

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Zempel to approve the agenda as presented and the January 10, 2023 minutes. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier discussed county concerns.

SHERIFF

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

Appel is still working on food service possibilities for the jail.

HIGHWAY

Stickland discussed bidding for upcoming 2024 bridge projects. Motion by Zempel, seconded by Johnston to call for bids on BRO 8055(00)21-4 & BRO 8055(00)21-5 - ROBERTS COUNTY STRUCTURE AND APPROACH GRADING - STR 55-180-354 & 55-189-193PCN 08FF & 08FE 21001647 & 21001649 (W18022 & W18023)-(on file at the Highway Department and Auditor's Office). All voted aye, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Johnston to convene into Executive Session at 10:00 am to discuss personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Motion carried. Vergeldt declared meeting back into regular session at 10:25 am.

WEED

Due to the Weed Department being contracted out for 2023, Tammy Johnson-Highway Secretary will assume the office duties.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Heinecke to pay Tammy Johnson an extra \$.50 per hour when working on Weed dept. office duties. Roll Call vote: Carlson-aye, Johnston-aye, Heinecke-aye and Zempel-aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL

Jamie Dahl-Landfill Mgr. discussed rate increases for 2023. Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Carlson to increase in-state and out-of-state garbage rates by \$1.00/ton and to charge \$10.00 each for mattress and box springs effective July 1, 2023. All voted aye, motion carried.

APEX CLEAN ENERGY

Rebecca Kaufman-Sr. Development Mgr, Anna Hays, Public Engagement Mgr, David Lau, Land Mgr of APEX Clean Energy met with the Commissioners to discuss the progress on the Hilltop Solar Project in southern Roberts County. Kim Schroeder-Director of Eq was also in attendance.

EQUALIZATION

Kim Schroeder, Director of Eq discussed county concerns relating to market value adjustments and property assessments for 2023 payable 2024 taxes. With the adjustments and property reappraisals that have been done, Roberts County still does not meet the 85% as required by the state.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Heinecke to make the market value adjustments as recommended by the Director of Equalization office based on sales and to have a factor to be determined by the state for the 2023 payable 2024 assessments. Roll call vote: Carlson-aye, Johnston-aye, Heinecke-aye and Zempel-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioners also gave Schroeder permission to advertise for another Deputy Assessor.

CLAIMS

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Heinecke to pay the following claims: JUDICIAL-Supplies & Mat/Certified Languages 115.50, Transcripts/Dean Schafer 30.00, Witness/Jury/Braydon Berger 38.56, Brayden Bernard 11.02, Gordon Biel 32.44, Roberta Bohlen 61.00, Brandon Gieser 25.30, Marianne Greseth 13.06, Karla Karst 22.24, Sylvia Martinson 40.60, Patricia Schubert 11.02, Katie Smith 35.50, Kathleen Storm 61.00, Julie Ulm 40.60, Wanda Varns 11.02, Scott Anderson 94.88, Kaitlyn Chaloupka 73.46, David Hamman 77.54, Wayne Jarman 80.60, Ladonna Kriz 68.36, Weston Levenson 61.22, Brittany Pedersen 83.66, Colin Tritz 78.56, Total 1167.14; STATES ATTY-Supplies & Maint/Valley Office 16.38, Total 16.38; COURT APP ATTY-Services/Delaney Nielsen & Sannes 455.40, Green Roby

Oviatt Cummings Law 1788.20, Taliaferro Law 3685.70, Total 5929.30; SHERIFF-Other/K&K 206.27, Auto Furn Equip/Jurgens Autobody 3498.05, Supplies & Mat/National Assoc of Chief of Police 155.00, WEX Bank 3196.44, Utilities/Verizon 160.34, Total 7216.10; JAIL-Care of Prisoner/Cole Paper 2715.66, Creative Prod 314.37, First Call Auto Parts 210.11, Grant Roberts Ambulance 750.00, Lewis Drug 107.79, Rosalies 345.00, Summit Foods 4175.57, Teals Market 605.96, Valley Soft Water 544.00, Utilities/Dakota Waste 267.50, Repairs & Maint/Doug Hamm Plumbing 398.96, Rentals/Valley Soft Water 100.00, Total 10534.92; EXTENSION-Supplies & Mat/Century Bus Prod 73.21, Rentals/Century Bus Prod 42.60, Utilities/CHS 1557.22, Total 1673.03; DOMESTIC ABUSE-Wac'ang'a Inc 428.86, Total 428.86; ADV TAX-Collected/Roberts Co Auditor 92837.34, Total 92837.34; DEL TAX PMT-Payment 2408.83, Total 2408.83. TOTAL 122211.90

ADJOURN

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Carlson to adjourn until Tuesday, January 24, 2023. Motion carried. Adjourned at 12:05.