

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

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Zempel to approve the agenda as amended and the May 9, 2023 minutes. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Travis Benthin introduced himself as the newly elected Mayor of Summit Town. Benthin asked if the County would be willing to blade $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of Chestnut St due to the fact that their city blade is in need of repairs. Benthin also inquired about a four-way stop being placed on the corner of Maple St (Co. Rd. #27) and W. Sheridan Ave. The Commissioners will discuss with Pat Stickland -Hwy Supt.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

James Pearson presented an update on the Preliminary Damage Assessment for Roberts County as pertaining to FEMA.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier met with the Commissioners. Kirchmeier discussed the letter sent to a county resident regarding his public nuisance property.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Erin Cameron and Robert Doody met with the Commissioners to discuss their bid for the Public Defender Contract.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Carlson to convene into executive session at 9:22 am for contract negotiations pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3). Chairman Vergeldt declared meeting back into regular session at 9:31 am.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Johnston to authorize Chairman Vergeldt to sign the Public Defender contract with Erin Cameron and Robert Doody for 6 months at \$25,000 per month and prorate the month of May at \$12,500. All voted aye, motion carried.

SHERIFF

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Johnston to approve vacation extension for Keifer Lesnar to September 30, 2023. All voted aye, motion carried.

LANDFILL

Jamie Dahl-Landfill Mgr. discussed customers not sorting or using tarps on their loads. equipment repair and dust control on the landfill road (Co. Rd #20. Commissioners said there is an extra charge for sorting loads and they'll have Stickland look into the costs for dust control on the Co Rd #20. Dahl also presented receivables as May 16, 2023 at the landfill.

HIGHWAY

Pat Stickland-Highway Supt. presented the Commissioners with a total indirect/direct cost of \$1,110,218.17 for snow removal.

Stickland discussed future bridge projects thru the 5 year bridge plan. Motion by Carlson, seconded by Zempel to advertise for bids for bridge #55-180-354 (Co. Rd. 9). All voted aye, motion carried.

Stickland had received estimates for the flood damaged road repairs on the bridge #55-255-400 on Co. Rd. 18 in Geneseo Twp. Stickland explained that these repairs cannot wait for possible monetary help from FEMA.

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Carlson to accept the bids from Holloway Bridge and Culvert -\$87,550.00 for the bridge repair, Bituminous Paving Inc.-\$129,600.00 and Bates Construction-\$111,500.00 for road repair with a total of \$328,650.00. All voted aye, motion carried.

GRANT-ROBERTS AMBULANCE

Vanessa Batie-Grant/Roberts Mgr. met with the Commissioners to explain the increase in blood draws from 2021 that had been inadvertently missed since October of 2021. Batie will draft a contract all entities to sign with the new rate of \$100/per draw.

GROW SD

Kimberly Lorensberg gave an overview of what GROW South Dakota does for the Roberts County and the surrounding areas.

ABATEMENT

Auditor Fritz explained the situation regarding a property owner had missed the deadline to apply for the senior citizen freeze on assessment for the 2022 payable 2023

tax year. According to SDCL 10-6A-4, if a resident had previously qualified in past years they have a right to petition for the abatement of taxes.

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Carlson to approve the abatement of taxes in the amount of \$1,370.44 for the 2022 payable 2023 tax. All voted aye, motion carried.

MALT BEVERAGE

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Zempel to approve Malt Beverage license renewals received for the following businesses: Bucks Cenex C-Store, Buche Foods, Cheetahs, Hartford Beach, LTR, Schmidts Landing, Shady Beach, Sodak Shores, Valley View Supper Club, The Wharf and With the Wind Winery. All voted aye, motion carried.

LIQUOR/MALT BEVERAGE TRANSFER

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Johnston to approve the transfer of Shady Beach liquor and malt beverage license from Jacob Muellenbach to Stream Too, LLC. All voted aye, motion carried.

PLATS/RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Heinecke to approve the following resolutions previously approved by Planning and Zoning-motion carried:

RESOLUTION 2023-13

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Roberts County, South Dakota, in regular assembled that the plat of Lots 1 and 2 of D & A Subdivision located in Govt Lot 2 in section 11, T126N, R49W of the 5th P.M. Roberts County, South Dakota be approved this 16th day of May, 2023 in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3 and all acts amendatory thereto.

Kristi Fritz-Roberts County Auditor

Tom Vergeldt-Commissioner Chairman

RESOLUTION 2023-14

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Roberts County, South Dakota, in regular assembled that the plat of M Tract 1 located in the SW1/4 of section 15, T123N, R50W of the 5th P.M. Roberts County, South Dakota be approved this 16th day of May, 2023 in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3 and all acts amendatory thereto.

Kristi Fritz-Roberts County Auditor

Tom Vergeldt-Commissioner Chairman

RESOLUTION 2023-15

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Roberts County, South Dakota, in regular assembled that the plat of Lot 2, Minder Ranch Subdivision located in the NE1/4 and SE1/4 of section 35, T122N, R50W of the 5th P.M. Roberts County, South Dakota be approved this 16th day of May, 2023 in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3 and all acts amendatory thereto.

Kristi Fritz-Roberts County Auditor

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Approved a variance application for Brian B Buchholz in Romanizer Addn in 17-126-49 Bryant township.

CLAIMS

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Heinecke to pay the following claims: TREASURER - Other/Janet Fryer 635.00, Debra Wooley 700.00, Total 1335.00; STATES ATTORNEY-Travel & Conf/Dylan Kirchmeier 180.00, Total 180.00; COURT APPOINTED ATTY-Professional Services/Doody Law 1797.60, Total 1797.60; GOV BLDG-Repairs & Maint/Secure n Secure 480.00, Total 480.00; SHERIFF-Supplies & Mat/Cardmember Serv 241.53, CHS 2219.25, Galls 163.15, Drug Dog Exp/Cardmember Serv 176.66, Other/CDP 82.00, Repairs & Maint/Jurgens Autobody 585.00, Twin Valley Tire 796.57, Total 4264.16; JAIL- Supplies/Care of Prisoner/Cardmember Serv 294.00, CDP 7141.92, Lewis Drug 1080.24, Summit Food 167.75, Health Dept 3075.00; Utilities/CHS 2829.51, Dakota Waste 267.50, City of Sisseton 1195.94, Health Ins Reimb-9678.72, Total 25730.58; MENTALLY ILL-Services/Yankton Co 124.30, Total 124.30; WEED-Utilities/Otter Tail Pwr 29.98, Total 29.98; LANDFILL-Supplies/Vig Lumber 2628.36, Other/Dept AG/Nat 1178.57, Total 3806.93; MYP FLOWTHRU-SD Assoc of Co Officials 210.00, Total 210.00; DEL TAX PMT-5927.35. TOTAL 43886.27

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Carlson to adjourn until Tuesday, May 23 2023. All voted aye. Motion carried. Adjourned at 11:55 am.