

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Carlson to approve the agenda as presented and the November 26, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jensen called for public comment. Jensen received a report from Holton Engineering regarding bridge replacement with culvert between Section 32-Minnesota Township and Section 5-Enterprise Township for Commissioner to review.

Shari Gamber-Director of Equalization appeared for public comment and Commissioners discussed the conference room in the Courthouse basement. Later Commissioners agreed to give Director of Equalization use of conference room for her office.

Jensen had visited with Chad Krueger regarding removing temporary ditch blocks in Minnesota Township. Krueger and Danny Morrison-NRCS had worked out an agreement.

PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT

Robert Doody-Doody Law met with Commissioners and discussion took place regarding Bid for Roberts County Public Defender Contract. After discussion, motion by Carlson, seconded by Johnston to accept Doody Law bid for \$108,000 per year for a two year contract. Motion carried.

STATES ATTORNEY

Kay Nikolas met with Commissioners and discussed a mental illness hold.

EMERGENCY MANAGER

Jim Pearson met with Commissioners and discussed information that Corona needs to apply for Mitigation funds.

WAUBAY REFUGE

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Zempel to approve drainage permit in Lien Township for Waubay Refuge. Motion carried.

UNION NEGOTIATIONS

Nathan Brandt-Local Union 49 met with Commissioners and negotiations continued. Brandt will meet with members and get back to Commissioners with members input.

SHERIFF

Barry Hillestad met with Commissioners and discussed total inmates 62.

Hillestad submitted prisoner holds for other entities.

Hillestad discussed schedule of deputies.

WELLMARK INSURANCE

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Carlson to authorize Auditor to sign paperwork for 2020 renewal from Wellmark Health Insurance. Motion carried.

OTHER

The Veterans Service report for November was submitted.

The Register of Deeds fees for November was submitted in the amount of \$10,524.00.

CLAIMS

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Vergeldt to pay the following claims-motion carried: Payroll/Commissioners-6,847.54; Auditor-10,814.05; Treasurer-11,136.18; States Attorney-14,421.55; Government Bldg-3,670.76; Dir of Equal-11,019.59; Reg of Deeds- 7,549.48; Veteran Service-2,635.80; Sheriff-26,593.84; Jail-73,033.95; Dispatchers- 30,412.04; Nurse-2,959.21; WIC-3,602.90; Extension-3,469.47; Weed-376.01; Road & Bridge- 27,905.14; 911 Telephone-9,841.28; Emergency Management-901.20; 24/7 3,963.25; Landfill 9,490.91 Total 260,644.15 New Hire Amber German-Jailer 14.26; Longevity Raise Morgan Johnson-States Attorney Secretary 6 months 12.60-13.39; Nikki Crawford-Jailer 6 months 14.26-14.48; Carol Nielsen-WIC Secretary 37 yrs 15.60-15.85; Alex Hansen-Sheriff Deputy 6 months 16.85-18.06

ADJOURN

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Carlson to adjourn until December 10, 2019. Motion carried. Adjourned at 12:26.