

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 26, 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, February 26, 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.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Quarterly Safety Committee meeting of February 19, 2025, as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas 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.

EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director reviewed further with the Board and County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel the expenses involved with the maintenance and insurance of the outdoor warning sirens that are located within the corporate limits of the villages and cities in the County. An interlocal agreement will be drafted to present to the cities and villages to describe the maintenance costs and the provision for insurance coverage.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center and Jail the past few weeks.

An additional listing of items was presented to the Board that have been determined to be surplus and the Sheriff requested authorization to sell these items on a law enforcement supply auction site, GovDeals. Motion was made by Campbell to authorize the Sheriff to sell these additional surplus items on the auction site, GovDeals. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A proposal from Consolidated Correctional Foodservice of Des Moines, Iowa was presented to the Board for review to provide the inmate meals. If accepted, this quote would become effective on July 1, 2025.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. He reported on the work being done to complete the grant application for the U.S. Department of Transportation Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program. He also reported that the department will be purchasing a hydro seeder.

Work will begin next week on the bridge that is located on the entrance road to the County Road & Bridge Department in Falls City. The entrance road will be closed off until the bridge has been completed. Entrance to the Road and Bridge Department can be made during this time from W 14th Street.

COUNTY VISITOR COMMITTEE

Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court and the secretary of the County Visitor's Committee met with the Board regarding a proposed change to the current by-laws for the addition of 2 members to the Committee from 5 to 7 and whereas those 2 additional members would be representatives from the hotel industry within Richardson County.

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COUNTY VISITOR COMMITTEE (Cont.)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the change in the By-Laws of the Richardson County Visitors' Committee, Article IV Membership, Section 2 from 5 to 7 members of which 2 of these members shall be representatives from the hotel industry within Richardson County. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

FALLS CITY EDGE

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of Falls City EDGE and Anthony Nussbaum, Falls City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer met with the Board to review the Citroniq project.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Subdivision

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a subdivision for Towle Realty Company, A Nebraska Corporation, located in S23, T1, R16 and to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-32. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 37)

Subdivision

Motion by Karas to approve a subdivision for Janet Warrick McMullen, Trustee of the Janet Warrick McMullen Trust located in S16, T3, R15 and to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-33. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 38)

Veterans Service Officer

The Board received a letter from Mona Godemann informing the County that she would be retiring as the Richardson County Veterans Service Officer effective February 24, 2025. The letter stated: "I appreciate having had the opportunity to serve the Veterans of Richardson County (& others) who reside here and are so important to our community." Mona served in the office of the Veterans Service for the past 25 years, serving as the Veterans Service Officer for 11 years, since January 14, 2014.

Motion was made by Caverzagie with a heavy heart, to accept the letter from Mona Godemann, Veterans Service Officer informing the County Board that she has retired from her position effective Monday, February 24, 2025. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims 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

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| Charm-Tex, supp | 313.30 |
| Clerk of District Court, fees | 288.00 |
| DAS State Accounting, serv | 1059.62 |
| Falls City Journal, adv | 3549.01 |
| Falls City Sanitation, serv | 20.00 |
| Karas, Rick, reimb | 327.04 |
| Lynn Peavey Co., supp | 87.85 |
| Meyer Home Center, serv | 85.00 |

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

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| Ram Exterminators, serv | 48.00 |
| Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb | 125.65 |
| Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv | 390.00 |
| SumnerOne, serv | 76.00 |
| TOTAL GENERAL FUND | \$6,369.47 |

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

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| Farm & City Supply, supp | 961.76 |
| Lenard Heating & Cooling, serv | 2600.00 |
| Operation & Expense Account, reimb | 198.74 |
| Overhead Door Company, supp | 435.00 |
| NPPD, serv | 144.04 |
| Powerplan, supp | 8906.15 |
| Rulo, Village of, serv | 25.00 |
| TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND | \$13,270.69 |

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

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| CPC, serv | 687.05 |
| TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND | \$687.05 |

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

John J. Caverzagie, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk