

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

MINUTES/AGENDA

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Heinecke to approve the December 17, 2024, agenda and minutes for December 10, 2024, as amended with addition of a motion to approve Resolution 2024-44. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier-States Attorney met with the Board. Vergeldt mentioned that the board had received a request from a District 3 Commissioner candidate to announce, he had applied for the vacated seat. Kirchmeier stated that the board had no obligation to reveal the names of any of the candidates.

SHERIFF

Tyler Appel-Sheriff presented a prisoner count of 49. Appel discussed wages for the Sheriff dept.

HIGHWAY

Joey Anderson-Highway Supt. has found a different power broom for the highway dept. and he'd like to surplus the old one. Anderson mentioned he'd like to purchase a new/used 24' goose neck trailer.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Heinecke to declare the 1993 Roscoe Power Broom surplus. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Heinecke to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION 2024-45

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):

55-181-170

9.0 miles East and 2.0 miles North of Sisseton SD

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 17th day of December, 2024.

Signed Tom Vergeldt, Chairman

ATTEST: Kristi Fritz, Roberts County Auditor

RESOLUTION 2024-46

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):

55-208-380

2.8 miles East and 1.8 miles south of Wilmot SD

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 17th day of December, 2024.
Signed Tom Vergeldt, Chairman ATTEST: Kristi Fritz, Roberts County Auditor

LANDFILL

Jamie Dahl-Landfill Mgr. and Leif Redinger-Helms and Assoc. discussed landfill grant application process and timeline. Discussed the purchase of a new loader and application for applying for a grant to cover 50% of the cost.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Heinecke to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2024-44

Authorizing Solid Waste Management Program Signatory

For Roberts County - Loader Purchase

WHEREAS, Roberts County is proposing to purchase a new Loader at the Roberts County Landfill; and

WHEREAS Roberts County is applying for a Solid Waste Management Program Grant (SWMP) in an amount up to, but not exceeding \$169,989.85; and

WHEREAS, Roberts County needs to authorize a SWMP signatory.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Roberts County make an application to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources for a SWMP grant in an amount up to, but not exceeding \$169,989.85 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of Roberts County be the authorized signatory for all grant and loan related documents, including the application and pay requests. Dated this 17th day of December 2024

Signed Tom Vergeldt, Chairman Roberts County ATTEST: Kristi Fritz, County Auditor
AFLAC

Jim Heyn and Chance Heyd discussed the current AFLAC policies.

PLATS/RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Zempel to approve the following resolutions previously approved by Planning and Zoning-All voted aye, motion carried:

RESOLUTION 2024-47

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Roberts County, South Dakota, in regular session that the plat of Trapp's Subdivision located in Govt. Lot 4 of Section 1, T122N, R48W of the 5th P.M. Roberts County, South Dakota be approved this 17th day of December, 2024 in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-2-2 and all acts amendatory thereto.

Kristi Fritz-Roberts County Auditor Tom Vergeldt-Commissioner Chairman

RESOLUTION 2024-48

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Roberts County, South Dakota, in regular session that the plat of Letze Lodge Park located in the SW1/4 of Section 17, T122N, R51W of the 5th P.M. Roberts County, South Dakota be approved this 17th day of December, 2024 in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-2-2 and all acts amendatory thereto.

Kristi Fritz-Roberts County Auditor Tom Vergeldt-Commissioner Chairman

RESOLUTION 2024-49

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Roberts County, South Dakota, in regular session that the plat of Schneider Subdivision located in the SW1/4 of Section 25, T126N, R51W of the 5th P.M. Roberts County, South Dakota be approved this 17th day of December, 2024 in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-2-2 and all acts amendatory thereto.

Kristi Fritz-Roberts County Auditor Tom Vergeldt-Commissioner Chairman

RESOLUTION 2024-50

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Roberts County, South Dakota, in regular session that the plat of Lots 1 and 2 of RM Barnhardt Addition, in the SW1/4 of Section 31, T122N, R48W of the 5th P.M. Roberts County, South Dakota be approved this 17th day of December, 2024 in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-2-2 and all acts amendatory thereto.

Kristi Fritz-Roberts County Auditor Tom Vergeldt-Commissioner Chairman

Faye Johnston-Commissioner Dist. 1 called in via telephone at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Heinecke to convene into executive session at 10:58 am to discuss personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Chairman Vergeldt declared meeting back into regular session at 11:03 am.

COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT

Tom Vergeldt, Chairman explained that six candidates had been interviewed for the vacated seat of Don Carlson-Commissioner District 3. Vergeldt thanked all candidates for showing interest in the position and called for a motion.

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Zempel to appoint Ken Nelson as the new Commissioner District 3 effective January 2, 2025. Vergeldt called for a rollcall vote: Heinecke-aye, Zempel-aye, Johnston-aye, Carlson-abstained. Three voted aye-one abstained, motion carried.

CLAIMS

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Carlson to pay the following claims: COMMISSIONER-Travel/Grant Co Treas 30.00, Total 30.00; JUDICIAL-Supplies/Reserve Acct 200.00, Witness 54.84, Jury 704.18, Total 959.02; AUDITOR-Repairs/Executive Mgmt 71.25, Travel/Grant Co Treas 15.00, Supplies/Reserve Acct 300.00, Xerox 96.58, Rental/Xerox 101.99, Total 584.82; TREASURER-Travel/Grant Co Treas 15.00, Supplies/Reserve Acct 460.00, Xerox 18.97, Rental/Xerox 70.82, Total 564.79; STATES ATTY-Supplies/Reserve Acct 20.00, Xerox 106.49, Rental/Xerox 67.24 Total 193.73; COURT APP ATTY-Prof Serv/Compass Conseling 2250.00, Doody Law 989.00, Total 3239.00; DIR OF EQUAL-Supplies/K&K 8.47, Reserve Acct 565.00, Total 573.47; REG OF DEEDS - Travel/Grant Co Treas 15.00, Supplies/Reserve Acct 25.00, Xerox 14.86, Rental/Xerox 88.20, Total 143.06; VETERAN SERV-Supplies/Xerox 14.46, Rental/Xerox 79.20, Total 93.66; SHERIFF-Travel/Grant Co Treas 15.00, Supplies/Reserve Acct 325.00, Sioux Vly Coop 2408.02, Xerox 57.17, Rental/Xerox 147.99, Total 2953.18; JAIL-Care of Prisoner/Marlon Bautista 20.00, Alicen Fladland 14.00, Carissa Oien 14.00, Dale Polansky 20.00, Tri State Bottle Water 67.80, Wex Bank 692.45, Repairs & Maint/Rinas Electric 2265.23, Rental/Vestis 27.94, Total 3121.42; DISPATCH-Health Ins Reimb 529.61, Total 529.61; POOR LIEN-Poor/Cahill Funeral 2500.00, Dyla Russman 500.00, Total 3000.00; NURSE-Health Ins 284.58, Supplies/Reserve Acct 60.00, Total 344.58; MENTALLY ILL-Services/Delaney Nielsen & Sannes 704.16, Total 704.16; EXTENSION-Rental/Century Bus Prod 129.46, Travel/K&K 34.58, Reserve Acct 20.00, Total 184.04; PLANNING & ZONING-Supplies/Reserve Acct 25.00, Total 25.00; HWY & BRIDGE-Prof Fee/Avera 139.00, Travel/Mark Brooks 90.00, Repairs/Steve Finnesand 40.00, Keller Repair 46.00, Supplies/RDO 27.49, Sioux Valley Coop 3493.78, Xerox 23.94, Rental/Xerox 86.53, Total 3946.74; LANDFILL-Prof Fee/Geotek Engineering 8473.20, Supplies/Sioux Valley Coop 2185.45, Twin Valley Tire 147.82, Total 10806.47; PAYROLL-Commissioner 2352.49, Auditor 4501.99, Treasurer 5473.64, States Atty 10830.00, Gov Bldg 1435.32, Dir of Equal 3855.91, Reg of Deeds 3732.25, Sheriff 20071.91, Jail 35882.09, Dispatch 18595.50, Juv Det 4708.30, Nurse 1210.27, Extension 1435.31, Planning & Zoning 1389.29, Roads & Bridge 24019.32, 911 Tele 1775.50, Emergency Mgmt 1064.46, 24-7 Sobriety 2096.72, Landfill 12769.51, Total 157199.78. TOTAL 189196.53. New Hires: Nathan Dennis/Jailer/\$20.00, James Lanuz/Jailer/\$20.00

ADJOURN

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Johnston to adjourn at 11:06 am until December 24, 2024. All voted aye, motion carried.