

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DECEMBER 3, 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, December 3, 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 November 26, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A 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.**

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. The Board requested a report on the amount of rock that has been put on county roads in the different districts within the County since January 1, 2025. An update was given on the snow removal that was done in the County during the past weekend storm. Equipment purchases were also discussed.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. There are 12 inmates currently being held in the Jail. The Department is still waiting for approval of the grant application for "Drive Sober-Get Pulled Over" from the NE Dept. of Transportation which would be held December 12 thru January 1.

Some items of maintenance at the Law Enforcement Center were reviewed. Sheriff Hardesty reported that the pump on the grease pit has quit working but is under warranty so is being replaced by Airstream. He also reported that the City of Falls City is replacing the water meter and he will be requesting that representatives from Airstream be on site when this is replaced to assure that everything is in working order after the installation.

Repairs to the jail cell shower areas have been reviewed with the NE Jail Standards and they have verbally approved the plans to put a liner on the shower area to help eliminate water damages to the stall frame. Plans were also mentioned that the generator is to be installed on Monday at the Law Enforcement Center.

He once again reminded the Board that the department staff will be holding the "Stuff the Cruiser" event to collect toys and gifts for the Christmas holiday for SENCA and this will be held on Saturday, December 6 at the Dollar General Stores in Humboldt and Falls City and at Farm & City Supply in Falls City.

A brief discussion was held concerning patrol vehicle maintenance.

**CHAD BUHL, GEORGIA POULTRY EQUIPMENT CO.**

Chad Buhl of the Georgia Poultry Equipment Co. and Corey Vandenberg requested to meet with the Board regarding the proposed construction of a poultry production facility to be located near Dawson.

They relayed to the Board their plans for the transportation of feed and poultry to and from the facility and what routes they would like to use. Steve Darveau, Highway Superintendent, was also in attendance and will review the requested route(s) and notify them and the Board of his recommendation.

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## **ELECTED OFFICIAL'S SALARY for NEW TERM OF OFFICE 2027-2031**

The Board held a discussion period with the current elected officials to review the NACO Salary Survey and Study.

Persons in attendance at this session were also given an opportunity to speak regarding this matter.

The County Board shall adopt a Resolution to set the salary of elected officials as per Nebraska Constitution, Article III, Section 19, for the new term of office that begins January 7, 2027, through January 8, 2031, by January 15, 2026, as per Nebraska Revised State Statute §23-1114.

## **SE NE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Whitney Lanning, of the SE NE Development District met with the Board to review revisions to the current Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to Join Southeast Nebraska Development District. The changes would allow for the organization to acquire, own and sell real estate which would be significant with the housing development program that the organization assists local communities with. The Board will consider this interlocal agreement at next week's meeting.

Ms. Lanning also informed the Board that SENDD will be working with Senator Fischer's office regarding the communities' request for earmark/allocation requests from Federal funds. The staff is currently working on countywide radio interoperability allocation requests.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 11:15 a.m. to discuss possible litigation and for the protection of the public interest with County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel, Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director and County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 11:50 a.m. and to return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### **Consider Action for Violations of Regulations of Resolution**

#### **Regarding Zoning Overlay District Floodplain Management Ordinance 60.3(d) effective October 7, 2021**

County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel expressed to the Board that while the resolution regarding zoning overlay district floodplain management ordinance 60.3(d) which became effective October 7, 2021, provides an amount allowable for a fine when violations are determined, it's unclear how successful prosecution of any violation would be.

The Board will be considering changes to the current resolution and will hold a public hearing to receive input from the public on the proposed changes.

### **Set Public Hearing Date for Resolution Regarding Zoning Overlay District Floodplain**

#### **Management Ordinance 60.3(d) effective October 7, 2021**

Motion was made by Campbell to set the public hearing date to receive input from the public on the proposed changes to the Resolution regarding zoning overlay district floodplain management ordinance 60.3(d) effective October 7, 2021, to be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## **LIVE STREAMING of County Board Meetings**

Commissioner Campbell has been approached by citizens to have the County Board meetings available on a live stream. The IT person for Richardson County, Joe Buckminster, has been contacted to determine if this could be achieved within the Commissioner Meeting Room as space is limited.

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Fee Reports

The Board approved the following reports from officials for fees collected during the month of November, 2025:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 87.50
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$20,607.11
Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court	\$ 651.00

Transfer of Funds

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-16 to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$200,000 as per FY25-26 budget document. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 77)

Cancel Checks

Motion was made by Campbell to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-17 to cancel checks issued in error. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 78)

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	715.93
Amazon, supp	54.15
At-Scene LLC, subs	7087.50
BuckIT, serv	7186.14
Comfort Inn-Kearney, fees	132.05
Community Medical Center, serv	10821.40
Culligan, serv	60.00
DAS State Acctg., fees	702.10
Dept Correctional Svcs, serv	3902.28
East Richardson RWD #2, serv	334.66
Falls City Journal, ads	466.86
Falls City Mercantile, supp	111.78
Falls City Utilities, serv	6117.84
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, fees	5271.00
CR25-49 T. Beccard, CR25-62 Z. Creamer, CR25-92 C. Dodson, CR25-91 S. Mackey, CR25-93 S. Mackey, CR23-87 R. Paxson, CR25-78 R. Paxson, CI12-62 L. Hollander, CR25-333 I. Rowland, JV22-38, JV25-26, JV23-20, JV21-19, JV24-18, JV24-17, JV24-19, JV24-4, JV25-42	
Farm & City Supply, supp	217.15
Frontier Bank, pymnt	28337.06
Galls Inc., supp	489.53
Handley, Dylan L., fees	80.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv	904.99
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	515.51
Malcolm, Terry DDS, serv	280.00

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Marvin Planning Consultants, fees	2140.00
Medica, ins	57112.44
Merz Ink, supp	62.96
Meyer Laboratory Inc., supp	233.35
Microfilm Imaging Services, serv	110.00
Midwest Special Services, serv	862.10
MIPS Inc., serv	3774.70
ODP Business Solutions, supp	1013.55
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	80.00
Petersen Reporting, fees	466.10
Postmaster, supp	1232.40
Richardson County Court, fees	837.82
RC EMA Petty Cash Acct., reimb	271.87
RC Sheriff Petty Cash Acctg., reimb	560.34
Sapp Bros., fuel	5520.96
SNC, serv	826.14
SumnerOne, serv	337.09
UNL-AEM Business Center, fees	5007.36
Verizon Wireless, serv	239.92
Visual Edge IT, Inc., serv	235.90
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$154,712.93</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan, serv	22.40
Darveau, Steve, serv	500.00
Harmon’s OK Tire, serv	80.00
Herzog Contracting Corp., serv	1220.34
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	33665.53
Miller Farrell Insurance, fees	882.00
Omaha Public Power District, serv	93.18
Sapp Bros., fuel	15695.91
Schmidt, Josh, fees	5193.76
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$57,353.12</b>

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION FUND

MIPS Inc., serv	324.92
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS PRESERVE FUND</b>	<b>\$324.92</b>

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

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

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

Snc., SERV	167.00
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$167.00</b>

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 p.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, December 10, 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

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk