

The Roberts County Commissioners met at 9:00 am in regular session with Tom Vergeldt, Brian Heinecke, Faye Johnston, John Dabek Jr, Ken Nelson, Kristi Fritz, Dylan Kirchmeier and Robert Horton 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 Dabek to approve January 28, 2025, agenda and minutes for January 21, 2025, as written. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier-States Attorney met with the Board to discuss county concerns.

ABATEMENT #2132

Kristi Fritz- Auditor, presented an abatement for property taken through tax deed by Roberts County which should be tax exempt. Motion by Johnston, seconded by Dabek to approve abatement #2132 for taxes totaling \$24.24. All voted aye, motion carried.

SHERIFF

Tyler Appel-Sheriff presented a prisoner count of 42. Appel discussed billing of Roberts County prisoners, contract and stipend for care of the K-9. If there was a stipend paid hourly as part of the deputies wages, some of the hours would be reimbursed thru grants that are already secured. Commissioners will consider an hourly increase once certification is complete.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Dabek to convene into executive session at 9:52 am to discuss personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Chairman Vergeldt declared meeting back into regular session at 10:07 am.

FIRST DISTRICT

Todd Kayes-Executive Director of First District presented a brief update of First District operations for 2024 and the upcoming year.

LANDFILL

Jamie Dahl-Landfill Mgr. presented an updated permit renewal application for the Commissioner review. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Johnston to authorize Chairman Vergeldt to sign the SD Surface Water Discharge Program application for permit to discharge wastewater. All voted aye, motion carried.

ROBERT HORTON

Robert Horton discussed ownership of land parcels along a previous state road now a county road. The Board and States Attorneys' office are waiting for the Register of Deeds office to determine ownership before any other action can be taken. The Commissioners will talk to the Tasa and check on the status of the research.

CLAIMS

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Johnston to pay the following claims: COMMISSIONER-Insurance/SDPAA 1691.25, Utilities/Venture Comm 83.59, Total 1774.84; ELECTION-Repairs/ESS 5713.59, Total 5713.59; JUDICIAL-Transcripts/Kelly Lardi 99.90, Total 99.90; AUDITOR-Insurance/SDPAA 1814.94, Utilities/Venture Comm 107.47, Total 1922.41; TREASURER-Unemployment Comp/SD Unemployment Ins 15.23, Insurance/SDPAA 1700.58, Utilities/Venture Comm 108.59; Total 1824.40; STATES ATTY-Unemployment/SD Unemployment Ins 47.64, Insurance/SDPAA 1691.25, Utilities/Venture Comm 158.52, Rental/Xerox 67.24, Supplies/Xerox 122.91, Total 2087.56; COURT APP ATTY-Prof Serv/Austin Law Office 2948.14, Total 2948.14; GOV BLDG-Repairs/Hamm Plumb 279.00, Unemployment Comp/SD Unemployment Ins 28.52, Insurance/SDPAA 24049.68, Rental/Venture Comm 103.16, Total 24460.36; DIR OF EQUAL-Insurance/SDPAA 1702.56, Utilities/Venture Comm 96.62, Total 1799.18; REG OF DEEDS-Insurance/SDPAA 1698.81, Utilities/Venture Comm 108.61, Total 1807.42; VETERAN SERVICE-Insurance/SDPAA 1691.24, Utilities/Venture Comm 85.60, Total 1776.84; SHERIFF-Supplies/Cardmember Serv 147.05, Galls 545.11, Travel/Cardmember Serv 1100.00, Drug Dog/Cardmember Serv 72.72, Unemployment-SD Unemployment Ins 96.50, Insurance/SD Public Assurance Alliance 30586.96, Total 32548.34; JAIL-Supplies/CDP 6597.38, Lewis Drug 604.80, Pennington Co Jail 428.83, Tri State Bottled Water 92.85, Xerox 90.78, Unemployment/SD Unemployment Ins 225.42, Insurance/SDPAA 31143.67, Utilities/Venture Comm 1250.13, Total 40433.86; DISPATCH-Unemployment Comp/SD Unemployment Ins 23.42,

Insurance/SDPAA 1691.24, Total 1714.66; JUV DET-Unemployment/SD Unemployment Ins 27.22, Insurance/SDPAA 1691.24, Total 1718.46; NURSE-Prof Fee/SD Dept of Health 9373.30, Unemployment Comp/SD Unemployment Ins 23.34, Insurance/SDPAA 1691.24, Total 11087.88; MENTALLY ILL-Services/Lucy Lewno 176.64, Total 176.64; DEVELOPMENT DIS-Dev Disabled/Human Serv Agency 906.00, Total 906.00; MENTAL HEALTH-Center/Human Serv Agency 3886.75, Total 3886.75; 4H BLDG-Utilities/Ottertail Power 332.19, Insurance/SDPAA 1691.24, Total 2023.43; EXTENSION-Insurance/SDPAA 7775.08, Utilities/Venture Comm 179.23, Total 7954.31; PLANNING & ZONING-Utilities/Venture Comm 104.40, Total 104.40; HWY & BRIDGE-Prof Fee/Avera 211.00, Utilities/Dakota Waste 95.00, Otter Tail Pwr 747.15, Venture Comm 168.73, Verizon 102.94, Repairs/Steve Finnesand 15.00, Supplies/Newman Traffic Sign 613.56, Unemployment Ins/SD Unemployment Ins 50.12, Insurance/SDPAA 30579.47, Total 32582.97; 911 TELE-Unemployment/SD Unemployment Ins 29.87, Total 29.87; EMERGENCY MGT-Unemployment/SD Unemployment Ins 17.10, Insurance/SDPAA 472.32, Utilities/Venture Comm 71.46, Total 560.88; LANDFILL-Supplies/ACE 98.97, Sioux Valley Coop 2113.33, Insurance/SDPAA 5154.46, Health Ins 1313.70, Prof Fees/Helms & Assoc 7800.00, Valley Office Prod 107.66, Utilities/Venture Comm 169.32, Total 16757.44; DEL TAX PMT-Payment 1828.81. PAYROLL-Commissioner 7525.03, Auditor 5628.32, Treasurer 8182.73, States Atty 14018.62, Gov Bldg 2335.23, Dir of Equal 5643.00, Reg of Deeds 4970.63, Sheriff 21695.47, Jail 36380.57, Juv Det 7873.45, Dispatch 20029.20, Nurse 2176.03, Extension 2222.68, Weed 134.68, Planning & Zoning 2670.69, Road & Bridge 33644.52, 911 Tele 4251.39, Em Mgmt 1035.92, 24/7 2752.12, Landfill 13107.30, Total 196277.58. TOTAL 396806.92

RECESS

Chairman Vergeldt declared the meeting in recess until 1:00 pm.

REGULAR SESSION

Due to delay of 1:00 pm appointment, Chairman Vergeldt did not declare the meeting back in regular session until 1:30 pm. Guy Arnold- Field VSO SD DAV and Jeri Opsal-Tribal VSO also in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Nelson to convene into executive session at 1:30 pm to discuss personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Chairman Vergeldt declared meeting back into regular session at 3:30 pm.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER APPT

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Heinecke to appoint Tanya McCarlson as Veterans Service Officer at 18.50/hr. All voted aye, motion carried.

ADJOURN

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Dabek to adjourn at 3:32 pm until February 4, 2025. All voted aye, motion carried.