

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 1, 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, October 1, 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 Karas to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made 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.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. The rock quarry at DuBois reported to the County that the clean rock supply is currently depleted. Mr. Darveau reported on equipment repairs and that all equipment is currently up and going and also reviewed with the Board future equipment purchases. Equipment is also being prepared for the upcoming winter weather.

The plans to correct the problem with a structure on 637 Avenue between 712 and 713 Road located NW of Dawson have been received and the work should begin in the near future.

Quotes have also been received for the repairs to the roof on the shop at the Falls City yard. A quote was received from Skyline of Roca, NE in the amount of \$58,975.00 and also from Lanter SPS Roofing Systems, Hiawatha, KS in the amount of \$18,100.00.

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 18 inmates being housed and with one additional to be brought in today.

It was reported that the Sheriff's Department responded to an accident on the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska Reservation area this past week and that an unsuccessful attempt was made to contact the tribal police department regarding this accident.

The installation of an additional generator at the Law Enforcement Center will be done in the near future and should be completed within 2 days. There may be some electrical disruption at the Law Enforcement Center while the installation is being done.

Motion was made by Karas to go into an executive session at 9:50 a.m. with Sheriff Hardesty and Clerk Eickhoff to discuss an incident and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to close the executive session at 10:10 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Cambell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

SAMANTHA SCHEITEL, COUNTY ATTORNEY

Samantha Scheitel, County Attorney, presented to the Board a resolution for consideration regarding the approval for attorneys within the Office of the County Attorney to perform divorce cases. Mrs. Scheitel explained to the Board that the County Attorney would not be performing the divorce cases but that other attorneys within the County Attorney's Office would be allowed to do these.

Motion was made by Karas to adopt a resolution, 2024-2025-10 regarding the attorneys within the Office of the Richardson County Attorney to perform divorce cases. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 70)

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Karas to go into an executive session at 10:49 a.m. with special legal counsel, Jerry Pigsley, to review pending litigation and for the protection of public interest. Motion seconded by Caverzagie-aye. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 11:30 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for September, 2025.

Law Enforcement Roof

Quotes have been received for the repair and/or replacement of the roof at the Law Enforcement Roof and were reviewed today. Quotes received were from the following: Roof Technologies, LLC, Rossville, KS for \$170,000; Midwest Homes & Restoration, Mound City, MO for \$146,749.47; Wissmann Enterprises, Inc., Milford, NE for \$56,245.00; KGDM Enterprises, LLC, Rock Port, MO for \$165,242.00. All quotes received are available for public inspection at the Office of the County Clerk during regular business hours. Commissioner Campbell will be reviewing quotes from 2 different contractors, Midwest Homes & Restoration and Skyline for consideration at next week’s meeting.

QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION

The Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection and found the facility to be in good order.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims that were 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 Heating & Cooling, serv	548.69
AT&T, serv	1206.85
Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimb	300.75
Benchmark Government Solutions, supp	160.30
CMC, serv	5000.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	702.10
Datashield, serv	107.50
Department of Correctional Services, serv	3567.13
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	266.74
Electronic Contracting Company, serv	923.13
Falls City Mercantile, supp	352.50
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	6861.51
Jim Hill’s, serv	1580.00
Kawre’s, supp	645.00
Koch’s Auto Service, serv	126.22
Kollasch Law Office, serv	1452.00
Lynn Peavey Company, supp	90.40
Meyer Laboratory, supp	369.90

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Miller-Monroe, ins	761.00
MIPS, serv	3565.86
Nemaha County, reimb	6391.43
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	65.97
Peterson Reporting, serv	676.05
Professional Forms & Supplies, supp	218.53
Radiology Associates, serv	332.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	282.98
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	522.46
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	29204.07
Sapp Bros., fuel	5486.67
SumnerOne, serv	181.05
TK Elevator, serv	416.76
Verizon, serv	622.24
Visual Edge, serv	241.15
Wolfe's Printing, supp	115.48
Payroll Expense	134838.19
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$208,222.61

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Farmers Repair, supp	191.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	51755.71
NE Snow Equipment, supp	2540.58
Norris Quarries, rock	8629.84
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	142.27
OPPD, serv	88.97
Quill, supp	135.99
Rulo, Village of, serv	30.00
Safety-Kleen, supp	426.57
Sapp Bros., fuel	14018.89
TCA Outdoor Power, supp	2077.92
Unifirst, supp	63.84
Payroll Expense	36140.74
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$116,242.32

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	324.92
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND	\$324.92

DRUG COURT FUND

Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, reimb	200.83
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$200.83

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made Karas to adjourn the meeting at 12:03 p.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, October 8, 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