

The Roberts County Commissioners met at 9:00 am in regular session with Tom Vergeldt, Brian Heinecke, Faye Johnston, John Dabek Jr., Ken Nelson and Kristi Fritz in attendance. Jason Deutsch-Sisseton Courier livestream. Chairman Vergeldt presiding. Vergeldt called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES/AGENDA

Motion by Dabek, seconded by Nelson, to approve August 12, 2025, agenda and the August 5, 2025, minutes as written. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Widhalm met with the Board to discuss drainage concerns since the Drainage Board has disbanded.

ROBERT HORTON

Robert Horton met with the Board abandoned property within Right-of-ways on County Roads.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier-States Attorney met with the Commissioners.

SHERIFF

Tyler Appel-Sheriff presented a prisoner count of 53. Appel discussed how many employees would be needed for each department at the jail to be considered fully staffed. Appel requested hiring a full-time employee would split their time between deputy sheriff and correctional officer as the Jail Sargeant. Appel would like to the starting wage for a Jail Sargeant to be 23.50/hour as well as increasing Jail Corporals to 22.00/hour and Jail Captain to 23.50/hour. The Board would like to see job descriptions before making a decision on wages.

Appel has also secured a Homeland Security Grant to be used towards a new camera/security system at the jail.

HIGHWAY

Joey Anderson, Highway Supt. prices for a new groomer at \$18,700 plus 4,523 for the blades. This groomer is the same as what is currently owned by the county but would need to purchase another tractor. Also, discussed washed out roads and 2026 budgets.

JOHN FELTON

John Felton-Building Restoration discussed current estimate to repair the Courthouse Dome. He will submit another estimate regarding the necessary repairs needed for the outside of the dome.

PROVISIONAL BUDGET

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Dabek to approve the provisional budget and set hearing date for September 2 at 11:00 am. All voted aye, motion carried.

CLAIMS

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Nelson to pay the following claims: COMMISSIONER-Publishing/Rosholt Review 523.05, Sisseton Courier 475.68, Total 998.73; JUDICIAL-Supplies/Rosalies 27.00, Total 27.00; AUDITOR-Supplies/Sisseton Courier 421.12, Twotrees Tech 419.65, Xerox 52.79, Travel/K&K 3.51, Rental/Xerox 101.99, Total 999.06; TREASURER-Supplies/Sisseton Courier 421.12, Twotrees Tech 3709.65, Xerox 11.23, Travel/K&K 3.50, Rental/Xerox 70.82, Total 4216.32; STATES ATTY-Other/Claims Assoc 3303.00, Total 3303.00; COURT APP ATTY-Services/Zylstra Investigations 1621.80, Total 1621.80; GOV BLDG-Repairs/Brandells Refrigeration 185.85, Utilities/Otter Tail Pwr 1297.86, City of Siss 263.66, Total 1747.37; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION-Supplies/K&K 6.41, Sisseton Courier 421.12, Total 427.53; REG OF DEEDS-Supplies/Sisseton Courier 371.12, Two Tree Tech 419.65, Xerox 10.43, Rental/Xerox 88.20 Total 889.40; VETERAN SERV-Supplies/Sisseton Courier 50.00, Xerox 14.92, Rental/Xerox 79.20, Total 144.12; SHERIFF-Supplies/Galls 3128.84, Repairs/Jurgens Autobody 100.00, Other/Sisseton Courier 80.75, Total 3309.59; JAIL-Supplies/CDP 8121.81, Dept of Health 3045.00, Twotrees Tech 1961.50, Xerox 1025.08, Rental/Langager Stack Movers 250.00, Xerox 80.18, Health Ins Reimb 585.29, Utilities/Otter Tail Pwr 4343.70, City of Siss 421.00, Repairs/Rinas Electric 550.00, Total 20383.56; DISPATCH-Other/Twotrees 10.00, Total 10.00; MENTALLY ILL-Services/Koletzky Law 288.00, Total 288.00; EXTENSION-Supplies/Sisseton Courier 421.12, Total 421.12; HWY & BRIDGE-Prof Fee/Avera 75.40, CDP 176.00, Repairs/Diesel Machinery Co 1152.38, RDO Equipment 52.43, Wallwork Truck Ctr 339.66, Utilities/City of Siss 218.88, Traverse Elect 83.21, Total 2097.96; 911 Tele-Utilities/RC Tech 583.30, Total 583.30;

EMERGENCY MGMT-Travel/SDEMA 125.00, Utilities/RC Tech 42.48, Total 167.48; LANDFILL-Repairs/ACE 3.29, Hardware Hank 11.27, Stillson Serv 661.71, Twin Valley Tire 7.99, Prof Fee/Avera 37.70, CDP 88.00, Utilities/Whetstone Valley Elect 285.89, Total 1095.85; DEL TAX PMT-Payment 259.63, STATE MOTOR VEH-Refund/Gary or Shirley Renville 703.00, Total 703.00; PAYROLL-Commissioner 2722.13, Auditor 4585.35, Treasurer 5702.66, States Atty 10695.65, Gov Bldg 1483.06, Dir of Equal 4153.21, Reg of Deeds 3831.88, Veteran Serv 1546.92, Sheriff 24342.57, Jail 26154.88, Dispatch 14209.87, Juv Det 6144.65, Nurse 950.11, Extension 1482.71, Planning & Zoning 1932.58, Road & Bridge 29785.55, 911 Tele 3876.81, Emergency Mgmt 758.70, 24/7 Sobriety 2225.82, Landfill 10460.94. TOTAL 200739.87. New Hire: Nya Rikimoto-Dispatch-\$17.01

ADJOURN

Motion by Dabek, seconded by Heinecke to adjourn from regular session at 11:55 pm until August 19. All voted aye, motion carried.