

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

MINUTES/AGENDA

Motion by J Fritz, seconded by K Nelson to approve December 30, 2025, minutes as corrected and January 6, 2026, agenda as written. All voted aye, motion carried.

2026 REORGANIZATION

The Commissioners reorganized for 2026 as follows: Motion by K Nelson, seconded by J Dabek to nominate Brian Heinecke as Chairman-motion carried; motion by F Johnston, seconded by J Dabek to nominate Ken Nelson as Vice Chairman-motion carried. Motion by J Dabek, seconded by J Fritz to adopt the following-motion carried: set official newspapers and chattel mortgage sales: Sisseton Courier, Rosholt Review and will use Grant County Review when deemed necessary since the Wilmot Enterprise is no longer in publication; chattel Mortgage Sales: Courthouse steps or rotunda; Heinecke-Weed liaison member; Nelson-Commissioner liaison member to the Extension Board. Any out of county meetings will be paid \$25.00 per half day meeting and \$50.00 per whole day meeting for and mileage allowance @.725; B Heinecke-GROW SD; J Dabek (board Member and D Jensen (Private Sector member)-First Planning District; K Nelson & J Dabek-oversee landfill operations; F Johnston & J Fritz-911 Board/Law Enforcement Committee; Election workers \$17.00 per hour plus mileage for election school and Transporting of ballots/supplies on Election night; Planning and Zoning-County Commissioners/Planning and Zoning meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month and/or more as needed. Commissioners and the Planning & Zoning Administrator will not charge if the meetings are held on the days when the Commissioners are in session; Coroner fees \$250 per call. No decision on wages for the Board during reorganization for which line K reflects 2025 wages with mileage increase. The Commissioner salary at \$1080 per month with the Chairman receiving \$1180 per month plus mileage \$.725 per mile. 2026 Burial rates (same as 2025): \$4,700, plus up to \$550.00 (Mar 16-Oct 31); Winter rates 650.00 (Nov 1-Mar 15) for opening & closing. (billed by grave digger). Opening & Closing for Cremation rates are \$300. Will not pay additional for weekend burials. All voted aye, Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

K Nelson updated the Board on property in One Road Township.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier-States Attorney met with the Board and presented 2025-year end stats for the States Attorney's office

SHERIFF

Tyler Appel-Sheriff presented a prisoner count of 49. Appel also discussed plumbing and shower repairs at the jail. The Board gave their ok for repairs.

LANDFILL

Alden Hayes-Landfill Mgr. presented the new 2026 rates, discussed how the year ended and equipment issues.

WEED

Tammy Johnson-Weed Supervisor discussed the weed conference in February, and the grant amount expected for 2026 is \$7,600.

Johnson also discussed requested RAIF funds from Lockwood and Spring Grove townships for next year

HIGHWAY

Joe Anderson-Highway Supt. discussed conference being held in March for Highway Departments and drainage pipe on the Lake road.

FUEL QUOTES

Fuel Quotes for the 1st Qtr. are as follows: Sioux Valley Coop- Diesel #2-Landfill 2.21, New Effington Shop 2.21, Summit Shop 2.21, transport 2.19; Diesel #1 Landfill 2.64, New Effington Shop 2.64, Summit Shop 2.64; Ethanol- Sisseton Shop 2.12 and Jail 2.12; Courthouse Heating Fuel 2.19. Stillson Service-- Diesel #2-Landfill 2.23, New Effington Shop 2.23, Summit Shop 2.23; transport 2.18; Diesel #1- Landfill 2.74, New Effington Shop 2.74, Summit Shop 2.74, transport- 2.18 Ethanol- Sisseton Shop 2.23 and Jail 2.23. Motion by K Nelson, seconded by J Dabek to accept the low quotes from Sioux Valley Coop and Stillson Service as stated. All voted aye, motion carried.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by F Johnston to approve new job description of 911 Dispatch Supervisor. All voted aye, motion carried. New description is on file in the County Auditor's Office

RESOLUTION 2026-01

Motion by K Nelson, seconded by J Fritz to approve the following resolution. All voted aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-01

We, the Board of Roberts County Commissioners, in accordance with SDCL 4-5-8 do hereby authorize Mark Moen, Roberts County Treasurer, to invest County funds to gain maximum interest.

Dated at Sisseton, South Dakota this 6th day of January 2026.

Board of County Commissioners

Brian Hienecke, Chairman

ATTEST: Kristi Fritz, Auditor

4-H LEADERS ASSOC

Motion by K Nelson, seconded by J Dabek to authorize Chairman Heinecke to sign Memorandum of Understanding between the 4-H Leaders Assoc. and Roberts County for the 2026 calendar year. After discussion regarding line item #13 rental charges to the County. All voted aye, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by K Nelson to convene into executive session at 10:35 am for personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 11:10 am. All voted aye, motion carried. Chairman Heinecke declared the meeting back into regular session at 12:24 pm.

2025 WAGE/SALARY

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by F Johnston to approve the following salaries for 2026. All voted aye, motion carried. (attached)

OTHER

Register of Deeds fees for December 2025 in the amount of \$12,1667.00 were presented.

CLAIMS

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by K Nelson to pay the following claims: COMMISSIONER-Other/SD Assoc of Co Officials 1317.00, Work Comp/SDML 414.75, Total 1731.75; ELECTION-Repairs/ESS 5713.59; Total 5713.59; JUDICIAL-Supplies/Rosalies 27.00, Teal's 27.05, Thomson Reuters 704.27, Total 758.32; AUDITOR-Work Comp/SDML 165.90, Total 165.90; TREASURER-Work Comp/SDML 248.85, Total 248.85; STATES ATTY-Work Comp/SDML 522.58, Supplies/Thomson Reuters 319.00, Total 841.58; PUBLIC DEFENDER-Prof Serv/Cameron Law 14583.33, Doody Law 14583.33, Total 29166.66; COURT APP ATTY-Services/Cameron Law 1118.00, Total 11118.00; GOV BLDG-Work Comp/SDML 1152.92, Supplies/Tri State Bldg 337.90, Rental/Vestis 83.23, Total 1574.05; DIR OF EQUALIZATION-Supplies/Vanguard Appraisal 3000.00, Work Comp/SDML 2872.89, Total 5872.89; REG OF DEEDS-Work Comp/SDML 165.90, Total 165.90; VETERAN SERV-Work Comp/SDML 82.95, Total 82.95; SHERIFF-Work Comp/SDML 8369.40, Repairs/Thelin Auto 14513.93, Total 22883.33; JAIL-Supplies/ACE 68.54, Centralsquare 40190.15, Tri Chem Corp 40.41, Tri State Bldg 112.96, Valley Soft Water 408.00, Work Comp/SDML 11875.62, Rental/Valley Soft Water 100.00, Total 52795.68; DISPATCH-Work Comp/SDML 758.72, Total 758.72; JUV DET-Work Comp/SDML 165.90, Total 165.90; NURSE-Work Comp/SDML 82.95, Total 82.95; MENTAL HEALTH CE-Metal Health Ctr/Human Serv Agency 4792.75, Service 4792.75; EXTENSION-Work Comp/SDML 82.95, Travel/Stillsons 45.52, Total 128.47; HWY & BRIDGE-Rental/A-OX 86.25, Xerox 86.53, Supplies/A-Ox 48.78, ACE 269.74, Black Strap Inc 2164.78, First Call Auto Parts 344.67, Twin Valley Tire 24.74, Xerox 29.85, Repairs/ACE 88.00, Eastside Equip 1791.21, First Call Auto Parts 900.70, Lillegard 48.66, RDO Equipment 1579.55, Twin Valley Tire 1487.61, Utilities/Dakota Waste 99.75, Work Comp/SDML 21938.73, Total 30989.55; PRINCIPAL DEBT-Principal/Capfirst 32830.67, Interest/Capfirst 3849.33, Total 36680.00; 911 TELEPHONE-Utilities/RC Tech 583.30, Work Comp/SDML 165.90, Total 749.20; EMERGENCY MGMT-Utilities/RC Tech 42.48, Work Comp/SDML 82.95, Total 125.43; JAIL-Work Comp/SDML 68.00, Total 68.00; LANDFILL-Repairs/Auto Value 95.97, Mikes Alignment 3565.82, Supplies/Auto Value 55.97, Utilities/BDM Rural Water 99.25, Prof Fees/Helms & Assoc 11460.00, Trash Flow 40.00, Work Comp/SDML 8584.14, Supplies/Sioux Villy Coop 1596.98, Total 25498.13; TAX PMT-1952.74. TOTAL 225111.29

ADJOURN

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by J Fritz to adjourn from regular session at 12:25 pm until January 13. All voted aye, motion carried.