RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 22, 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 22, 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 of the October 15, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-abstain. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes from the Board of Equalization meeting of October 15, 2025 as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-abstain. Motion carried.

A motion was made by 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.

FC ECONOMIC & DEVELOPMENT GROWTH ENT.

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of the Falls City Economic & Development Growth Enterprise, EDGE, presented to the Board the activity that is happening this past quarter and also presented the quarterly financial report of the organization.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. He reported that a small shed that had deteriorated at the Barada County garage was torn down and that motor graders are working on the roads. He mentioned that there have been some safety concerns with the high wind gusts the past few days and the problem with road dust and expressed that everyone use caution when traveling the rural gravel roads when dry conditions make for increased dust. Discussion was also held on the equipment that has deemed to be surplus and that a list is being made to advertise this equipment with Big Iron auction.

The quotes received for the purchase of a motor grader at last week's meeting were reviewed further.

Motion was made by Campbell to purchase through the Sourcewell state and local purchasing contract a 2026 John Deere Motor Grader 672P 6WD for $368,500.00 from Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. of Lincoln, NE. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Darveau also informed the Board that Armbruster Motor Co. had submitted a revision to their quote received with an adjustment to the price from $56,950 to $55,900 on a new 2026 Chevrolet Silverao 2500HD pickup.

After reviewing further the bids that were presented at last week's meeting, a motion was made by Campbell to purchase the 2026 Chevrolet Silverado F2500HD pickup from Armbruster Motor Co. for $55,900. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported there were 13 inmates currently being held. It was announced that Chief Deputy Sheriff, Jeremiah Franks has resigned from his position effective November 2, 2025. Other staffing changes that have occurred were also reviewed.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the re-hire of a former employee, Brody Mendenhall, who will be employed in the dispatch area at the Law Enforcement Center. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion caried.

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COUNTY TREASURER

Motion was made by Karas to approve the replacement of a pledge security receipt from F&M Bank, receipt #JC93042 for receipt #JC94843C. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

PAM SCOTT, CLERK OF DIST COURT

Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court informed the Board that an amendment to the grant agreement for the child support enforcement costs associated with the Clerk of District Court has been received. The grant number is 93.563, Award Information Order Number 84063 Y3.

County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel also received an amendment to the grant agreement for the child support enforcement costs associated with the County Attorney's Office. The Award Information Order Number is 84115 Y3.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Reports were approved for Sheriff Hardesty for fees collected during the following months: June, 2025 for $4,963.31; July, 2025 for $15,873.42; August, 2025 for $9,107.46; September, 2025 for $9,944.71.

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

BuckIT, serv	375.00
Comfort Inn, lodg	388.80
Crowne Plaza, lodg	899.70
Culligan, serv	22.40
DAS State Accounting, serv	150.00
Eickhoff, Mary L., reimb	212.20
Falls City Journal, adv	948.55
Farm & City Supply, supp	129.94
First Concord, fees	532.50
Frederick, Keia, reimb	38.82
Hunzeker, Greg, serv	600.00
Hy-Vee, supp	65.53
IAO Electric, serv	385.00
Jean, Rachel, reimb	32.50
Johnson County Sheriff, serv	18.00
Ligouri, Angelo, serv	242.00
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1559.15
Medica, ins	60403.15
Morehead, Amanda, reimb	350.57
Nestor & Mercure, reimb	600.00
Olawolafe Law Firm, serv	2479.00
OPPD, serv	33.10
Quill, supp	39.77
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	1116.00
Unifirst, serv	82.18
Weaver & Merz, reimb	1142.24
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	**$72,846.10**

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Circle K Door, serv	200.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	52615.33
NPPD, serv	97.89
Norris Quarries, rock	5571.41
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	70.00
Unifirst, supp	41.25
Woods & Aitken, serv	8538.60
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	**$67,134.48**

ROAD SINKING FUND

Murphy Tractor & Equipment, loader	210500.00
TOTAL ROAD SINKING FUND	**$210,500.00**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, October 29, 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.

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John Caverzagie, Chairman Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk