

The Roberts County Commissioners met at 9:00 am in regular session with Tom Vergeldt, Don Carlson, Faye Johnston, Brian Heinecke, Tim Zempel, Ken Nelson (appointed Commissioner Dist 3) 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 Carlson, seconded by Johnston to approve the December 24, 2024, agenda and minutes for December 17, 2024, as corrected to state motion by Carlson not Johnston as Johnston was absent. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

GOVERNMENT BUILDING

Schuyler Regan-Maintenance met with the Commissioners to discuss issues with the current lawnmower/snowblower. The broom has been at the repair shop for a month with the parts on backorder. Regan has received 3 estimates for a new yard tractor with attachments for snow removal. Decision tabled until 2025.

SHERIFF

Sargeant Trevor Mishler met with the Commissioners to discuss wages for the sheriff dept. as well as the jail. Also, in attendance were: Deputy Austin Searles, Deputy Caden Bjordahl-Sheriff Dept; Alicen Fladland, Mary Gruettner, Sam Enwiller, Kylee Kranhold and Carissa Oien-Jail and Dallas Rikimoto-New Effington Town Mayor.

Deputy Mishler read a letter written by himself and Sheriff Appel. explaining the reasoning behind asking for wage increases beyond the cost of living. Commissioners would like time to review the information and to see how 2024 budgets/revenue look before making a decision. Mishler asked for a motion to approve or deny the wage proposal. Chairman Vergeldt explained how the contract money for patrol from the Towns of New Effington and Rosholt was accounted for in the sheriff budget.

No decisions regarding wages were made at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Heinecke to convene into executive session at 10:20 am to discuss personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Chairman Vergeldt declared meeting back into regular session at 10:29 am.

2025 WAGE/SALARY

Discussion took place regarding 2025 wage/salary increases for all county employees. No definite decisions were made today.

COUNTY BURIAL

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Heinecke to approve a county burial. All voted aye, motion carried.

UNION CONTRACT

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Johnston to authorize Chairman Vergeldt to sign the 2025 contract with Local Union #49. All voted aye, motion carried.

AUTOMATIC SUPPLEMENT

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Carlson to approve the automatic supplements to the following budgets: Public Defender 101-152-422 59,160.00; CAA 101-153-422 13,948.40; Highway 201-311-425.01 680,874.93; Sheriff salary 101-211-411 5,887.33, Sheriff SS/Med 101-211-412 563.39, Sheriff SDRS 560.96; Sheriff equip 8,378.46; Sheriff Other 1,635.00; 911 Dispatch salary 207-225-411 12,452.74, 911 Dispatch SS/Med 1,103.22, 911 Dispatch SDRS 865.27; 24/7 Salary 8,625.09, 24/7 SS/Med 770.05, 24/7 SDRS 603.96; 24/7 supplies 2011.00 and Poor/Mental Rec 101-411-429 19432.64 due to grants reimbursements and unanticipated revenue. All voted aye, motion carried.

CLAIMS

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Heinecke to pay the following claims: COMMISSIONER-Utilities/Venture Comm 77.45; GENERAL FUND-CAA fees/Aja Redwing 50.00, Total 50.00; JUDICIAL-Transcripts/Calleen Misterek 770.75, Total 770.75; AUDITOR-Supplies/Venture Comm 77.41, Supplies/Cardmember Serv 43.40, Total 120.81; TREASURER-Supplies/Cardmember Serv 407.95, Health Ins 1716.75, Utilities/Venture Comm 84.32, Total 2209.02; STATES ATTY-Utilities/Venture Comm 151.54, Total 151.54; COURT APP ATTY-Prof Serv/Green Roby Oviatt Cummings Law 299.00, Justice Research & Consult 3910.00, Total 4209.00; GOV BLDG-Supplies/Cardmember 46.57, Rental/Venture Comm 261.04, Total 307.61; DIR OF EQUAL-

Utilities/Venture Comm 78.48, Total 78.48; REG OF DEEDS - Supplies/Office Peeps 29.16, Utilities/Venture Comm 86.45, Total 115.61; VETERAN SERV-Utilities/Venture Comm 84.12, Total 84.12; SHERIFF-Supplies/Amazon 23.50, Cardmember Serv 952.83, Galls 798.20, Travel/Cardmember Serv 163.00, Drug Dog/Cardmember 88.28, Repairs/Corwin Chry 799.61, Twin Valley Tire 164.40, Total 2989.82; JAIL-Care of Prisoner/Amazon 633.17, Bob Barker Co 438.28, Vanessa Batie 50.00, Cardmember 2082.19, CDP 921.48, ICS 1044.56, Lewis Drug 456.73, Tonee Rogalski 150.00 Summit Food 4596.67, Brooke Wegener 200.00, Melvin Waupoose 14.00, Travel/Savanna Bloom 60.00, Health Ins 2091.53, Utilities/Venture Comm 1335.95, 27/7 Supplies/Amazon 79.87, Repairs/Idemia ID & Security 3199.00; Total 17353.43; DISPATCH-Other/Cardmember 97.43, Priority Dispatch 425.00, Total 522.43; EXTENSION-Supplies/Cardmember 308.12, Travel/Cardmember 100.00, Utilities/Venture Comm 147.88, Total 556.00; PLANNING & ZONING-Utility/Venture Comm 77.41, Total 77.41; HWY & BRIDGE-Repairs/CNH Industrial 21.10, Sanitation Products/214.69, Transource Equip 273.19, Utilities/Otter Tail Power 498.88, Venture Comm 145.73, Verizon 109.68, Supplies/Stillson 45.60, Vestis 43.24, Total 1532.11; EMERGENCY MGMT-Supplies/Amazon 648.56, Utilities/Venture Comm 133.67, Total 782.23; LANDFILL-Repairs/Cardmember Serv 47.13, Sioux Valley Coop 606.50, Supplies/Cardmember Serv 37.99, Utilities/Venture Comm 146.54, Total 838.16; DEL TAX PMT-Total 1023.91. TOTAL 33849.89

ADJOURN

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Carlson to adjourn at 12:03 pm until December 31, 2024. All voted aye, motion carried.