

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, John Dabek Jr., Kristi Fritz, Dylan Kirchmeier, Robert Horton, Robert Vassalo, Judy Jost-Vassalo and Kathy Kirkeby 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 Zempel to approve the January 7, 2025, agenda and minutes for December 30 & 31, 2024, meetings as written. All voted aye, motion carried. Don Carlson and Tim Zempel were thanked for their service and exited the meeting.

OATH OF OFFICE

Oaths of Office were administered by Auditor Kristi Fritz to Commissioner Elect: Brian Heinecke-District 4 and John Dabek Jr.-District 2 and Appointed: Ken Nelson-District 3.

2025 REORGANIZATION

The Commissioners reorganized for 2025 as follows: Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Johnston to nominate Tom Vergeldt as Chairman-motion carried; motion by Johnston, seconded by Nelson to nominate Brian Heinecke as Vice Chairman-motion carried. Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Johnston to adopt the following-motion carried: set official newspapers and chattel mortgage sales: Sisseton Courier, Rosholt Review and Wilmot Enterprise with the caveat knowing that the Wilmot Enterprise is not in publication at the moment so Grant County Review will be used when necessary; chattel Mortgage Sales: Courthouse steps or rotunda; Heinecke-Weed liaison member; Nelson-Commissioner liaison member to the Extension Board. Any out of county meetings will be paid \$25.00 per half day meeting and \$50.00 per whole day meeting for and mileage allowance @.655; motion by Heinecke, seconded by Johnston to adopt the following, motion carried: Vergeldt-GROW SD; Heinecke (board Member and Jensen (Private Sector member)-First Planning District; Johnston & Dabek-oversee landfill operations; Nelson & Dabek-911 Board/Law Enforcement Committee; Election workers \$15.00 per hour; Planning and Zoning-County Commissioners/Planning and Zoning meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month and the first Tuesday of each month if needed/Commissioners and the Planning & Zoning Administrator will not charge if the meetings are held on the days when the Commissioners are in session; Coroner fees \$250 per call. The Commissioner salary at \$1080 per month with the Chairman receiving \$1180 per month plus mileage \$.655 per mile. Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Nelson to increase Burial rates: \$4,700 plus up to \$550.00 (Mar 16-Oct 31); Winter rates 650.00 (Nov 1-Mar 15) for opening & closing. (billed by grave digger). Cremation rates are \$300. No weekend burials. All voted aye, with Johnston Abstaining. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier-States Attorney discussed upcoming 2025 jury trials and requested the Board discuss the purchase of a new/used van for the County Coroner before making a decision.

DISPATCH

Sam Enwiller-911 Coordinator gave the following updates on 911 calls: 836 calls for service, 64 medical, 166 traffic stops, 10 Intoxicated driver, 8 domestic, 3 assaults, 9 accidents, 8 harassment calls. Sisseton 435(in or on interstate, 32 New Effington, 44 Rosholt, 51 Peever, 69 Summit and 30 Wilmot.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Tyler Appel presented a prisoner count of 52. Discussed inmate billing as well as invoices from his department. The K-9 care stipend should be paid to Deputy Bjordahl. Appel had an \$562.00 estimate for supplies to convert an backyard shed into a needed dog house for the K-9.

The new vehicle ordered in 2024 is ready. Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Dabek to authorize payment of \$48,891.00 to Billion Chrysler Sioux Falls for a 2024 Dodge Durango. All voted aye, motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Joey Anderson-Highway Supt. met with the Commissioners to discuss county concerns and fuel quotes.

FUEL QUOTES

Fuel Quotes are as follows: Sioux Valley Coop- Diesel #2-Landfill 2.87, New Effington Shop 2.87, Summit Shop 2.87; transport 2.65 Diesel #1- Landfill 2.99, New Effington Shop 2.99, Summit Shop 2.99; Ethanol- Sisseton Shop 2.566 and Jail 2.566; Courthouse heating fuel 2.52. Motion by Johnston, seconded by Nelson to accept the only quotes received from Sioux Valley Coop. All voted aye, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Johnston to convene into executive session at 10:11 am to discuss personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Chairman Vergeldt declared meeting back into regular session at 10:52 am.

LANDFILL

Jamie Dahl met with the Commissioners and discussed equipment issues at the landfill.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Jay Tasa-Register of Deeds presented his year-end revenue: Recording fees (1695 documents) \$104,432; marriage license \$2,760 (69); Marriage Certificates \$5,340 (356); Birth Certificates \$13,380 (892); Death Certificates \$7,710 (514); Calls from Pierre \$2,254 (449); Total revenue \$135,867.

RESOLUTION 2025-01

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Dabek to approve the following resolution. All voted aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-01

We, the Board of Roberts County Commissioners, in accordance with SDCL 4-5-8 do hereby authorize Mark Moen, Roberts County Treasurer, to invest County funds to gain maximum interest.

Dated at Sisseton, South Dakota this 7th day of January 2025.

Board of County Commissioners

Tom Vergeldt, Chairman

ATTEST: Kristi Fritz, Auditor

AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Nelson to approve the Auditor's Account with the Treasurer for December 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 December 31, 2024.

Total amount of deposits	1,219,468.98	Money Market Savings	3,792,096.85
Total amount of cash	1,000.00	Certificates of Deposit	3,341,124.65
Itemized list		Reg Deeds/Landfill	369,693.48
		<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b>8,723,383.96</b>

General Ledger Cash Balance by Funds

General Fund	5,103,716.42
Special Revenue/Rd & Bridge	0.00
Rr & Br Restricted	118,568.72
911 Telephone	0.00
Emergency Mgmt	0.00
Domestic Abuse	817.26
24/7 Sobriety	0.00
Modernization/Preservation	58,948.94
Rural Access Infrastructure	520,606.73
Debt Service/Jail Bond	93,878.48
Enterprise Fund/Landfill	1,026,835.57
Restricted	1,188,973.09
Trust & Agency	611,038.75
(Schools 264,673.54/Twps 34,563.48/Towns 61,022.41)	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH</b>	<b>8,723,383.96</b>

CORONER

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Heinecke to appoint Terry Sorenson as County Coroner for two years effective January 7, 2025. All voted aye, motion carried.

OTHER

Register of Deeds fees for December 2024 were presented totaling \$12,022.50.

CLAIMS

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Nelson to pay the following claims: COMMISSIONER-Publishing/Grant Co Review 291.15, Rosholt Review 142.17, Sisseton Courier 400.91, Supplies/Rosalies 45.00, Other/SD Assoc of Co Comm 3462.00, SD Assoc of Co Officials 1300.16, Total 5641.39; JUDICIAL-Supplies/Rosalies 27.00, Teals 11.67, Law Library 628.81, Total 667.48; AUDITOR-Repairs/Executive Mgmt Fin 71.25, Doug Hamm Plumbing 129.56, Travel/K&K 3.83, Supplies/Sisseton Courier 490.00, Valley Office 148.11, Total 842.75; TREASURER-Travel/K&K 3.83, Publishing/Rosholt Review 237.00, Sisseton Courier 261.88, Supplies/Valley Office 160.00, Total 662.71; STATES ATTY-Other/SD States Atty Assoc 973.40, Supplies/Thomson Reuters 275.54, Valley Office 58.25, Total 1307.19; PUBLIC DEFENDER-Services/Cameron Law 13333.33, Doody Law 13333.33, Total 26666.66; COURT APP ATTY-Services/Hallman Engineering 1885.00, Mitch Vilhauer 647.89, Zylstra Investigation 2440.00, Total 4972.89; GOV BLDG-Utilities/CHS 466.24, City of Sisseton 319.07, Rental/Vestis 9.87, Total 795.18; DIR OF EQUAL-Rental/Great American Fin Serv 106.17, Supplies/SDAAO 185.00, Total 291.17; REG OF DEEDS-Travel/K&K 3.84, Total 3.84; VETERAN SERV-Supplies/Grant Co Review 126.00, Midland Publishing 207.54, Rosholt Review 120.00, Sisseton Courier 144.00, Total 597.54; SHERIFF-Supplies/EZ Signs 200.00, Valley Coop 1605.59, Tri State Bldg 66.21, Xerox 10.60, Retirement/SDRS 181.00, Rental/Xerox 80.18, Total 2143.58; JAIL-Care of Prisoner/Cole Paper 3186.08, Dept of Health 1410.00, Grant Co Review 112.00, Midland Publishing 207.54, National Test Sys 223.68, Rosholt Review 237.00, Sisseton Courier 128.00, Summit Food 9056.95, Tri State Bldg 90.32, Valley Soft Water 306.00, Repairs/CJD Elect 737.74, Travel/Jemarie Nicks 60.00, Utilities/Sioux Vly Coop 1050.00, City of Sisseton 617.64, Rental/Valley Soft Water 100.00, Total 17522.95; DISPATCH-Travel Traing/605 Apparel DBA Wagner Hld 255.00, Total 255.00; MENTALLY ILL-Services/Delaney Nielsen & Sannes 143.75, Linc Co Treas 232.00, Total 375.75; 4H BLDG-Utilities/City of Sisseton 169.18, Total 169.18; EXTENSION-Travel/K&K 67.18, SDSU 200.00, Total 267.18; HWY-Rental/A-OX 116.40, Xerox 86.53, Repairs/Auto Value 503.63, First Call Auto 71.05, Transwest 79.91, Tri State Bldg 43.72, Twin Valley Tire 63.48, Supplies/Auto Value 129.92, Baum Hydraulics 30.42, CHS 3118.15, First Call Auto 371.98, Foerster Testing 1345.00, IMEG 2284.44, Imperial Supplies 77.50, Jenson Rock 1229.08, SD DOT 11370.43, Sioux Vly Coop 21452.00, Team Lab 1967.00, Tri State Bldg 33.60, Twin Valley Tire 58.43, Xerox 24.56, Prof Fee/Avera 350.00, Utilities/Dakota Waste 95.00, City of Sisseton 104.22, Total 45006.45; PRINCIPAL/DEBT-Hwy Debt/Capfirst Equipment 32830.67, Interest/Capfirst Equipment 3849.33, Total 36680.00; 911 TELE-Utilities/RC Tech 583.30, Total 583.30; EMERGENCY MGMT-Utilities/RC Tech 42.48, Total 42.48; JAIL-24/7-Supplies/Pharmchem 575.67, Total 575.67; LANDFILL-Prof Fee/Helms Inc 9360.00, Trashflow 45.00, Utilities/Wetstone Vly Elect 531.54, Total 9936.54. TOTAL 156006.88

ADJOURN

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Dabek to adjourn at 11:31 am until January 14, 2025. All voted aye, motion carried.