

The Roberts County Commissioners met at 9:00 am in regular session with Tom Vergeldt, Brian Heinecke, Faye Johnston, Ken Nelson, John Dabek, Dylan Kirchmeier 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 Nelson, seconded by Heinecke, to approve October 7, 2025, minutes as written and October 14, 2025, agenda as amended with an executive session for litigation under States Attorney. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bruce Prins questioned the need for a conditional use permit as well as a building permit just to build another house on his property. Kim Schroeder-Zoning assistant explained according to Roberts County Zoning Ordinance it is a requirement.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier-States Attorney met with the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Heinecke to convene into executive session at 9:11 am for litigation pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3). All voted aye, motion carried. Chairman Vergeldt declared meeting back into regular session at 10:33 am.

SHERIFF

Tyler Appel-Sheriff presented a prisoner count of 46. Appel discussed establishing a policy for fire drills as well as an emergency evacuation plan.

Appel would like to purchase a health monitor sensor for a jail cell with Opioid Settlement funds at the approximate cost of \$6,500.00. Commissioners gave their ok to purchase one. Appel also had an estimate for a replacement of the 10-ton tandem scroll compressor for the heat/cool unit at the jail for \$15,891.60 from Thompson Mechanical in Watertown SD.

Appel had received three estimates to replace the engine on the 2021 Dodge Charger which only 80,000 miles on it. Estimates are as follows: Corwin Dodge - Fargo \$12,768; Vision Ford - Wahpeton \$10,087 and Watertown Ford \$9,175. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Heinecke to accept the low bid of Watertown Ford at \$9,175.00 minus the sales tax of 531.94 for a total of 8,643.06. All voted aye, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Dabek to convene into executive session at 10:06 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 10:15 am.

ROBERT DOODY

Robert Doody-Public Defender updated the Board on the case load within his office.

HIGHWAY

Joey Anderson-Highway Supt. presented an application for right of way easement from East River Electric on County Rd 23 in sections 8 & 17-127N-49W Harmon Twp. Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Dabek to approve East River Electric's application. All voted aye, motion carried.

Bob and Brian Lick- Lick Road Works met with the Board to discuss complaints regarding County Roads.

AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Dabek to approve the Auditor's Account with the Treasurer for September 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 September 30, 2025.

Total amount of deposits	2,567,660.61	Money Market Savings	3,863,446.72
Total amount of cash	1,340.63	Certificates of Deposit	3,439,077.93
Itemized list		Reg Deeds/Landfill	383,017.97
		TOTAL CASH	10,254,543.86

General Ledger Cash Balance by Funds

General Fund	4,996,417.33
Special Revenue/Rd & Bridge	745,964.31
Rr & Br Restricted	118,568.72
911 Telephone	33,833.44
Emergency Mgmt	(34,928.12)

Domestic Abuse	691.05
Courthouse Building	327.00
24/7 Sobriety	(27,196.25)
Modernization/Preservation	40,897.14
Rural Access Infrastructure	520,356.73
Opioid Settlement Fund	91,980.84
Debt Service/Jail Bond	397,347.82
Enterprise Fund/Landfill	1,459,725.49
Restricted	1,220,695.80
Trust & Agency	689,862.56
(Schools 284,188.71/Twps 46,204.18/Towns 55,236.65)	
TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH	10,254,543.86

DOMESTIC ABUSE

Motion by Dabek, seconded by Johnston to transfer \$69.10 from Domestic Abuse Fund to General Fund according to SDCL 25-10-16. All voted aye, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Dabek, seconded by Nelson to convene into executive session at 10:54 am for contractual pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3). All voted aye, motion carried. Chairman Vergeldt declared meeting back into regular session at 11:24 am.

CLAIMS

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Dabek to pay the following claims: COMMISSIONER-Publishing/Rosholt Review 418.95, Total 418.95; AUDITOR-Travel/K&K 15.89, Rental/Xerox 101.99, Supplies/Xerox 31.40, Total 149.28; TREASURER-Publishing/Rosholt Review 47.40, Rental/Xerox 70.82, Supplies/Xerox 9.59, Total 127.81; GOV BLDG-Supplies/K&K 44.70, Repairs/Fryer Auto 390.00, Utilities/Otter Tail Pwr 989.15, Total 1423.85; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION-Travel/Randi Ceroll 378.00, Total 378.00; REG OF DEEDS-Supplies/K&K 14.92, Travel/K&K 15.89, Total 30.81; VETERAN SERV-Rental/Xerox 79.20, Supplies/Xerox 2.95, Total 82.15; SHERIFF-Repairs/First Cal Auto 48.22, Larson Towing 150.00, Supplies/EZ Sign 200.00, Total 398.22; JAIL-Supplies/CHS 2272.02, Pennington Co Jail 411.12, Teals 40.78, Tri State Bottled Water 101.20, Xerox 256.86, Utilities/Otter Tail Pwr 4065.72, Total 7147.70; CORONER-Prof Fees/Terry Sorenson 500.00, Travel/Terry Sorenson 96.11, Total 596.11; DISPATCH-Other/Total Response 53598.00, Total 53598.00; EXTENSION-Rental/Century Business Prod 176.11; HWY & BRIDGE-Supplies/CT Sibson Gravel 995.63, IMEG Corp 14000.00, Rosalies 30.01, Vestis 20.50, Health Ins Reimb 1058.31, Publishing/Rosholt Review 26.42, Utilities/Traverse Electric 86.49, Total 16217.36; DOMESTIC ABUSE-Wac'ang'a 621.95, Total 621.95; REG OF DEEDS-Supplies/Xerox 102.39, Total 102.39; LANDFILL-Prof Fee/CDP 88.00, Repairs/Goodhart Exc 550.00, Kraus Bros Const 484.55, Total 1122.55; DEL TAX PMT-Payment 1034.65; HWY & BRIDGE-Supplies/SD DOT 768.00, Total 768.00; PAYROLL: Commissioner 2722.12, Auditor 4506.81, Treasurer 5686.52, States Atty 9581.73, Gov Bldg 1464.73, Dir of Equalization 3657.16, Reg of Deeds 3940.14, Veteran Serv 1441.79, Sheriff 24028.53, Jail 28227.55, Dispatch 16548.05, Juv Det 4230.93, Nurse 1372.90, Extension 1475.76, Planning & Zoning 1956.73, Road & Bridge 29412.94, 911 Tele 3593.39, Emergency Mgt 1104.64, 24/7 2170.28, Landfill 11944.09. TOTAL 243460.68 New Hire: Ethan Nightingale/Landfill/19.50, Olivia Sandvold/Sheriff-Jail/23.50.

ADJOURN

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Dabke to adjourn from regular session at 11:36 am until October 21. All voted aye, motion carried.