06
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, serv	1870.49
Woods & Aitken LLP, serv	10517.85
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$63,007.25

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Pennsylvania Colony Hist. Society, funding	5000.00
Quad County Hist. Society, funding	5000.00
Richardson County Hist. Society, funding	10000.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$20,000.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk’s Office.

John Caverzagie, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk