

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**JANUARY 28, 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 28, 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 January 21, 2026, 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).

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. There are 15 inmates currently being held in the Jail. The department has applied for grant funds to obtain body cameras. A listing of vehicles that have been declared to be surplus will be included with the items from the Road Department and will be submitted to the Board for consideration to be offered for sale and included on an auction with Big Iron in the near future.

**SENCA**

Sherry Huddleston from the Falls City Outreach Office of SENCA offered to the Board an update on the activity and services being offered through this office.

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week.

**ONE & SIX YEAR ROAD PLAN PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication and declared that a public hearing be opened at 10:00 a.m. to present to the public the One & Six Year Highway Improvement Program for Richardson County.

No one appeared at the hearing to speak.

Chairman Caverzagie declared the public hearing closed at 10:12 a.m.

**Resolution Adopt 1 & 6 Year Road Plan**

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan as presented by Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. and Julie Vollmer, Road Dept. Foreman and to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-25. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 93)

**CONSIDER Contract with Marvin Planning Consultants**

A discussion was held regarding the contract the County has with Marvin Planning Consultants to compile information and prepare a Comprehensive Plan document for Richardson County. County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel was in attendance for this discussion.

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MARVIN PLANNING (Cont.)

The Board is considering moving forward with the contract to complete a comprehensive plan for Richardson County which will replace the current document that was completed 25 years ago. Commissioner Karas will be contacting the consultant to relay that the County at this time wants to complete the comprehensive plan, but the development of zoning regulations may be considered at a later time. This matter will be reviewed further at next week's meeting.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:52 a.m. with Jerry Pigsley, special legal counsel; County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel and County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff to discuss pending litigation and for the protection of the public interest. 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 11:40 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Campbell to authorize the special legal counsel to send out a settlement proposal to the Road Department union attorney and that a letter to be signed by the County Board of Commissioners will also be submitted to each of the Road Department Employees along with the settlement proposal regarding the CIR Case No. 1569. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

## QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION

The Board traveled to the Law Enforcement Center at approximately 11:45 a.m. and conducted the quarterly jail inspection where they found the facility to be in good order.

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

### City of Falls City Public Hearings Extremely Blighted Areas

The Board received notices from the City of Falls City regarding public hearings to be held on February 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. to declare 2 different areas within the City of Falls City that are currently declared as blighted and substandard, as "extremely blighted areas".

## 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

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv	10847.00
Amazon, supp	79.96
Apco International, dues	391.00
Consolidated Management Co., serv	12801.25
DAS State Accounting, serv	1316.49
Dept. of Correctional Services, serv	3646.17
Detectachem, supp	150.07
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	220.80
Falls City Journal, adv	292.51
Falls City Mercantile, supp	110.27

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv JV25-31, JV25-45, JV25-46, JV25-47, JV25-38, JV25-37, JV23-20, JV21-20, JV21-19, JV25-42, CR25-333 I. Rowland	3000.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	164.03
Handley Law Office, fees CR25-48 W. Beddow; CR25-54 W. Beddow; JV23-20	3305.00
Hy-Vee, supp	152.55
Kawre's, supp	116.50
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	117.45
Koch's Auto Service, serv	4723.57
KS Haug Communications, serv	115.00
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1451.26
Lynn Peavey, supp	19.88
Midwest Auto Fire Sprinkler, serv	495.00
Miller-Monroe, fee	80.00
NE Assoc. of County Clerks, dues	50.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	383.34
ODP Business Solutions, supp	171.42
OPPD, serv	33.08
Pitney Bowes, serv	1017.00
Postmaster, supp	183.00
Quill, supp	378.46
Radar Shop, serv	768.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	48.17
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	406.47
Riggs, Kim, reimb	89.97
Sapp Bros., fuel	155.97
SumnerOne, serv	61.16
Verizon, serv	239.92
911 Custom, supp	5338.91
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$52,920.63</b>

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	254.41
Blue Valley Door Co., Inc, serv	434.50
Diversified Safety & Compliance, serv	642.50
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	57592.59
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	134.07
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	16995.92
Operation & Expense, reimb	157.98
Rulo, Village of, serv	30.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	12112.85
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$88,354.82</b>

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv	2345.97
<b>TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND</b>	<b>\$2,345.97</b>

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 p.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, February 4, 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.

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John Caverzagie, Chairman

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Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk