

The Roberts County Commissioners met at 9:00 am in regular session with Brian Heinecke, Faye Johnston, Ken Nelson, John Dabek and Kristi Fritz in attendance. Jason Deutsch-Sisseton Courier livestream. Vice-Chairman Heinecke presiding. Heinecke called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance. Joe Fritz was sworn in as Commissioner representing District 5 by Auditor Kristi Fritz.

LIMITED REORGANIZATION

Vice-Chairman Heinecke called for nominations for Chairman of the Board. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Johnston to appoint Brian Heinecke as Chairman until January 6, 2026. There were no other nominations. All voted aye, motion carried.

Chairman Heinecke called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Joe Fritz to appoint Ken Nelson Vice-Chairman until January 6, 2025. There were no other nominations. All voted aye, motion carried.

MINUTES/AGENDA

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Dabek to approve December 9, 2025, minutes as written and December 16, 2025, agenda with correction of Limited Reorganization before approving minutes/agenda. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Auditor Kristi Fritz has received a request from Robert Doody-Doody Law (current renter of office space in the Annex Building) who would also like to have an internet business called Opus Dei for rare books and antiquities in the same space. Kirchmeier said this would not be a violation of his rental agreement.

Motion by Dabek, seconded by Johnston to allow Robert Doody to have an internet business in the Annex Building. All voted aye, motion carried.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier-States Attorney discussed jury trial and the deadline on property in One Road Township.

SHERIFF

Tyler Appel-Sheriff presented a prisoner count of 48. Appel and the Board discussed the 2026 wage proposal for the Dispatch and Sheriff departments.

HIGHWAY

Joey Anderson-Highway Supt., Troy Nelson and Joshua Prather of IMEG met with the Board to discuss the 2025 bridge inspections. Motion by Fritz, seconded by Nelson to authorize Chairman Heinecke to sign resolutions authorizing grant submission paperwork for structure number 55-140-391 (Wilmot), 55-140-397 (Wilmot), 55-181-170 (Sisseton) and 55-208-380 (Wilmot). All voted aye, motion carried.

GREATER SISSETON INITIATIVE

Dr David Staub-GSI and Steven Lyons met with the Board to discuss back taxes owed to the county regarding the old Stavig Building from 2017 payable 2018, 2018 payable 2019 and 2020 payable 2021. The building was approved for 100% tax exempt status in 2021. Staub is asking the Board to forgive the interest due of \$9,731.32. The Board will consult with the States Attorney about the options available. Steven Lyons explained how he would like to utilize the building. Lisa Skog - Director of Equalization was also in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Dabek, seconded by Nelson to convene into executive session at 11:35 am for contractual pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3). All voted aye, motion carried. Chairman Heinecke declared executive session out of contractual and into personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 12:02 pm. Chairman Heinecke declared the meeting back into regular session at 12:12 pm.

AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER

Motion by Dabek, seconded by Nelson to approve the Auditor's Account with the Treasurer for November 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 October 31, 2025.

Total amount of deposits	3,372,367.57	Money Market Savings	3,863,446.72
Total amount of cash	1,256.23	Certificates of Deposit	3,471,424.25
Itemized list		Reg Deeds/Landfill	384,297.04
		TOTAL CASH	11,092,791.81

General Ledger Cash Balance by Funds

General Fund	6,010,904.72
Special Revenue/Rd & Bridge	527,549.62
Rr & Br Restricted	118,568.72
911 Telephone	33,555.36
Emergency Mgmt	(42,879.88)
Domestic Abuse	148.02
24/7 Sobriety	(33,703.02)
Modernization/Preservation	41,280.98
Rural Access Infrastructure	385,685.24
Opioid Settlement Fund	84,666.38
Debt Service/Jail Bond	89,163.15
Enterprise Fund/Landfill	1,539,645.44
Restricted	1,221,974.87
Trust & Agency	1,116,233.21
(Schools 732,044.94/Twps 97,732.11/Towns 100,376.50)	
TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH	11,092,792.81

OTHER

After discussion-Motion by Dabek, seconded by Johnston to approve being closed on Friday, December 26th except for the Landfill being open for two hours on the morning of the 26th. All voted aye, motion carried.

CLAIMS

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Dabek to pay the following claims: JUDICIAL-Supplies/Dakota Mailing 38.32, Transcripts/Kelli Lardy 480.20, Taylor Bell 9.75, Total 528.27; AUDITOR-Supplies/Dakota Mailing 42.35, Xerox 26.64, Health Ins 1643.70, Rental/Xerox 101.99, Total 1814.68; TREASURER-Supplies/Dakota Mailing 62.52, Xerox 18.87, Rental/Xerox 70.82, Total 152.21; STATES ATTY-Supplies/Dakota Mailing 2.01, Xerox 55.34, Rental/Xerox 101.26, Total 158.61; COURT APP ATTY-Services/Austin Law 894.00, Mpls Forensic Psychological 7700.00, Total 8594.00; GOV BLDG-Supplies/Dakota Mailing 12.10, John Deer Fin 629.99, Total 642.09; DIR OF EQUALIZATION-Other/SDAAO 75.00, Total 75.00; REG OF DEEDS-Supplies/Dakota Mailing 10.09, Total 10.09; VETERAN SERV-Supplies/Dakota Mailing 2.01, Supplies/Xerox 5.11, Rental/Xerox 79.20, Total 86.32; SHERIFF-Supplies/Dakota Mailing 28.24, WEX 1208.77, Repairs/Sisseton Automotive 208.03, Total 1445.04; JAIL-Supplies/CDP 12960.93, Rosholt Review 63.20, Xerox 258.69, Maint/Sisseton Automotive 94.75, Total 13377.57; CORONER-Travel/K&K 34.98, Total 34.98; DISPATCH-Travel/Paula Hadzis 96.06, Total 96.06; NURSE-Supplies/Dakota Mailing 2.01, Total 2.01; COUNTRY FAIR-Travel/SDAE4HP 200.00, Total 200.00; 4H BUILDING-Utilities/CHS 664.54, Total 664.54; EXTENSION-Postage/Dakota Mailing 2.02, Total 2.02; WEED-Supplies/SD Assoc of Co Weed 75.00, Total 75.00; HWY & BRIDGE-Supplies/Lick Trucking 1301.02, RDO 1023.98, Repairs/CNH Industrial 88.90, Steve Finnesand 70.00, KJ Diesel LLC 1650.95, Peterson Builders 896.31, RDO Equipment 11366.51, Transource Equip 462.28, Transwest 3090.98, Rental/Lewandowski Construction 1000.00, Utilities/Otter Tail Power 596.49, Total 21547.42; REG OF DEEDS-Supplies/Xerox 104.52, Total 104.52; LANDFILL-Utilities/CHS 976.99, Supplies/Sioux Valley Coop 1254.21, Total 2231.20; DEL TAX PMT-Payments 23910.23, Total 23910.23. PAYROLL-Commissioner 2722.09, Auditor 4657.04, Treasurer 5576.82, States Atty 9811.35, Gov Bldg 1768.70, Dir of Equal 5595.69, Reg of Deeds 3736.83, Veteran Serv 1515.38, Sheriff 24233.19, Jail 28558.60, Dispatch 13429.45, Juv Det 4497.95, Nurse 1459.27, Extension 1475.76, Road & Bridge 32416.46, 911Tele 5622.32, Emergency Mgmt 386.96, 24/7 3168.82, Landfill 10375.21. TOTAL 236759.75. New Hires-Nicole Huisenga-Hwy-19.35, Ava Vermillion-24/7-18.50, Minerva Keoke-jail-20.00, Mike Dempsey-jail-20.00.

ADJOURN

Motion by Dabek, seconded by Fritz to adjourn from regular session at 12:26 pm until December 23. All voted aye, motion carried.