

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 10, 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 10, 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 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.

COUNTY TREASURER

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a pledge security receipt from F&M Bank, receipt #JC94843F to replace receipt #JC93020C. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. He reported that the newly hired employees are continuing training to obtain their CDL licenses, that rock hauling is being done to those areas that are needing rock.

A discussion was held regarding the quality of rock that is currently being obtained from the different quarries. Commissioner Campbell provided samples and Mr. Darveau provided a sample of the crusher run from the DuBois quarry. A notice was received from Martin Marietta informing the County that there will be a price increase of 7% at all locations effective January 1, 2026.

The motor grader districts are being changed to allow for better efficiency in getting the roads graded in a more-timely manner.

Mr. Darveau also informed the Board that he is working with a local contractor to assist in making the plans for the Verdon shop replacement. These plans will be available at a later date so that the project can be let out for bids.

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 received notification that the County has been awarded the funds from the grant "Drive Sober-Get Pulled Over" from the NE Dept. of Transportation which will be held December 12 thru January 1.

The Law Enforcement staff have done some repairs to the shower area of a cell to determine if this repair will eliminate a problem with the shower fixtures. It was also reported that the new generator had been installed on Monday and that the new pump for the grease pit is expected to arrive soon and be replaced.

The Sheriff met with the Falls City Chief of Police and a representative from "Comeback Era" a substance abuse and recovery program. This program is a federally funded program to assist persons in recovering from substance abuse and/or from mental health conditions. This program will be reviewed further when more information is received.

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BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director, met with the Board to present the Letter of Agreement with Cooper Nuclear Station to receive funds for maintaining a radiological response plan.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the Letter of Agreement with Nebraska Public Power District, Cooper Nuclear Station for Richardson County to receive funds for maintaining radiological response plan procedures. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, page 81)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the salary increase effective January 1, 2026, for EMA Specialists I (storm spotters) from \$13.50/hour to \$15.50/hour and for EMA Specialists II (EOC Training/Radiological/storm spotters) from \$14.00 to \$17.00. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Kirkendall also updated the Board on the situation within the City of Humboldt regarding the boil water requirement. The City should be made aware in the next few days whether the water supply is now in the safe mode. Mr. Kirkendall and the County Board of Commissioners also want to publicly thank Clint Sailors, general manager at the Dollar Fresh store in Falls City and Hy-Vee for the cooperation in obtaining and helping with the delivery of the large quantity of bottled water that has been supplied to the residents of the City of Humboldt during this time.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the November, 2025 monthly operating statement.

SE NE Development District

Motion was made by Campbell to enter into an interlocal agreement with SE NE Development District which will now allow SENDD to acquire and dispose of property. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, page 80)

Sub-Division

Motion by Caverzagie to approve a sub-division for Robert L. Beckett and Sandra K Beckett, Trustees of the Robert L. Beckett and Sandra K. Beckett Trust located in S11, T3N, R14E, .66 acres and to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-18. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 79)

Mid-Continental Restoration Co.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve a quote received from Mid-Continental Restoration Co., Inc. to make repairs to masonry on the 4th floor north elevation area of the Courthouse and removing the bars over the windows and seal all joints for a price of \$42,455.00. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

Ameriflex, fee	70.00
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	20.88
Culligan of Percival, supp	94.80
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
First Concord, fees	540.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	53.96
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	78.19
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
Quill, supp	142.50
Region 5 Systems, fees	4539.78
RC EMA Petty Cash Acct., reimb	100.00
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	26519.42
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	853.00
SE District Assessor Association, dues	75.00
SNC, serv	1066.93
Payroll Expense	121066.02
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$155,290.48

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Capital Business Systems, serv	110.92
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	46.00
Eggers Bros., supp	1878.59
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	674.09
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	414.53
Jim Hill's, serv	60.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	13077.31
NPPD, serv	32.63
NE State Fire Marshal, serv	240.00
NMC, serv	145.65
Norris Quarries, rock	4511.27
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	229.42
Salem, Village of, serv	22.85
SNC, serv	103.38
Truck Center Companies, supp	1228.27
Unifirst, supp	15.06
Verdon, Village of, serv	32.64
Payroll Expense	35854.64
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$58,717.25

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Estate of Lanny Burr, reimb	20.29
Joseph P. & Margie E. Fleskoski Trust, reimb	6995.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$7,015.29

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will not meet on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, due to the annual conference of the Nebraska Association of County Officials that will be attended by the commissioners. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, December 24, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for the next regular weekly meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.