

The Roberts County Commissioners met at 9:00 am in regular session with Tom Vergeldt, Don Carlson, Brian Heinecke, 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 Heinecke, seconded by Zempel to approve the August 13, 2024 agenda and minutes of the August 6 & 7, 2024 meetings as written. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dennis Jensen-Valley View Estates resident met with the Commissioners to discuss the affidavit he had presented to the County Auditor on behalf of the residents of Valley View Estates regarding maintenance of Valley View Road. Jensen cited SDCL 31-13-18, 31-13-19 and 31-13-20 citing the maintenance and/or failure to maintain a mail route. Commissioners will confer with the States Attorney. Also, in attendance were Dewain Waletich Jr., Joe Schneider Jr. and Gordon D Peterson-Long Hollow Township Board members

TAMMY JOHNSON

Tammy Johnson-Highway Administrative Asst. met with the Commissioners to discuss her current job duties.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier-States Attorney discussed the affidavit presented and procedurally everything is correct. Kirchmeier cited SDCL 31-13-1 pertaining to township roads. Long Hollow township has not established, constructed, repaired or maintained Valley View Rd as a township road. Valley View Road was built for the development therefore not a township road. States Attorney Kirchmeier advises the board to do nothing as this is not the only road for private developments in Roberts County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Heinecke to convene into executive session at 9:14am to discuss personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Chairman Vergeldt declared meeting back into regular session at 9:35 am.

CONNECTING POINT

Greg Richter-Connecting Point discussed the Exchange Online email and Microsoft 365 for the whole county. Also, in attendance were Mark Moen-Treasurer, Sheriff Tyler Appel, Deputy Trevor Mishler and Auditor Kristi Fritz. No decisions made today.

SHERIFF

Tyler Appel presented a prisoner count of 67. Appel had received a letter of resignation from Deputy Pfeilsticker. Discussed the 2025 budgets. Deputy Mishler has asked for permission to donate sick time to Kaitlyn Farmer. Decision tabled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Carlson to convene into executive session at 10:19 am to discuss personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Chairman Vergeldt declared meeting back into regular session at 10:35 am.

TAX DEED SALE

Bids opened on the tax deed property in Victor Village, SD were as followed: Record #6509-Sunflour RR-\$4570.00; Record #12249-Sunflour RR-\$46.00; Record #12918-Sunflour RR-2804.00; Record #12250-Sunflour RR- \$5600.00 and Record #6512-Sunflour RR-310.00. Motion by Carlson, seconded by Heinecke to accept the bids from Sunflour RR. All voted aye, motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Pat Stickland-Highway Supt. has an estimate for the work requested in the Town of Rosholt. Stickland also mentioned that bridge 55-190-383 will be rejected for the Preliminary Engineering grant as it is not on the five-year bridge plan. Also, discussed the 2025 budget in regards to contracting out more road maintenance due to staffing shortage.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Carlson to convene into executive session at 10:17 am to discuss personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Chairman Vergeldt declared meeting back into regular session at 10:39 am.

VANGUARD APPRAISALS

Donnie Sampson-Vanguard Appraisals presented their appraisal program to the Commissioners. Nick Heinecke also in attendance.

2025 PROVISIONAL BUDGET

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Johnston to adopt the 2025 Provisional Budget. All voted aye, motion carried.

OTHER

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Zempel to rescind motion allowing Mark Moen-County Treasurer to open another checking account for the County which was previously made on August 7, 2024. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Johnston to allow a temporary liquor license for the Sisseton Fire Department on November 2, 2024 at the Robert County Community 4-H building. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Zempel to pay Nick Heinecke an additional \$1.00/hour due to passing the certification exam and becoming a Certified Appraiser Assessor effective August 1, 2024. All voted aye, Heinecke abstained. Motion carried.

Auditor Fritz asked for permission to closed the Courthouse County Offices on Friday, August 23 for 11 am - 1 pm for AED training. Permission granted.

CLAIMS

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Heinecke to pay the following claims: SHERIFF-Auto/Furn/Equipment-Billion Auto 48891.00 Total 48891.00; TREASURER CHECK-SD Dept of Revenue 75.00 Total 75.00 TOTAL 48966.00. Payroll: Commissioner 2353.05, Auditor 4397.35, Treasurer 5371.21, States Atty 6376.03, Gov Bldg 375.90, Dir of Equal 4206.38, Reg of Deeds 3556.52, Veteran Serv 1555.25, Sheriff 19593.11, Jail 33672.28, Dispatch 15601.33, Juv Det 3947.79, Nurse 1079.78, WIC 1360.63, Extension 1439.81, Planning & Zoning 1613.33, Road & Bridge 29110.41, 911 Tele 3696.04, Emergency Mgmt 728.30, 24-7 Sobriety 2208.36, Landfill 11366.74, Total 153609.60. TOTAL 536668.02. New Hire-Tessa Dalberg/States Attorney-36.05/hr; Destiny Malecha/Jail-20.00hr; Emma Morena Sanchez/PT Jail-20.00/hr.

ADJOURN

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Johnston to adjourn at 1:18 pm until August 20, 2024. All voted aye, motion carried.

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