

The Roberts County Commissioners met at 9:00 am in regular session with Tom Vergeldt, Don Carlson, Faye Johnston, Tim Zempel and Kristi Fritz present. Jason Deutsch-Sisseton Courier livestream. Chairman Vergeldt presiding. Vergeldt called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES/AGENDA

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Johnston to approve the agenda and minutes of the February 6, 2024 minutes as amended. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert and Shirley Horton met with the Commissioners to discuss the proposed Road & Bridge levy.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier discussed the proposed Road & Bridge levy for 2024 taxes payable 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Carlson to convene into executive session at 9:02 am discuss litigation pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3). Chairman Vergeldt declared back into regular session at 9:10 am.

SERIFF

Tyler Appel-Sheriff presented a prisoner count of 76. Appel discussed patrolling on County Rd 8, swearing in of Deputy Thompson and he'll get an update on current and pending grant for the Sheriff dept.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Zempel to convene into executive session at 9:48 am discuss personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Chairman Vergeldt declared back into regular session at 10:12 am.

HIGHWAY

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Carlson to authorize Chairman Vergeldt to sign Right of Way Certifications and Bid Letting Authorizations for bridge number 55-080-127 and 55-283-040. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Carlson to post weight restrictions on county roads beginning February, 15<sup>th</sup>. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Johnston to advertise for bids for materials (asphalt, hot/cold mix, gravel and others) with bids to be opened on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. All voted aye, motion carried.

Stickland also discussed reimbursements the highway will receive in 2024 for expenses incurred in 2023. The Commissioners postponed decision on how to report the reimbursement pending advice from Legislative Audit.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Commissioner tabled decision on travel expenses until more information is provided.

RESOLUTION 2024-09

After discussion on how to proceed with imposing a Road & Bridge levy for the 2024 taxes payable 2025 tax year, Chairman Vergeldt read the resolution. Motion by Carlson, seconded by Johnston to approve the Resolution 2024-09. All voted aye, motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-09**

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A LEVY FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY & BRIDGE RESERVE FUND**

WHEREAS, Roberts County has deteriorating and substandard county roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, Roberts County has inadequate revenue to meet the minimum road and bridge maintenance required; and

WHEREAS, SDCL 10-12-13 allows the Board of County Commissioners to establish a levy for the creation of a reserve fund to be accumulated and used for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, constructing and reconstructing roads and bridges in Roberts County; and

WHEREAS taxable valuation within Roberts County is more than one billion dollars but less than two billion dollars; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Roberts County Board of Commissioners that there shall be an increased levy in the amount of \$.90 per one thousand dollars of taxable valuation of property located within Roberts County starting with the calendar year 2024 taxes payable in the calendar year 2025; and that the monies from the levy shall be

placed into a reserve fund known as the Roberts County Highway and Bridge Reserve Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED that the funds shall be used solely for county road and bridge purposes, and that the County Highway budget shall not be reduced on account of the special funds available; and be it further

RESOLVED this decision may be referred to a vote of the people upon petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the district and filed with the governing body within twenty days of the last publication of this decision and be it further

RESOLVED unless this action is referred to a vote of the people and reversed by such vote, this resolution authorizes the county auditor to spread a levy to raise tax dollars in the above stated amount, allowing for percentage increases from inflation and new construction in subsequent years.

Dated at Sisseton, South Dakota, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

Signed Chairman Tom Vergeldt, Don Carlson, Faye Johnston and Tim Zempel.

ATTEST: Kristi Fritz-County Auditor

AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Zempel to approve the Auditor's Account with the Treasurer for January 2024. All voted aye, motion carried.

I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of this County as of January 31, 2024.

Total amount of deposits	1,158,645.49	Money Market Savings	4,337,093.10
Total amount of cash	1,000.00	Certificates of Deposit	1,812,306.37
Itemized list		Reg Deeds/Landfill	996,962.90
		<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b>8,306,007.86</b>

General Ledger Cash Balance by Funds

General Fund	4,795,481.37
Special Revenue/Rd & Bridge	47,358.05
Rr & Br Restricted	118,568.72
911 Telephone	-4,333.63
Emergency Mgmt	20,769.15
Domestic Abuse	195.22
24/7 Sobriety	-9,190.96
Modernization/Preservation	53,108.31
Rural Access Infrastructure	379,936.31
Debt Service/Jail Bond	111,555.84
Enterprise Fund/Landfill	783,167.86
Restricted	996,297.30
Trust & Agency	1,013,094.32
(Schools 535,422.17/Twps 124,600.47/Towns 73,977.67)	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH</b>	<b>8,306,007.86</b>

OTHER

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Johnston to approve the purchase order of four new toilets and labor from Hamm Plumbing for \$1,708.00. All voted aye, motion carried.

CLAIMS

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Carlson to pay the following claims: COMMISSIONER - Publishing/Rosholt Review 458.59, Total 458.59; JUDICIAL-Transcripts/Kelli Lardi 18.20, Witness Fees/Donald Bucklin 27.14, Total 45.34; AUDITOR-Supplies & Mat/Xerox 52.27, Rental/Xerox 101.99, Total 154.26; GOV BLDG-Utilities/Otter Tail Pwr 1142.95, Total 1142.95; REG OF DEEDS-Supp & Mat/Xerox 98.21, Fees/SD Dept of Rev 980.00, Total 1078.21; WEED-Utilities/Otter Tail Pwr 27.14, Total 27.14; VETERAN SERV-Supplies & Mat/Xerox 9.32, Rental/Xerox 79.20, Total 88.52; SHERIFF-Supplies & Mat/Arrow Paper 541.61, First Call Auto 26.98, Jeans Bridal 60.00, Total 628.59; JAIL-Supplies/Care of Prisoner/First Call Auto 94.76, Summit Foods 4063.14, Valley Soft Water 527.00, Pharchem 319.95, Utilities/CHS 1795.35, Otter Tail Pwr 4706.42, Repairs & Maint/Johnson Controls 1125.46, Rentals/Valley Soft Water 100.00, Total 12732.08; DISPATCH-Other/Propio LS 6.70, Total 6.70; MENTALLY ILL-Yankton/217.03, Redfield 120.00, Total 337.03; EXTENSION-Rentals/Century Business Prod 130.80, Travel & Conf/Lincoln Co 4H 65.00, Total 195.80; HWY & BRIDGE-Supplies & Mat/Bituminous Paving 1815.05, Xerox 82.37, Travel & Conf/Bruce German 86.09, Repairs/Goodheart Exc 900.00, Rentals/Xerox 99.47, Total 2892.98; EMERGENCY MGMT-Supplies/Rosholt Review 40.24, Total 40.24; LANDFILL-Utilities/Whetstone Vly Elec 446.60, Total 446.60; DEL TAX PMT-205.20, Total 205.20, STATE MOTOR VEH-Sd Dept of Rev 229074.40, SALES TAX-SD Dept of Rev 292.74, M&P FLOW THRU-SD Assoc of Co Officials

134.00, Total 134.00. TOTAL 250071.37. PAYROLL-Commissioner 1897.06, Auditor 4382.07, Treasurer 5355.64, States Atty 7489.18, Gov Bldg 1856.70, Dir of Equal 5754.49, Reg of Deeds 3561.21, Veterans Serv 2018.06, Sheriff 21895.61, Jail 31677.49, Dispatch 15455.95, Juv Det 4001.13, Nurse 1349.16, WIC 1461.08, Extension 1435.32, Planning & Zoning 1524.88, Road & Bridge 31476.07, 911 Tele 4554.01, Emergency Mgmt 1476.32, 24/7 2134.29, Landfill 12400.41, Total 163156.13. TOTAL 413227.50. New Hire-Hannah Streich/Dispatch 17.01.

ADJOURN

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Carlson to adjourn until Tuesday, February 20, 2024. All voted aye. Motion carried. Adjourned at 12:10 am.