

The Roberts County Commissioners met at 9:00 am in regular session with Tom Vergeldt, Brian Heinecke, John Dabek Jr, Ken Nelson, Kristi Fritz and Dylan Kirchmeier present. Faye Johnston absent. Also, in attendance were Robert Horton 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 March 4, 2025, agenda and minutes for February 25, 2025, as amended to add Burial application to agenda and explanation of contract signed with Vanguard under Director of Equalization. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ROBERT HORTON

Robert Horton met with the Board to discuss the status of the two parcels of land the Register of Deeds office was researching regarding eminent domain along old US 81 which was incorrectly listed in the January 28 proceedings as State Hwy 81. The Register of Deeds office is researching the whole County not just the two parcels in question which will allow the Board to resolve all parcels at the same time. Horton also asked the Board to read SDCL 28-13-04.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier-States Attorney asked for a decision on the refund request received from Anthony Tokarczyk for the 2023 payable 2024 taxes which he presented last week.

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Nelson to deny refund request #2137 for Tokarczyk property as the 2023 property assessment was not appealed to the Board of Equalization in 2023. All voted aye, motion carried.

Kirchmeier also asked for changes in writing for Resolution 2025-09 from the Board.

SHERIFF

Tyler Appel-Sheriff presented a prisoner count of 66. Appel explained the Roberts County Jail is now certified to provide Rehabilitative/Restorative services for inmates rather than taking them to Minnehaha County for this service. This service, if ordered by the judge, is also reimbursable through the Dept. of Social Services.

ABATEMENT #2138

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Dabek to approve abatement #2138 for Summit Area Economic Group for 2024 payable 2025 taxes due to tax exempt status. All voted aye, motion carried.

TREASURER

Mark Moen-Treasurer requested closing their counter to all county business at 4:30 pm due to the new SD Motor Vehicle system requirements. This will allow the office to balance end of the day receipts by 5:00 pm.

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Dabek, to close the Treasurer counter to all county business at 4:30 pm until further notice. All voted aye, motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Joey Anderson-Highway Supt. presented the five right of way applications from Traverse Electric Coop. at the following locations: Sect. 12-14, 127N, 52W along Co Rd 23; Sect. 16, 127N, 49W Co Rd 23; Sect. 28, 127N, 49W Co Rd 2; Sect. 16-21-28-33, 127N, 49W Co Rd 12 & 19; Sect. 11-12, 126N, 49W Co Rd 7; and one from Valley Telephone Sect. 31, 126N 48W Co Rd 2.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Dabek to approve Right of Way applications listed above. All voted aye, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Nelson 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 10:56 am.

OTHER

Application for burial assistance tabled until next week.

Auditor Kristi Fritz presented the 2025 Annual report for discussion next week.

Register of Deeds fees in the amount of \$\$9,238.50 for February 2025 were presented

CLAIMS

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Nelson to pay the following claims:

JUDICIAL-Transcripts/Calleen Misterek 372.40, Supplies/Pitney Bowes 134.79, Law Library/Thomson Reuters 628.81, Jury Checks 2832.32, Total 3968.32; AUDITOR-Supplies/Pitney Bowes 148.97, Total 148.97; TREASURER-Supplies/Pitney Bowes 219.70, Total 219.70; STATES ATTY-Supplies/Pitney Bowes 7.09, Thomson Reuters 275.54, Prof Serv/Sanford Health 4647.65, Total 4930.28; PUBLIC DEFENDER-Prof Serv/Cameron Law 13333.33, Doody Law 13333.33, Total 26666.66; COURT APP ATTY-Services/Doody Law 1878.50, Mitch Vilhauer 1199.15, Total 3077.65; GOV BLDG-Supplies/Cole Paper 2083.75, Utilities/Sioux Vllly Coop 17647.56, Other/First Savings Bank 68.05, Total 19799.36; DIR OF EQUAL-Other/First District 8000.00, Rental/Great Am Fin 106.17, Supplies/Gr Am Fin 32.79, Pitney Bowes 42.57, Total 8181.53; REG OF DEEDS-Supplies/Pitney Bowes 35.47, Powell Kouba & Torness 104.90, Total 140.37; VETERAN SERVICE-Supplies/Pitney Bowes 7.09, Total 7.09; SHERIFF-Utilities/AT&T 659.70, Supplies/Samantha Enwiller 8.85, Pitney Bowes 99.52, Sioux Valley Coop 1945.28, Equip-Auto/Route 15 Body Works 345.00, Repairs/Watertown Ford 86.03, Total 3144.38; JAIL-Supplies/ACE 28.16, Grant Roberts Ambulance 1467.00, Mary Gruettner 28.00, Mark Mattson 28.00, Nardini Fire Equip 514.00, Carissa Oien 80.00, Repairs/GR Emergency Veh 2305.00, Hamm Plumb 640.85, Health Ins 3874.44, Total 8965.45; CORONER-Prof Fee/Prairie Lakes Hosp 77.00, Supplies/Tim Herman 15000.00, Total 15077.00; DISPATCH-Training/Paula Hadzis 108.73, Total 108.73; NURSE-Supplies/Pitney Bowes 7.09, Total 7.09; EXTENSION-Postage/Pitney Bowes 7.09, Total 7.09; 911TELE-Contract/First District 4000.00, Utilities/RC Tech 298.28, Total 4298.28; EMERGENCY MGMT-Utilities/RC Tech 327.50, Total 327.50; LANDFILL-Supplies/ACE 22.36, Auto Value 276.90, Repairs/Auto Value 24.78, Twin Valley Tire 15.00, Utilities/BDM 36.00, Total 375.04. TOTAL 99450.49

ADJOURN

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Dabek to adjourn at 11:32 am until March 12, 2025. All voted aye, motion carried.