

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JANUARY 7, 2026

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, January 7, 2026. 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 December 31, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting from December 31, 2025, as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. 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 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website 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. Bid specifications for the resurfacing of the dustless highway northeast of Falls City and request from the Board to have an engineer do some core samples to determine the current condition of the road was approved. Mr. Darveau reported that all trucks are hauling rock.

Equipment maintenance and future purchases was also reviewed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. There are 17 inmates currently being held in the Jail.

Report of the "Drive Sober-Get Pulled Over" grant period from December 12, 2025 through January 1, 2026, statistics are as follows: 414 calls for service (265 traffic stops were conducted with 76 citations issued, 18 total arrests with 2 DUI arrests).

Sheriff Hardesty also presented a report on the annual statistics of 2025 for the department as follows: total bookings in the Jail were 393 (49 from other agencies, 39 out-of-county holds and 305 from the County Sheriff Dept.). A total of 21 search warrants were done by the Sheriff's Department. The total number of calls in 2025 was 8,688 with 3,522 being traffic stops. Included within the totals mentioned, the City of Humboldt had 1,044 (264 being traffic stops, 135 nuisances, 6 search warrants and 25 arrests.)

Fees collected during 2025 were also reported as being \$21,487.73 for service and mileage and \$51,360.41 collected for housing of prisoners from other agencies.

CONSIDER RESCHEDULE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Due to a publication error, the public hearing that was to be held today, January 7, 2026, regarding the proposed changes to the resolution regarding the zoning overlay district floodplain management ordinance 60.3(d) effective October 7, 2021, will be postponed to a later date.

DISCUSSION ON SALARY RESOLUTION FOR 2027-2031 TERM OF OFFICE

The Board held a discussion to review information to establish the resolution setting the salaries for the term of office, January 2027 through January 2031.

The County Board has requested that the County Attorney's office prepare the resolution to consider and approve at next week's meeting. The proposed salaries to be established for the 2027 to 2031 term of office for county elected officials are as follows: 2027 for the County Attorney--\$128,000; County Sheriff--\$104,000; County Commissioner--\$36,743.70; County Surveyor--\$17,282.00 and County Assessor, Clerk, Clerk of District Court and Treasurer--\$80,000. A 3.5% increase will be considered for 2028, 2029 and 2030.

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CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Memo of Understanding Security Cameras in Court

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve and enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Nebraska Supreme Court regarding the placement of security cameras in the County Court and District Court rooms. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 87)

Mileage Rate Reimbursement Resolution

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-22 regarding the rate of mileage reimbursement to county employees to be set at .725 cents per mile. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 86)

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for the month of December, 2025.

Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of December, 2025:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 419.46
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$19,102.00
Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court	\$ 860.00

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

Barada Hills Underground, serv	3500.00
BuckIt., serv	7186.14
Candlewood Suites, fees	874.65
Clerk of District Court, fees	251.00
Comfort Inn, fees	374.85
Culligan of Percival, serv	164.80
DAS State Acctg., fees	1009.30
Datashield Corporation, serv	102.00
Dept. Correctional Services, fees	3219.01
East Richardson RWD #2, serv	255.76
EForce, serv	3715.00
F&M Bank, fees	46625.31
Falls City Mercantile, supp	110.27
Falls City Sanitation, serv	120.00
Falls City Utilities, serv	7987.61
Fenix Industries, Inc., serv	540.48
Holiday Inn-Kearney, fees	374.85
Karas, Rick, reimb	677.32
Kawres, supp	195.00
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	291.20

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GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Marvin Planning Consultants, fees	1860.00
Medica, ins	61906.40
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
Miller Monroe, fees	40.00
MIPS, Inc., serv	3774.70
NE Association of Co. Assessor, dues	100.00
NE Association of Co. Treasurer, dues	75.00
NE Association of Weed Control, dues	125.00
ODP Business Solutions, supp	382.40
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., supp	217.70
Pitney Bowes, serv	186.54
Platter, Paul, serv	300.00
Pro Serv Business Systems, serv	313.10
Quill, supp	122.98
Richardson County, reimb	70.00
Richardson County Court, fees	942.16
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	64513.59
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	315.00
SNC, serv	1898.96
Spartan Nash, supp	64.45
SumnerOne, serv	292.85
TK Elevator, serv	416.76
VDO Communications, serv	577.97
W&D Auto Care, serv	69.88
Wolfe's Printing, supp	135.00
Payroll Expense	140127.94
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$356,542.93

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan, serv	22.40
Diversified Drug Testing, serv	129.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	998.39
Inland Truck Parts, supp	3128.14
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	571.14
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	25309.31
Metal Culverts, supp	11308.80
NE Dept. of Revenue, fees	1370.45
NPPD, serv	32.63
Norris Quarries, rock	391.16
Operation & Expense Account, serv	69.95
Quill, supp	51.94
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv	46.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	4254.85
Stateline Propane, serv	852.00
Truck Center Companies, supp	2845.43
Unifirst, serv	15.06
Payroll Expense	35827.06
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$87,223.71

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION FUND

MIPS, Inc., serv	324.92
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS PRESERVE FUND	\$324.92

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SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS

Southeast Nebraska Communications, serv	167.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS	\$167.00

JAIL BOND REPAYMENT FUND

BOK Financial Corp., pmt	7271.25
TOTAL JAIL BOND REPAYMENT FUND	\$7,271.25

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 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.

John Caverzagie, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk