

The Roberts County Commissioners met at 9:00 am in regular session with Tom Vergeldt, Faye Johnston, Dennis Jensen, Don Carlson, Tim Zempel, Brian Heinecke and Kristi Fritz present. Chairman Jensen presiding. Jason Deutsch-Sisseton Courier livestream.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Jensen called for reorganization.

2023 REORGANIZATION

The Commissioners reorganized for 2023 as follows: Motion by Carlson, seconded by Zempel to nominate Tom Vergeldt as Chairman-motion by Johnston, seconded by Zempel for nominations to cease-motion carried unanimously; motion by Carlson, seconded by Johnston to nominate Tim Zempel as Vice Chairman-motion by Johnston, seconded by Carlson for nominations to cease-motion carried unanimously; motion by Zempel, seconded by Heinecke to adopt the following-motion carried: set official newspapers and chattel mortgage sales: Sisseton Courier, Rosholt Review and Wilmot Enterprise; chattel Mortgage Sales: Courthouse steps or rotunda; Zempel-Commissioner member to the Weed Board; Vergeldt-Commissioner member to the Extension Board/Extension and weed board members will be paid \$25.00 per half day and \$50.00 per whole day meetings in the county and no meal allowance. Any out of county meetings for any Weed Board members will be paid \$25.00 per half day meeting and \$50.00 per whole day meeting for and mileage allowance @.51; motion by Heinecke, seconded by Zempel to adopt the following-motion carried: Vergeldt-GROW SD; Carlson (board Member and Jensen (Private Sector member)-First Planning District; Johnston & Carlson-oversee landfill operations; Eliminate the -Glacial Lakes Board & Red River Basin; Carlson-legislative liaison member; Carlson & Zempel-911 Board/Law Enforcement Committee; Johnston-Community Transit Board; Election workers \$15.00 per hour; Planning and Zoning-County Commissioners/Planning and Zoning meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month and the first Tuesday of each month if needed/Commissioners and the Planning & Zoning Administrator will not charge if the meetings are held on the days when the Commissioners are in session; Coroner fees \$250 per call; Motion by Johnston to increase Commissioner salary to \$1000 per month. Motion died for lack of second. Motion by Zempel, seconded by Carlson to keep Commissioner salary at \$900 per month with the Chairman receiving \$1000 per month plus mileage \$.51 per mile. Roll call vote: Carlson-aye, Johnston-naye, Heinecke-aye and Zempel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Zempel to set rates the same as last year: burial rates \$4,100 (no additional costs) plus up to \$550.00 for opening & closing (billed by grave digger). Carlson-aye, Johnston- abstained, Vergeldt-aye, Zempel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Carlson to approve the agenda as presented and the December 27, 2022 minutes. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

OATH OF OFFICE

Kristi Fritz-Auditor administered the Oath of Offices to Faye Johnston-District 1, Don Carlson-District 3, Brian Heinecke-District 4 and Tom Vergeldt-District 5.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier discussed the 2022 case load and the hiring process for a deputy states attorney.

PERSONNEL

Jay Tasa-Register of Deeds met with the Commissioners to discuss the current wage scale relating to longevity increases. Commissioners will look into Tasa's suggestions.

SHERIFF

Kristi Fritz-Auditor administered the Oath of Office to Tyler Appel.

Sheriff Tyler Appel met with the Commissioners and submitted prisoner count of 82.

Discussed possible relocation assistance programs to attract employees to Roberts County as well as the food service possibilities for the jail.

HIGHWAY

Stickland met with the Commissioners and gave them an update on snow removal. The County has closed portions of the following county roads: Co Rd 16 (140th St. between 458th- 463rd Ave) and Co Rd 17(137th St between 455th-458th Ave.). This due to the amount of recent snowstorms, no one living along these portions of Co Rd 16 and 17 and time constraints.

RESOLUTION 2023-01

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Carlson to approve the following resolution. All voted aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-01

We, the Board of Roberts County Commissioners, in accordance with SDCL 4-5-8 do hereby authorize Mark Moen, Roberts County Treasurer, to invest County funds to gain maximum interest.

Dated at Sisseton, South Dakota this 3rd day of January, 2023.

Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: Kristi Fritz-Roberts County Auditor Tom Vergeldt, Commissioner Chairmen

OTHER

Register of Deeds fees for December were submitted in the amount of \$9,477.00.

CLAIMS

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Heinecke to pay the following claims: COMMISSIONER-Other/Roberts County Treasurer 24.20, Total 24.20; JUDICIAL-Law Library Supplies/Matthew Bender & Co 20.00, Total 20.00; COURT APP ATTY-Services/Dematteo Law 343.40, Green Roby Oviatt Cummings Law 635.10, Total 978.50; CORONER-Prof Fees/Austin Sheehan 200.00, Terry Sorensen 5000.00, Travel/Terry Sorensen 945.00, Total 6145.00, MENTALLY ILL-Services/Kurse Law 604.20, Total 604.20; GOV BLDG-Other/First Savings Bank 41.85, Total 41.85; EXTENSION-Furniture & Minor Equipment/Ultra 3816.40, Total 3816.40, TREAS CHECK FUND-1335.93; PAYROLL-Commissioner 7978.49, Auditor 11083.62, Treasurer 12340.07, States Atty 15721.45, Gov Bldg 4362.81, Dir of Equalization 16063.22, Reg of Deeds 8168.78, Veteran Services 4847.18, Sheriff 45620.29, Jail 85413.72, Dispatchers 37648.38, Juv Det 8079.09, Nurse 3144.97, WIC 3428.76, Extension 4721.36, Weed 238.75, Planning & Zoning 4328.83, Road & Bridge 35274.86, 911 Telephone 10411.41, Emergency Mgmt 1078.65, 24/7 1710.12, Landfill 9919.47 Total 331584.28. TOTAL 344550.36 New Hire-Michelle Casiano-Jailer-\$20/hr

ADJOURN

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Heinecke to adjourn until Tuesday, January 19, 2023. Motion carried. Adjourned at 11:15.