

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 and Dylan Kirchmeier present. Also in attendance were: Kathy Quale, Jerry Settje, Robert Horton, Gene Bartz and Gary Sheldon. Jason Deutsch-Sisseton Courier livestream. Chairman Vergeldt presiding. Vergeldt called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES/AGENDA

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Heinecke to approve February 25, 2025, agenda and minutes for February 18, 2025, as written. All voted aye, motion carried.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier-States Attorney discussed an abatement he had received regarding a veteran's tax exemption for which the taxpayer missed the deadline for 2024 payable 2025 taxes. They also discussed Resolution 2025-09 for jail confinement collections.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Quale-Treasurer for Summit Area Economic Growth met with the Commissioners to discuss abating taxes for property for which Summit town had deeded to them as they planned on selling it. The sale did not go through and SAEG had not applied for tax exempt status. SAEG is a 501-3C organization, and they would like the 2024 payable 2025 taxes to be abated. No decision made.

Jerry Settje-Corona Town discussed property in Corona Town with delinquent taxes since 2012. The town of Corona would like to place a new home on the property, and they are wondering what would happen to the taxes if the property owner would deed it to them. The board will check the status of taking the property with a tax deed with the treasurer.

Gene Bartz discussed semi traffic on the Lake Road, repair needed on County Rd 2 and when to expect his 2025 payable 2026 assessment notice.

SHERIFF

Tyler Appel-Sheriff presented a prisoner count of 45. Appel discussed the multi-jurisdiction saturation on Friday, February 21st with area law enforcement and the status of estimates for the upgrade to the camera/security system at the jail.

LANDFILL

Jamie Dahl-Landfill Mgr. presented the annual 2025 contract for groundwater and Methane monitoring with Geotek for 31,495.00.

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Dabek to authorize Chairman Vergeldt to sign 2025 contract with Geotek for \$31,495.00. All voted aye, motion carried.

LOCAL UNION #49

Cole Uecker-Local Union #49 met with the Board to discuss upcoming 2026 contract negotiations.

RON SPENCER

Ron Spencer met with the board to discuss the increase in his property taxes for 2024 payable 2025.

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION

Nick Heinecke, Director of Eq, met with the Board to discuss adding a third license for appraising real estate with an initial set up fee of \$750.00 plus a \$250.00 service fee per year for five years.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Heinecke to authorize Chairman Vergeldt to sign License Agreement and service contract with Vanguard Appraisals to add an additional license at an initial cost of \$750.00 plus annual fee of \$250.00 for 5 years. All voted aye, motion carried.

ABATEMENT #2136

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Heinecke to approve Veterans Exemption abatement for 2024 payable 2025 taxes. All in favor-none. All voted naye. Motion denied.

RESOLUTION 2025-09

Commissioners discussed the resolution regarding jail confinement with the sheriff's office collecting rather than the Auditor's office. Johnston would like it stated that directly the money collected with be brought to the Auditor's office rather than just listing the statute.

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Nelson to approve resolution 2025-09. All in favor-none. All voted naye, motion denied.

OTHER

Received letter from SD Veterans Affairs accepting the appointment of Tanya McCarlson as the new Veterans Service Officer in Roberts County.

Heinecke gave an update on the annual Weed Conference he and Tammy Johnson-Weed Supervisor had recently attended.

The board called Terry Sorenson-County Coroner to discuss the purchase of a different transport van.

CLAIMS

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Johnston to pay the following claims: COMMISSIONER-Utilities/Venture Comm 94.06, Total 94.06; JUDICIAL-Witness/Jury 509.36, Cat Legal/SD Assoc of Co Comm 4949.00, Total 5458.36; AUDITOR-Supplies/Cardmember 204.29, Repairs/TwoTrees Tech 475.09, Utilities/Venture Comm 94.06; Total 773.44; TREASURER-Repairs/TwoTrees Tech 475.08, Utilities/Venture Comm 101.16, Total 576.24; STATES ATTY-Rental/Marlin Leasing 67.24, Supplies/Marlin Leasing 76.42, Utilities/Venture Comm 162.71, Total 306.37; COURT APP ATTY-Services/Decastro Law 2295.00, Taliaferro Law 3490.00, Total 5785.00; GOV BLDG-Utilities/CHS 451.36, Repairs/Hamm Plumb 244.83, Rental/Venture Comm 175.00, Total 871.19; DIR OF EQUAL-Repairs/TwoTrees Tech 475.08, Utilities/Venture Comm 96.17, Total 571.25; REG OF DEEDS-Health Ins 2193.22, Utilities/Venture Comm 100.62, Total 2293.84; VETERAN SERVICE-Utilities/Venture Comm 97.08, Total 97.08; SHERIFF-Drug Dog/Amazon 89.07, Cardmember 176.54, Travel/Cardmember 227.93, Austin Searles 299.00, Supplies/Fedex 58.70, Repairs & Maint/Sharp Auto 5209.69, Total 6060.93; JAIL-Supplies/Amazon 371.72, Vanessa Batie 1400.00, Cardmember 477.89, CHS 2483.57, Galls 32.92, Lewis Drug 669.95, Pennington Co Jail 187.51, Sioux Valley Coop 1797.48, Summit Food 13933.55, Tri State Water 106.85, TwoTrees Tech 75.00, Brooke Wegener 50.00, Xerox 284.94, Repairs/TwoTrees Tech 1637.00, Utilities/Venture Comm 1296.99, Total 24805.37; DSPATCH-Other/Amazon 13.71, Total 13.71; MENTALLY ILL-Services/Delany Nielsen & Sannes 301.58, Total 301.58; COUNTY FAIR-Supplies/Cardmember 67.98, Total 67.98; 4H BLDG-Utilities/CHS 1027.03, Total 1027.03; EXENSION-Repairs/Cardmember 75.02, Travel/Hamlin Co 4H 40.00, Utilities/Venture 98.40, Total 213.42; WEED-Travel/Brian Heinecke 265.54, Tammy Johnson 40.00, Total 305.54; PLANNING AND ZONING-Utilities/Venture Comm 94.06, Total 94.06; HWY & BRIDGE-Prof Fee/Avera 183.00, Repairs/Baum Hyd 396.24, Northern Truck 510.00, Transource Equip 211.07, Supplies/CHS 1535.43, Tammy Johnson 11.26, Sioux Valley Coop 1823.14, Utilities/Otter Tail Pwr 762.41, Venture Comm 153.22, Total 5585.77; EM MGMT-Utilities/Venture Comm 136.67, Total 136.67; JAIL-Supplies/24/7 Pharmchem 990.45, Total 990.45; LANDFILL-Prof Fee/Helms & Assoc 12480.00, Supplies/Sioux Valley Coop 1642.71, Repairs/Twin Valley Tire 162.46, Utilities/Venture Comm 152.13, Total 14437.30; DEL TAX PMT-Payment 216.57, Total 216.57; PAYROLL-Comm 6448.50, Auditor 5417.43, Treasurer 7872.02, States Atty 14002.13, Gov Bldg 2300.91, Dir of Equal 5637.07, Reg of Deeds 5190.21, Vet Serv 1358.37, Sheriff 23978.82, Jail 33038.90, Dispatch 20641.92, Juv Det 8501.87, Nurse 1200.54, Extension 2231.95, Planning & Zoning 2429.17, Road & Bridge 30598.75, 911 Tele 4890.25, Em Mgmt 1363.45, 24/7 Salaries 3150.43, Landfill 12613.87. TOTAL 263949.77. New Hires: Tanya McCarlson Vet Serv \$18.50, Gemmalyn Batista Jail Nurse \$28.85

ADJOURN

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Johnston to adjourn at 12:09 am until March 5, 2025. All voted aye, motion carried.