

The Roberts County Commissioners met in regular session with Don Carlson, Larry Goette, Dennis Jensen and Tim Zempel present. Faye Johnston absent. Chairman Jensen presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Zempel to approve the agenda as presented and the March 12, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jensen called for public comment. Jensen presented pictures of the snow on Highway shop roof for Commissioners to view.

STATES ATTORNEY

Kay Nikolas met with Commissioners and discussed telephone hearing she and Shari Gamber had with Department of Hearing Examiner regarding an appeal on tax assessment.

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION

Shari Gamber-Director of Equalization met with Commissioners and discussed an upcoming variance that will be discussed at March 26 zoning meeting.

HIGHWAY

Pat Stickland per telephone discussed water backup on several roads. Stickland discussed getting assistance from SD Highway Patrol with overweight loads on roads.

SHERIFF

Barry Hillestad met with Commissioners and discussed total inmates at 75.

Hillestad discussed Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Instructor training will be held April 15-18 in Fargo. After discussion, motion by Carlson, seconded by Zempel to send Lindsey Zastoupil to become Instructor for \$3,249.00. Motion carried.

Hillestad discussed extending vacation hours for two employees being they have not been able to take time off due to weather and being short staffed. Motion by Carlson, seconded by Goette to approve extension-motion carried.

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Carlson to pay necessary expenses for Keifer Lesnar-Deputy to attend one day Drug Investigation in Pierre on March 25. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Goette to adopt the following resolution-motion carried:

RESOLUTION 2019-14  
Sheriff Bank Accounts

WHEREAS, the Sheriff collects fees from several sources and deposits funds into the Sheriff Trust Account; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff deposits funds from the Lockdown Machine located at the Roberts County Jail in a separate bank account for fees collected at the jail; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roberts County Sheriff Barry Hillestad will sign a new signature card at the First Savings Bank and Dawn Sattler-Roberts County Auditor will also appear on the signature card.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2019 at Sisseton, South Dakota.

ATTEST: Dawn Sattler-Roberts County Auditor

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION 2019-15

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Carlson to adopt the following resolution-motion carried:

RESOLUTION NO 2019-15

WHEREAS, Roberts County, South Dakota, has experienced a severe winter storm with heavy snow and blizzard conditions throughout northeastern South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, this severe winter weather has caused an emergency by producing hazardous travel conditions and impassable roads throughout Roberts County; and

WHEREAS, the Roberts County Highway Department is lacking in the equipment and resources to maintain safe road caused by the severe winter storm snow falls and strong winds, often gusting up to 50 mph; and

WHEREAS, the snow fall and winds continue to cause large drifts preventing emergency and necessary medical treatment to many residents of Roberts County; and

WHEREAS, these late winter storms give rise to above freezing temperatures causing the large accumulation of snow to melt at a rate causing dangerous flooding, which threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and resources of the residents of one or more towns, and

WHEREAS, all locally available public and private resources available to mitigate and alleviate the affects of this disaster have been insufficient to meet the needs of the situation; and

WHEREAS, the Roberts County Commission finds that a State of Emergency exists due to the circumstances as described above authorizes whatever measures necessary to respond appropriately to the emergency, and request that all Roberts County resources be mobilized in response to these hazardous weather events.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Roberts County Commission will provide the necessary resources to assist Roberts County Highway Department and will redirect resources and funding to the Highway Department in snow removal and flooding of roads; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, the Roberts County Commission requests Federal and State resources to mitigate the impact of the emergency; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roberts County Commission hereby declares a State of Emergency to exist in Roberts County, State of South Dakota for conditions resulting from these winter storms.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

Roberts County Commissioners

COUNTY INSURANCE

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Goette to increase liability coverage on insurance from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 limit. Motion carried.

DELINQUENT TAX PAYMENT

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Goette to authorize Chairman Jensen to sign Del Tax Contract with taxpayer. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Carlson to pay the following claims-motion carried:  
HWY & BRIDGE-Supplies/Border States 775.72 Vig Lumber 21930.65 Total 22706.37; LANDFILL-Utilities/BDM 41.50 Supplies/Stillson Service 44.23 Total 85.73; SHERIFF AGENCY FUND-Fees/SD Sec of State 50.00 Codington Co 250.00 Total 300.00; SALES TAX-Fees/SD Dept of Revenue 340.97 Total 340.97; JAIL-Fees/Dept of Health 1130.00 MENTALLY ILL-Fees/SD Dept of Revenue 1224.88 LANDFILL-Fees/SD Dept of Environment 803.14 REG OF DEEDS-Fees/SD Dept of Revenue 470.00 STATE MOROR VEH-Fees/SD Dept of Revenue 158067.44 M&P FLOW-Fees/SDACO 298.00 Total 161993.46. Grand Total 185426.53. Payroll - Road & Bridge 36042.96 Landfill 9577.13 Total 45620.09.

ADJOURN

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Carlson to adjourn at 11:43 until March 26, 2019. Motion carried.