

The Roberts County Commissioners met at 9:00 am in regular session with Tom Vergeldt, Don Carlson, Faye Johnston, Brian Heinecke, Tim Zempel, Nick Heinecke, Dylan Kirchmeier 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 Heinecke, seconded by Zempel to approve the agenda and minutes of the July 23, 2024 meeting as written. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Johnston to convene into executive session at 9:02 am to discuss personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Chairman Vergeldt declared meeting back into regular session at 9:14 am.

SHERIFF

Tyler Appel presented a prisoner count of 76. Appel provided the Commissioners with the changes to the policy statement regarding time clock usage for all county offices.

The sheriff dept has three vehicles in need of repair and Appel would like to surplus the 2019 Ford F150. The 2025 Dodge Durango which was expected to arrive in 2025 is here. Motion by Carlson, seconded by Zempel to declare the 2019 Ford F150 surplus and purchase the 2025 Dodge Durango from Billion Motors in Sioux Falls for \$47,000.00. All voted aye, motion carried.

Sergeant Mishler gave an update on current and future grants for the Sheriff dept. as well as the possibility of grants for infrastructure. Mishler proposed writing grants for all county offices for an additional \$3.00/hr. Commission asked about maybe working for a percentage rather than hourly. No decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Johnston to convene into executive session at 9:54 am to discuss personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Chairman Vergeldt declared meeting back into regular session at 10:21 am.

LANDFILL

Jamie Dahl-Landfill Mgr. discussed future rate increases over the next three years and new equipment needs. Also, discussed the cash transfers between the highway and landfill.

HIGHWAY

Pat Stickland-Highway Supt. discussed the 5 year bridge plan regarding bridge #55-190-383 and #55-223-411 preliminary engineer costs for the county. After discussion, motion by Carlson, seconded by Heinecke to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2024-28

BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, Roberts County wishes to submit an application(s) for consideration of award for the Bridge Improvement Grant Programs

STRUCTURE NUMBER(S) AND LOCATION(S):

55-190-383 - 1.8 miles south and 0.3 miles east of Wilmot

55-23-411 - 0.8 miles northwest of Corona

And WHEREAS, Roberts County certifies that the project(s) are listed in the county's Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan;

And WHEREAS, Roberts County agrees to pay the 20% match on the Bridge Improvement Grant Funds and 100% of ineligible expenses;

And WHEREAS, Roberts County hereby authorizes the Bridge Improvement Grant application(s) and any required funding commitments.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED: That the South Dakota Department of Transportation be and hereby is requested to accept the attached Bridge Improvement Grant application(s). All voted aye, motion carried. Dated at Sisseton SD this 30th day of July, 2024.

Signed Tom Vergeldt, Chairman

ATTEST: Kristi Fritz, Roberts County Auditor

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Johnston to contract with CHS for propane at \$1.55/gallon for the Courthouse, Jail, Highway Dept and Landfill. All voted aye, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Carlson to convene into executive session at 11:20 am to discuss personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Chairman Vergeldt declared meeting back into regular session at 11:32 am.

LANDFILL RESTRICTED ACCOUNT

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Carlson to transfer \$167,351.80 from Landfill General Fund Cash to Landfill Restricted Fund cash due to the landfill being currently underfunded for Unit Cells 1-3 Closure/Post Closure per SD Dept. of Agricultural & Natural Resources guidelines. All voted aye, motion carried.

FIRST DISTRICT

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Heinecke to authorize Chairman Vergeldt to sign resolution in continued support of First District for 2025. All voted aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-27

RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR THE FIRST DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS DURING FISCAL YEAR 2024
(October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025)

The Roberts County Board of County Commissioners having adopted and signed a Joint Cooperative Agreement on the 13th day of June, 2000, joining the First District Association of Local Governments, do hereby agree to renew their participation in the Joint Cooperative Agreement for Fiscal Year 2025 (October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025). To support the Joint Cooperative Agreement and the activities of the District staff, the Roberts County Board of Commissioners will provide \$22,029.59 to the First District Association of Local Governments during the aforementioned Fiscal Year 2025 period.

Adopted this 30th day of July, 2024. Tom Vergeldt-Chairman Roberts County Commission

Attest: Kristi Fritz, Roberts County Auditor

2025 PROVISIONAL BUDGET

The Commissioners and Auditor Kristi Fritz discussed the 2025 budget expectations.

OTHER

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Johnston to adopt the following Policy Statement: "At Roberts County, we value punctuality and accountability in our workforce. To ensure smooth operations and maintain productivity standards, it is imperative for employees to adhere to established attendance procedures. This policy outlines the consequences for repeated instances of lateness, failure to clock in, or failure to clock out." Effective August 11, 2024. All voted aye, motion carried.

The full policy will be distributed to all employees with the August 9th payroll and can be viewed in detail at the Auditor's office.

CLAIMS

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Heinecke to pay the following claims: COMMISSIONER-Utilities/Venture 82.94, Total 82.94; JUDICIAL-Transcripts/Kelli Lardy 174.90, Calleen Misterek 460.60, Total 635.50; AUDITOR-Repairs/Twotrees Tech 451.58, Utilities/Venture 84.05, Total 535.63; TREASURER-Health Ins 582.91, Repairs/Twotrees Tech 451.59, Supplies/Twotrees Tech 36.00, Utilities/Venture 87.32, Total 1157.82; STATES ATTY-Utilities/Venture 156.83; GOV BLDG-Supplies/Grant Roberts Ambulance 375.57, MARC Ind 349.04, Repairs/Keller Repair 125.69, Rental/Venture 253.68, Total 1103.98; DIRECTOR OF EQUAL-Rental/Great American Fin Serv 102.42 Supplies/Great American Fin Serv 21.50, Office Peeps 48.57, Repairs/Twotrees 451.58, Utilities/Venture 89.08, Total 713.15; REG OF DEEDS - Utilities/Venture 87.95, Supplies/Xerox 86.79, Total 174.74; VETERAN SERV-Utilities/Venture 126.55, Total 126.55; SHERIFF-Repairs/Taggs Vinyl 750.00, Total 750.00; JAIL-Care of Prisoner/Lewis Drug 147.10, Summit Food 9284.93, Twotrees 1497.00, Xerox 89.10, Utilities/Venture 1282.64, 24/7/ Pharmchem 734.85, Total 13035.62; CO FAIR-Travel/State 4H Office 85.00, Total 85.00; EXTENSION-Utilities/Venture Comm 153.04, Total 153.04; PLANNING & ZONING-Utilities/Venture 89.20, Total 89.20; HWY & BRIDGE-Supplies/Auto Value 4.59, CHS 162.28, Kraus Bros 334.10, SD DOT 1852.74, Stillson Serv 900.39, Utilities/Dakota Waste 95.00, Otter Tail Pwr 220.75, Venture 150.67, Verizon 63.00, Bridge Fund/IMEG 5886.35, Repairs/Transource Equip 1501.49, Total 11171.36; EMERGENCY MGMT-Utilities/Venture Comm 50.40, Total 50.40; LANDFILL-Supplies/ACE 39.77, Repairs/Butler Machine 88.42, Keller Repair 58.90, Twin Valley Tire 1775.45, Tire

Disposal/Liberty Tire Serv 4518.20, Utility/Venture 150.30, Total 6631.04; Payroll: Comm 6046.48, Auditor 5347.39, Treasurer 7603.37, States Atty 7683.38, Gov Bldg 1336.74, Dir of Equal 6849.22, Reg of Deeds 4904.83, Veteran Serv 1649.68, Sheriff 26437.57, Jail 36103.46, Dispatch 24417.55, Juv Det 5663.58, Nurse 2008.69, WIC 2132.05, Extension 2174.75, Planning & Zoning 2264.31, Road & Bridge 32364.52, 911 Tele 5183.37, Em Mgmt 673.22, 24/7 3306.49, Landfill 12338.35 Total 196489.00. TOTAL 233141.80

ADJOURN

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Heinecke to adjourn at 12:54 pm until August 6, 2024. All voted aye, motion carried.
