

The Roberts County Commissioners met at 9:00 am in regular session with Tom Vergeldt, Brian Heinecke, Faye Johnston, Ken Nelson, John Dabek 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 September 16, 2025, minutes and the September 23, 2025, agenda as written. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ROBERT HORTON

Horton did not appear for appointment.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier-State Attorney met with the Board to discuss renewing office copier lease for 5 years and easements regarding County Rd 5 and 28. Kirchmeier will draft a letter to property owner.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Dabek to convene into executive session at 9:17 am for litigation pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3). All voted aye, motion carried. Chairman Vergeldt declared the meeting back in regular session at 9:27 am.

SHERIFF

Tyler Appel-Sheriff presented a prisoner count of 64. Appel gave an update on work jail repairs, providing inmate medical prisoner care without hiring a jail nurse and discussed wage increments for correctional officers previously discussed at the August 12th Commissioner Meeting.

Motion by Dabek, seconded by Heinecke to approve the following wage scale changes: Correctional Officer (CO) 1 to CO2-no change; CO2 to CO3-\$1.00/hr increase and Jail Corporal \$22.00/hr; Jail Sargeant \$23.50 and Jail Captain 23.50 effective September 1, 2025. All voted aye, motion carried.

Mary Gruettner-Jail Captain and Alicen Fladland-Jail Sargeant will receive back wages retroactive to September 1, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Dabek to convene into executive session at 9:37 am for personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). All voted aye, motion carried. Chairman Vergeldt declared the meeting back in regular session at 9:49 am.

PLATS/RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Dabek, seconded by Johnston to adopt the following resolution. All voted aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-42

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Roberts County, South Dakota, in regular session that the plat of Lots 10 & 11 in Dodge Subd in Outlot B in Govt Lot 1, Section 21, T126N, R40W of the 5th P.M. Roberts County, South Dakota be approved this 23rd day of September 2025 in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-2-2 and all acts amendatory thereto.

Kristi Fritz-Roberts County Auditor

Tom Vergeldt-Commissioner Chairman

A Conditional Use/Variance was also approved for East River Electric for the 200' x 300' in N2NW4 desc bk 59 pg 35 (1.52A) of 17-127-49 Harmon Township.

2026 BUDGET

The Board and Auditor Fritz discussed changes to the provisional budget. Motion to approve annual budget was tabled until September 30th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Dabek, seconded by Heinecke to convene into executive session at 11:15 am for contractual pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3). All voted aye, motion carried. Chairman Vergeldt declared meeting back into regular session at 12:09 pm.

CLAIMS

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Dabek to pay the following claims: COMMISSIONER-Utilities/Venture Comm 86.75, Total 86.75; JUDICIAL-Transcripts/Kelli Lardy 240.10, Cat Legal Exp/SD Assoc Co Commission 4949.00, Total 5189.10; AUDITOR-Repairs/Executive Mgmt Fin 64.25, Utilities/Venture Comm 86.70, Total 150.95; TREASURER-Utilities/Venture Comm 93.85, Total 93.85; STATES ATTY-Utilities/Venture Comm 157.61, Total 157.61; COURT APP

ATTY-Prof Services/Austin Law Office 420.00, Total 420.00; GOV BLDG-Rental/Venture Comm 261.04, Total 261.04; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION-Supplies/Cardmember Serv 245.30, Travel & Conf/Cardmember Serv 648.25, Holiday Inn 1390.00, Other/Delaney Nielsen & Sannes 150.00, Utilities/Venture Comm 88.96, Total 2522.51; REG OF DEEDS-Utilities/Venture Comm 86.75, Total 86.75; VETERAN SERV-Travel/Sheraton 330.00, Utilities/Venture Comm 95.20, Total 425.20; SHERIFF-Supplies/Cardmember Serv 1280.29, Sioux Vllly Coop 2107.09, Drug Dog/Cardmember Serv 61.36, Total 3448.74; JAIL-Supplies/Lewis Drug 709.50, Pennington Co Jail 414.31, Repairs/Pies Fire Equipment 407.75, Utilities/Venture Comm 1246.18, Total 2777.74; MENTALLY ILL-Services/Grant Co Auditor 611.63, Total 611.63; COUNTY FAIR-Travel/Cardmember Serv 1479.48, Total 1479.48; EXTENSION-Travel/Lauren Sankey 75.64, Venture Comm 155.13, Total 230.77; PLANNING & ZONING-Utilities/Venture Comm 86.75, Total 86.75; HWY & BRIDGE-Utilities/Venture Comm 163.26, Total 163.26; EMERGENCY MGMT-Utilities/Venture Comm 50.59, Total 50.59; 24/7-Other/24-7 Program 3533.00, Travel/Sam Enwiller 187.33, Total 3720.33; SHERIFF-Travel/Cardmember Serv 455.00, Total 455.00; LANDFILL-Repairs/Cardmember Serv 66.90, Lillegard 306.28, Supplies/Twin Valley Tire 20.98, Utilities/Venture Comm 154.24, Total 548.40; PAYROLL-Commissioner 6453.02, Auditor 5353.97, Treasurer 7872.06, States Atty 12086.05, Gov Bldg 2207.07, Dir of Equalization 7692.91, Reg of Deeds 5332.68, Veteran Serv 928.90, Sheriff 30636.29, Jail 33447.62, Dispatch 27831.68, Juv Det 5961.67, Nurse 2242.56, Extension 2222.68, Planning & Zoning 2404.86, Road & Bridge 30969.21, 91 Tele 5618.45, Em Mgmt 2141.14, 24/7 3464.55, Landfill 10410.70. TOTAL 228244.52. New Hire: Dustin Lotzer Jail \$20.00, Randi Ceroll Equalization \$22.50.

ADJOURN

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Heinecke to adjourn from regular session at 12:11 pm until September 30. All voted aye, motion carried.