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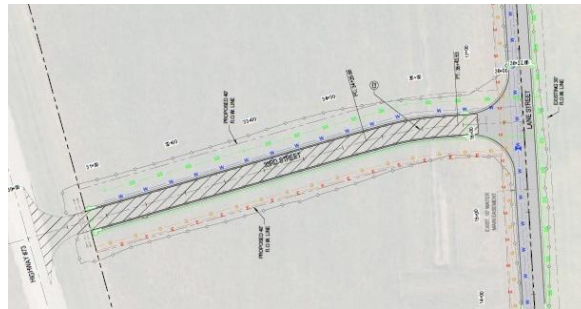
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30% Engineering Plans Completed for North Commercial Corridor

Utility Locations and Street Elevations Defined

Midwest Engineering, Inc., owned in-part by former Falls Citian Josh Keithley, completed utility and street plan concepts for the North Hwy 73 property. Municipal infrastructure locations for electrical, water, gas, and wastewater have been identified with installation costs estimated. Public utility easements along the future Lane Street right-of-way, partially defined in a property dedication dated July 11, 1986, are also included. This 30% engineering study is considered a sales tool to attract



developers interested in Falls City and installation of this infrastructure is not planned until a development partnership is established. The business district is zoned C-3 Highway Commercial.

[Click here or the picture above to see the 30% engineering design plans.](#)

House for Sale at 1612 Fulton St.

The 4-bed, 2-bath, 2-car garage house with 1,662 sq. ft. of finished living space is listed at \$345,000. Thank you to local sub-contractors Meyer Home Center, Jim Hill's, Hwy 159 Lumber, Froeschl Concrete Construction, and Scholl Lawn & Landscape for submitting competitive bids and supplying materials for the project.



[View the Listing Here](#)

Falls City Utilities Exploring Power Generation Opportunities

On September 4th, the Board of Public Works approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Nebraska Rural Generation, LLC to explore power generation opportunities in Falls City. Discussions are exploratory and do not include solar, wind, or coal. The MOU outlines a framework for discussions, and, to this point, does not include any financial obligations from the City of Falls City.

[MOU framework can be found on page 27 at this link](#)

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Nebraska Dept. of Transportation Outlines Richardson Co. Projects

Hwy 8 Bridge Replacements: At Salem and West 21st Street
Hwy Reconstruction: South Harlan and East 14th Street

Local officials were recently made aware of a few construction projects planned in Falls City and Salem. During discussions, NDOT officials acknowledged it may be beneficial to move one of the highway projects to the next season to avoid simultaneous closure of the Hwy 159/East 14th Street project and South Harlan/Hwy 73 project. We will work with NDOT officials to limit community inconvenience.

More info at [NDOT's 2026 Program Book.](#)



- 🌸 CN 13306, Salem & Falls City Bridges: Anticipated Letting Dec 2026
 - Replace Salem Bridge on Highway 8 by BNSF Railroad Crossing
 - Replace and Widen West 21st Street Bridge in Falls City by Richardson County Law Enforcement Center
- 🌸 CN 13475, In Falls City: Anticipated Letting Aug 2028
 - Remove and Reconstruct Harlan Street Pavement on Hwy 73 from 20th Street south to 7th Street.
- 🌸 CN 13466, Falls City to Rulo, Anticipated Letting Aug 2028
 - Mill and Resurface Roadway, Widen to 28', Culvert and Bridge Repair from mile marker 4.84 to mile marker 13.31.

Community Updates

- 🌸 The empty building at 1516 Stone St. that once served as the southern half of the Portillos Mexican Grill has a county court judgement in the amount of \$95,505.75 and may be difficult to bring back to productive use.
- 🌸 Attended the annual Governor's Summit in Kearney in August and Bio Innovations Midwest Conference in Omaha in September.
- 🌸 Proposals to identify Dual Rail options around Falls City have been submitted by engineering firms that specialize in rail design.
- 🌸 EDGE is exploring options for a new 3-Year Strategic Plan. The last plan was drafted in 2020 and designed as a 5-Year plan.
- 🌸 The Southeast Nebraska Land Bank is working to relocate the vacant trailer located at 1024 Barada Street.
- 🌸 The Land Bank has five residential lots available for development.