

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**FEBRUARY 4, 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, February 4, 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 28, 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).

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

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

A listing of items that have been deemed to be surplus and/or obsolete was presented to the Board that will be offered for sale at the Big Iron auction to be held in the next few months. These items being offered for sale are:

1989 MACK dump truck	1985 CAT loader	1978 Linkbelt truck crane
Kewanee disc-plot	2006 Ford F350 pickup	2010 Dodge 1500 pickup
2005 Chev Silverado 3500 pickup		1978 Ford Tractor 5600
2004 homemade 18’ trailer	2006 Chev K1500 pickup	2016 Construction Trailer bottom dump
2013 Dodge 1500 pickup	2020 Ford F150 pickup	2020 Ford F150 pickup
2013 Dodge Grand van SXT	2022 Ford Explorer	5 used overhead shop doors
16’ dump box hydraulic tank	5’ plot seeder	hand hydraulic press
9”X24”X40” H beams		

Mr. Darveau is also working with the engineering firm on developing specifications for the mastic resurfacing on the 10.5 miles of the “dustless highway”.

Also presented to the Board was a breakdown of the costs that would be realized with contractor rock hauling vs. county road dept. hauling to a stock-pile in the County for the Board to review.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. There are 19 inmates that are booked-in with Richardson County and 17 of those are being held in house.

Maintenance items at the Jail were discussed. Commissioner Campbell will be meeting with the Sheriff to look at the items needing some attention.

The Department has been sorting and cleaning out items being stored in the storage building at the Law Enforcement Center. The Sheriff also asked the Board if there was a reason to continue to keep on the inventory the 2013 Dodge Grand Caravan as it hasn’t been used in quite a while. The Board approved adding this vehicle to the list of items to be sold on the Big Iron Auction in the next few months.

Sheriff Hardesty also informed the Board that he is considering a deputy candidate is being considered for hire but they reside in Nemaha County, Kansas and would not consider relocating to reside within Richardson County.

Training for software upgrades has been scheduled for staff in the next few weeks.

February 4, 2026

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Karas to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:00 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 Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 10:43 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**REVIEW OF CONTRACT WITH MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS**

Commissioner Karas reported on information that he received from Keith Marvin of Marvin Planning Consultants regarding the current contract that Richardson County has with the firm.

The firm will be doing the update and completion of the comprehensive plan for Richardson County. If the County does not want to pursue further with the zoning regulations, the contract will then be terminated after the comprehensive plan is completed.

County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel recommended that the contract be amended to define the County will cease the contract after the comprehensive plan is completed. She will be drafting a letter for the Board to consider notifying Marvin Planning Consultants of the Board’s intention to terminate after the comprehensive plan is completed.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**

**Fee Reports**

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of January, 2026:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	\$ 87.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds	\$13,824.34
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist. Court	\$ 580.00

**Monthly Operating Statement**

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for January, 2026.

**Review listing of surplus equipment**

A listing of items that have been deemed to be surplus and/or obsolete from the Courthouse offices was presented to the Board for approval to be sold, donated or discarded. The items will be offered once more on the social media “Swap and Talk” sites for sale and/or offered as a donation to non-profit organizations.

**Correspondence from NE Dept of Health & Human Services**

The Board has been reviewing correspondence from the NE Department of Health & Human Services regarding the office space they occupy in the lower level of the Courthouse. As per NE Revised State Statute 68-130, effective June 30, 2028, the county will no longer be responsible to maintain office and service facilities used for the administration of the NE Dept. of Health & Human Services.

A letter was sent by the County Board to the State of Nebraska stating that the office space would still be available for use by this department after June 30, 2028, but that the County would then require a rent or lease payment beginning July 1, 2028.

**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

Amazon, supp	209.99
Ankrom, Jami, reimb	218.40
Auditor of Public Accounts, serv	20000.00
BuckIT, serv	7186.14
Culligan; supp	150.00
Falls City Journal, adv	2319.34
Falls City Mercantile, supp	220.16
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	7741.11
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	726.00
CR25-92 C. Dodson, CR25-91 S. Mackey, CR25-93 S. Mackey	
Farm & City Supply, supp	118.98
Ligouri, Angelo, serv	1796.03
CR25-360 T. Clow	
Marvin Planning Consultants, serv	3430.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
MIPS Inc., serv	4008.83
Nemaha County NE Sheriff, serv	6.00
Priority Dispatch, serv	11000.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	177.00
Richardson County Court, fees	1110.12
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24785.60
Road & Bridge Fund, transfer	365511.73
Schendel Pest Control, serv	91.38
Stateline Propane, supp	100.00
Summit Fire Protection, serv	535.00
SumnerOne, serv	119.00
US Signal, serv	1016.40
Wolfe's Printing, supp	3.00
Payroll Expense	113630.97
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$566,351.18</b>

### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Capital City Concepts, serv	5000.00
Culligan, supp	33.60
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. 2, serv	46.00
EMC Insurance, ins	2500.00
Falls City Journal, adv	22.03
Martin-Marietta Materials, rock	1840.78
Norris Quarries, rock	1203.26
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	241.85
OPPD, serv	179.88
Stateline Propane Service, serv	511.20
Unifirst, supp	92.26
Woods & Aitken, serv	6127.97
Payroll Expense	35865.70
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$53,664.53</b>

### REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	324.92
<b>TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&amp;M FUND</b>	<b>\$324.92</b>

February 4, 2026  
CLAIMS (Cont.)

**VETERAN’S AID FUND**

County Veteran’s Aid Fund, transfer	540.00
<b>TOTAL VETERAN’S AID FUND</b>	<b>\$540.00</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, February 11, 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