

The Roberts County Commissioners met at 9:00 am in regular session with Tom Vergeldt, Brian Heinecke, Faye Johnston, Ken Nelson, John Dabek Jr., Kristi Fritz and Dylan Kirchmeier 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 Nelson to approve April 22, 2025, agenda and minutes for April 15, 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 via telephone. Kirchmeier reminded the Board of the conference he and Tessa Dalberg-Deputy States' attorney will be attending. The hotel stays and meal expenses are reimbursable for the County through the Dept of Public Safety and the SD States Attorney Assoc. Kirchmeier also asked that the per diem expenses of \$450.00 each be paid before attending to himself and Dalberg. Commissioners gave their ok.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Dabek, seconded by Johnston to convene into executive session at 9:08 am to discuss contractual matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3). All voted aye, motion carried. Chairman Vergeldt declared meeting back into regular session at 9:19 am.

SHERIFF

Tyler Appel-Sheriff presented a prisoner count of 55. Deputy Bjordahl has passed K-9 certification school. Appel has hired Viva DuBois as a deputy at the rate of \$23.50/hour until certification is complete.

HIGHWAY

Joey Anderson-Highway Supt. presented an application for occupancy for the right of way of county highways for Ottertail Power Co. on County Rd #2 in Sect. 7&8-128N-49W Victor twp and Traverse Electric on County Rd #21 in 22-128N-48W White Rock Twp.

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Dabek to authorize Chairman Vergeldt to sign application for occupancy for Otter Tail Power Co. and Traverse Electric. All voted aye, motion carried.

Anderson also had Right-of-way certificates and easements for the Board to approve before work can begin on Project No. BRO-B-8055 (36) for bridge 55-115-180 on County Rd #1. Motion by Dabek, seconded by Nelson to authorize Chairman Vergeldt to sign right-of-way certificates and easements. All voted aye, motion carried.

Anderson is still having issues with private road work companies crossing county roads with their blades down. The Board will reach out to them.

DOMESTIC ABUSE

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Dabek to transfer \$26.06 from Domestic Abuse Fund to General Fund according to SDCL 25-10-16. All voted aye, motion carried.

EXTENSION

Lauren Sankey-4-H advisor updated the Board on 4-H activities throughout Roberts County.

AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Heinecke to approve the Auditor's Account with the Treasurer for March 2025. 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 March 31, 2025.

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| Total amount of deposits | 1,581,326.78 | Money Market Savings | 3,815,472.79 |
| Total amount of cash | 2,640.50 | Certificates of Deposit | 3,372,175.52 |
| Itemized list | | Reg Deeds/Landfill | 370,558.59 |
| | | TOTAL CASH | 9,142,174.18 |

General Ledger Cash Balance by Funds

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| General Fund | 4,524,255.41 |
| Special Revenue/Rd & Bridge | 268,921.67 |
| Rr & Br Restricted | 118,568.72 |
| 911 Telephone | 9,906.11 |
| Emergency Mgmt | (10,296.40) |
| Domestic Abuse | 260.64 |

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| 24/7 Sobriety | (10,410.07) |
| Modernization/Preservation | 40,790.24 |
| Rural Access Infrastructure | 520,356.73 |
| Debt Service/Jail Bond | 176,643.65 |
| Enterprise Fund/Landfill | 1,054,941.00 |
| Restricted | 1,189,838.20 |
| Trust & Agency | 1,258,398.28 |
| (Schools 747,664.58/Twps 98,011.60/Towns 95,235.27) | |
| TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH | 9,142,174.18 |

OTHER

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Dabek to increase Joey Anderson-Highway Supt. hourly wage from \$25.60 to \$26.60 per hour effective April 1, 2025. All voted aye, motion carried.

Nick Heinecke-Director Of Equalization explained the process and deadlines for appeals after the local board has made a decision. Heinecke also presented the appeal paperwork he had received from Grant Twp regarding Gary Sheldon's appeal. The board also reached out to the Grant township clerk-Millicent Hannasch for an explanation on how the Gary Sheldon appeal was handled.

CLAIMS

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Dabek to pay the following claims:
COMMISSIONER-Travel/Ramkota Hotel 328.00, Utilities/Venture Comm 88.17, Total 416.17;
JUDICIAL-Witness 208.00, Total 208.00; AUDITOR-Supplies/Cardmember Serv 13.79,
 Travel/Cardmember Serv 7.10, Ramkota Hotel 106.00, Repairs/Executive Mgmt Fin 57.25,
 Utilities/Venture Comm 84.19, Total 268.33; TREASURER-Travel/Cardmember Serv 7.10,
 Ramkota Hotel 126.00, Utilities/Venture Comm 90.65, Total 223.75; STATES ATTY-
 Rental/Marlin Leasing Corp 67.24, Supplies/Marlin Leasing Corp 99.52, Utilities/Venture
 Comm 162.69, Total 329.45; COURT APP ATTY-Services/Doody Law 1337.00, Total 1337.00; GOV
BLDG-Repairs/Pies Fire Equip 243.45, Rental/Venture Comm 327.04, Total 570.49; DIR OF
EQUAL-Travel/Cardmember Serv 7.09, Utilities/Venture Comm 89.47, Total 96.56; REG OF
DEEDS-Supplies/Cardmember Serv 17.78, Utilities/Venture Comm 93.49, Total 111.27; VETERAN
SERV-Utilities/Venture Comm 93.62, Total 93.62; SHERIFF-Drug Dog/Caden Bjordahl 1000.00,
 Cardmember Serv 1264.00, Repairs/Cardmember Serv 6173.60, Supplies/Cardmember Serv
 327.06, WEX 1678.59, Total 10443.25; JAIL-Supplies/Guardian RFID 3776.50, ICS 296.10,
 Lewis Drug 447.51, Pheasantland Ind 3014.17, Xerox 46.47, Travel-Training/Fallout Shelter
 Ministries 550.00, James Lanuza 60.00, Repairs/Hamm Plumbing 750.00, Utilities/Venture
 1268.63, Group Ins/Wellmark 184.67, Rental/Xerox 147.99, Total 10542.04; EXTENSION-
 Repairs/Cardmember Serv 37.51, Utilities/Venture 89.00, Total 126.51; PLANNING & ZONING-
 Utilities/Venture 84.18, Total 84.18; HWY & BRIDGE-Travel/Mark Brooks 25.00,
 Supplies/Goldstar Prod 2518.43, Sioux Valley Coop 1392.16, Utilities/OtterTail Pwr
 679.86, Venture 157.68, Repairs/Wallwork Truck Ctr 44.75, Total 4817.88; EMERGENCY MGMT-
 Travel/Ramkota Hotel 112.00, Paige Schaunaman 353.02, Utilities/Venture Comm 50.67, Total
 515.69; DOMESTIC ABUSE-Wac'ang'a Inc 234.58, Total 234.58; LANDFILL-Supplies/Sioux Valley
 Coop 2061.14, Valley Office 197.73, Venture Comm 156.30, Repairs/Twin Valley Tire
 1315.45, Total 3730.62; DEL TAX PMT-Payments 5339.22, total 5339.22; PAYROLL-Commissioner
 6445.53, Auditor 5439.11, Treasurer 7978.63, States Atty 14079.10, Gov Bldg 2328.38, Dir
 of Equalization 5637.10, Reg of Deeds 5265.24, Veteran Serv 1483.43, Sheriff 22258.76,
 Jail 35557.01, Dispatch 23851.13, Juv Det 7574.08, Nurse 1926.61, Extension 2222.69,
 Planning & Zoning 2340.18, Road & Bridge 27779.74, 911 Telephone 2601.59, Emergency Mgmt
 1794.17, 24-7 3388.25, Landfill 12281.61, Total 192232.34. TOTAL 231720.95

ADJOURN

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Heinecke to adjourn from regular session at 10:44 am until April 29. All voted aye, motion carried.

CONSOLIDATED BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Chairman Vergeldt called the meeting back in session at 1:00 pm as the Consolidated Board of Equalization. Ken Nelson, Faye Johnston, Brian Heinecke, John Dabek Jr., Jennie Lynn Evenson, Paul Stapleton, Joe Just, Kristi Fritz, Nick Heinecke and Lisa Skog in attendance. Jason Deutsch -Sisseton Courier. The following action was taken:

| NAME & DESCRIPTION | REASON | ABSTRACT | ASSESSOR | COUNTY |
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| | | TYPE | VALUE | BOARD |

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| 37. Sisseton Town | Valuation too | NA-D1 | 27121 | 26337 |
| James Pirmantgen/Patricia Carlson High | | NA-D | 12197 | 12197 |
| Lots 1 thru 6 Block 55 | | NA-D1 | 35893 | 34203 |
| Lots 7-9 Block 82 | | NA-D | 4879 | 4879 |
| Lots 19 thru 24 Block 114 | | NA-DC2 | 38018 | 35948 |
| | | NA-DC | 17214 | 17214 |
| Lots 13 & 14 Block 29 | | NA-D1 | 9029 | 9029 |
| | | NA-D | 4743 | 4743 |

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Stapleton to change values as stated. All voted aye, motion carried.

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| 38. Sisseton Town | Valuation too | NA-C | 21000 | 21000 |
| CRM Acquisitions | high | NA-C | 32696 | 32696 |
| Lot 39A | | NA-C | 42210 | 42210 |
| | | NA-C | 24360 | 24360 |
| | | NA-C | 35700 | 35700 |

Motion by Dabek, seconded by Just to retain property values as stated. All voted aye, motion carried.

ADJOURN

Motion by Dabek, seconded by Heinecke to adjourn consolidated Board of Equalization at 1:30 pm. All voted aye, motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Chairman Vergeldt declared the Board of Equalization in session at 1:30 pm.

| NAME & DESCRIPTION | REASON | ABSTRACT TYPE | ASSESSOR VALUE | COUNTY BOARD |
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| 39. Lein Township | Valuation too | | | |
| Art/Connie Brandenburger | High | NA-A1-S | 65482 | 65482 |
| NW4 11-128-50 | | AG-A1 | 46889 | 41821 |
| Felton 1 st Addn | | NA-C1 | 34704 | 32330 |
| Motion by Nelson, seconded by Dabek to lower the values as stated. All voted aye, motion carried. | | | | |
| 40. Bryant Township | Valuation too | AG-C | 142713 | 142713 |
| Robert Bates Revocable Trust | high | AG-C | 51369 | 51369 |
| Foltz Conservation Easement Tract 1 | | | | |
| In SE1/4 4-126-49 & N2NW4 in 10-126-49 | | | | |
| Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Dabek to retain values as stated. All voted aye, motion carried. | | | | |
| 41. Easter Township | Valuation too | NA-A1-S | 8880 | 3400 |
| Darin Fonder | high | NA-AM1-S | 35361 | 35361 |
| NE4 17-125-50 | | | | |
| Motion by Dabek, seconded by Johnston to retain current NA-AM1-S value and lower the NA-A1-S value as stated. All voted aye, motion carried. | | | | |
| 42. Bryant Township | Classification | NA-C1-S to NA-C1A-S | 189429 | 189429 |
| Scott Mayou | Change | NA-C-S to AG-A | 129864 | 18262 |
| E1/2NE1/4NE1/4 15-126-49 | | NA-C1 to Exempt | 2310 | 0 |
| E 850' of S 800' of SE4 | | NA-C1-S to NA-C1A-S | 47873 | 47873 |
| | | NA-C-S to AG-A | 109638 | 44975 |
| Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Dabek to approve the classification change as well as values as stated. All voted aye, motion carried. | | | | |
| 43. Goodwill Township | Valuation too | NA-C1-S | 123003 | 123003 |
| Nola Ragan | high | NA-C-S | 196040 | 196040 |
| N2N2NE4 33-125-51 | | | | |
| Motion by Dabek, seconded by Nelson to retain current value. All voted aye, motion carried. | | | | |
| 44. Wilmot Town | Valuation too | NA-DC2 | 13104 | 5000 |
| Ronda Hanson, Dianne Stoick | high | NA-DC | 17500 | 17500 |
| & Darlene Mertens | | | | |
| Lots 11 & 12 Block 8 | | | | |
| Motion by Johnston, seconded by Heinecke to lower the NA-DC2 valuation and retain NA-DC valuation as stated. All voted aye, motion carried. | | | | |
| Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Johnston to lower value as stated. All voted aye, motion carried. | | | | |

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| 45. Lockwood Township | Valuation too | NA-C | 59850 | 39900 |
| Doug Markworth | high | | | |
| Lot 20, Lakota Island Estates | | | | |
| Motion by Johnston, seconded by Dabek to lower value as stated. All voted aye, motion carried. | | | | |
| 46. Lockwood Township | Valuation too | NA-C | 18675 | 12450 |
| Diane Peters | high | NA-C | 48600 | 16200 |
| Lot 50 of Lakota Island Estates | | | | |
| Lot 51 of Lakota Island Estates | | | | |
| Motion by Dabek, seconded by Nelson to lower values as stated. All voted aye, motion carried. | | | | |
| 47. Lockwood Township | Valuation too | | | |
| Ginger LLLP | high | | | |
| Lot 31 of Lakota Island Estates | | NA-C | 63900 | 42600 |
| Lot 16 of Lakota Island Estates | | NA-C | 50850 | 25000 |
| Lot 36 of Lakota Island Estates | | NA-C | 45000 | 30000 |
| Lot 35 of Lakota Island Estates | | NA-C | 45900 | 30600 |
| Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Nelson to lower values as stated. All voted aye, motion carried. | | | | |

ADJOURN

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Dabek to adjourn Equalization until Tuesday, April 29, 2025. Adjourned at 4:20 pm.