

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

MINUTES/AGENDA

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Heinecke to approve the December 10, 2024, agenda and minutes for December 3, 2024, meetings as amended with addition of a motion for an executive session for personnel and burial application approval. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert and Shirley Horton, Gary Sheldon, Robert Vassalo, Judy Jost and Darin Fonder met with the Commissioners. Questions asked were in regard to - executive session for personnel (K-9 dog), how much money was lost due to not receiving the LEMPG grant in 2024, process for replacing Commissioner District 3 and why the County paid Ducks Unlimited mitigation for bridge replacement. Vergeldt explained the executive session was not for the K-9 dog himself, we are in the process of trying to recoup the grant money, the process for replacement of a commissioner according to SDCL 3-4-4 and that no bridge replacements can begin before payment if Ducks Unlimited mitigation is needed.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier-States Attorney discussed jail stay liens, end of the year work and all old files have been scanned and saved.

SHERIFF

Tyler Appel-Sheriff presented a prisoner count of 57. Appel discussed wages for the Sheriff dept. Sargeant Trevor Mishler, Deputy Jeff Schmidt and himself have been sworn in as special deputies for the US Marshall Service for their Fugitive Task Force.

LANDFILL

Jamie Dahl-Landfill Mgr. discussed landfill cell expansion. Leif Redinger-Helms and Assoc. called in with updates.

HIGHWAY

Joey Anderson-Highway Supt. has hired three new employees at the highway dept.

FUEL QUOTES

Fuel Quotes are as follows: Sioux Valley Coop- Diesel #2-Landfill 2.65, New Effington Shop 2.65, Summit Shop 2.65; transport 2.29 Diesel #1- Landfill 2.80, New Effington Shop 2.80, Summit Shop 2.80; transport 2.42; Ethanol- Sisseton Shop 2.506 and Jail 2.506; Courthouse heating fuel 2.29. Stillson Oil- Diesel #1 & #2-Landfill 2.71, New Effington Shop 2.71, Summit Shop 2.71; transport 2.40; Ethanol- Sisseton Shop 2.59 and Jail 2.59; Motion by Zempel, seconded by Heinecke to accept the low quotes received from Sioux Valley Coop. All voted aye, motion carried.

IMEG

Steve Myer, Chelsea Sheridan and Troy A Nelson of IMEG discussed the 2024 bridge inspection. The County currently has 97 structures with 55% in good condition, 15% in fair condition and 30% in poor condition. They also had two applications for 2025 Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) funds for structure 55-208-380 and 55-181-170. No decision made today.

CORONER

Terry Sorenson-County Coroner met with the Commissioners to discuss the need for a new transport vehicle. Sorenson is currently using his own transport van which he purchased in 2013 when he was appointed.

Scott German introduced himself to the board. German offered his assistance to see if there is a way for the Tribe and County to share this expense.

AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Johnston to approve the Auditor's Account with the Treasurer for November 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 November 30, 2024.

Total amount of deposits	1,696,276.03	Money Market Savings	3,768,351.08
Total amount of cash	1,000.00	Certificates of Deposit	3,341,124.65
Itemized list		Reg Deeds/Landfill	369,396.78
		TOTAL CASH	9,176,148.54

General Ledger Cash Balance by Funds

General Fund	6,237,960.52
Special Revenue/Rd & Bridge	-977,260.48
Rr & Br Restricted	118,568.72
911 Telephone	-29,849.49
Emergency Mgmt	-5,613.98
Domestic Abuse	605.93
24/7 Sobriety	-33,644.26
Modernization/Preservation	58,628.27
Rural Access Infrastructure	520,606.73
Debt Service/Jail Bond	84,507.19
Enterprise Fund/Landfill	961,267.69
Restricted	1,188,389.49
Trust & Agency	1,051,982.21
(Schools 689,126.76/Twps 93,893.68/Towns 73,978.60)	
TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH	9,176,148.54

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Heinecke to convene into executive session at 11:24 am to discuss personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Chairman Vergeldt declared meeting back into regular session at 11:54 am.

COUNTY BURIAL

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Heinecke to approve application for burial assistance. All voted aye, motion carried.

CLAIMS

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Johnston to pay the following claims: COMMISSIONER-Publishing/Grant Co Review 254.41, Sisseton Courier 352.38, Health Ins 2498.80, Total 3105.59; JUDICIAL-Transcripts/Kelli Lardy 494.90, Supplies/Pitney Bowes 70.94, Rosalies 15.00, Cat Legal/SD Assoc of Co Comm 2548.00, Law Library/Thomson Reuters 628.81, Total 3757.65; AUDITOR-Supplies/Pitney Bowes 106.41, Valley Office 228.85, Repairs/TwoTrees Tech 475.09, Total 810.35; TREASURER-Supplies/Pitney Bowes 163.16, Valley Office 54.50, Repairs/TwoTrees Tech 475.08, Total 692.74; STATES ATTY-Supplies/Pitney Bowes 7.09, Thomson Reuters 275.54, Valley Office 225.43, Xerox 127.23, Rental/Xerox 67.24, Total 702.53; GOV BLDG-Supplies/Cole Paper 270.02, Otter Tail Pwr 392.12, Twin Valley Tire 37.45, Utilities/Otter Tail Pwr 452.26, City of Sisseton 341.03, Repairs/Twin Valley Tire 27.23, Total 1520.11; DIR OF EQUAL-Supplies/Pitney Bowes 191.53, Valley Office 84.78, Repairs/TwoTrees Tech 475.08, Total 751.39; REG OF DEEDS - Supplies/Pitney Bowes 7.09, Valley Office 61.85, Total 68.94; VETERAN SERV-Supplies/Pitney Bowes 7.09, Valley Office 5.75, Total 12.84; SHERIFF-Supplies/Pitney Bowes 113.50, Sisseton Auto 62.54, Total 176.04; JAIL-Supplies/Dept of Health 2505.00, EZ Sign 200.00, First Call Auto 53.82, Summit Food 4669.29, Teals 7.79, TwoTrees Tech 1637.00, Valley Soft Water 238.00, Xerox 10.60, Repairs/Eggers Funeral Home 4507.00, Utilities/OtterTail Pwr 2944.74, Langager Stack Movers 250.00, City of Sisseton 399.08, Health Ins Reimb 2895.93, Travel-Conf/Sd Assoc Assn 808.40, Rental/Valley Soft Water 100.00, Xerox 80.18, Total 21306.83; DISPATCH-Other/Central Square 960.00, Total 960.00; NURSE-Supplies/Pitney Bowes 21.28, Total 21.28; MENTALLY ILL-Services/SD Dept of Rev 60.00, Total 60.00; 4H BLDG-Utilities/CHS 792.21, City of Sisseton 159.74, Total 951.95; EXTENSION-Postage/Pitney Bose 7.09, Total 7.09; PLANNING & ZONING-Supplies/Pitney Bowes 14.20, Total 14.20; HWY & BRIDGE-Bridge Fund/BX Civil Const 219846.97, Utilities/City of Sisseton 104.22, Traverse Elect 88.38, Repairs/Transource Equip 499.80, Twin Valley Tire 1232.02, Total 221771.39; 911TELE-Utilitie/RC Tech 583.30, Total 583.30; EMERG MGMT-Utilities/RC Tech 42.48, Total 42.48; JAIL 24/7-Supplies/Pharmchem 862.65, Total 862.65; M&P-Modernization/SD Assoc of Co Officials 402.00, Total 402.00; LANDFILL-Supplies/ACE 55.96, Twin Valley Tire 59.50, User Fee/SD Dept of Ag 1349.20, Repairs & Maint/Twin Valley Tire 149.00, Utilities/Whetstone Vlly Elect 327.74, Total 1941.40; REG OF DEEDS-Fees/SD Dept of Rev 1092.00, Total 1092.00; DEL TAX-Payment 74.02, Total 74.02; STATE MTR VEH-Veh Fund/SD Dept of Rv 145006.73, Total 145006.73; SALES TAX-Tax Due to State Dept or Rev 706.12, Total 70612. TOTAL 407401.62

ADJOURN

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Heinecke to adjourn at 11:55 am until December 16, 2024. All voted aye, motion carried.