

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 Dabek, seconded by J Fritz to approve January 6, 2026, minutes as amended with changes within 2026 Reorganization and January 13, 2026, agenda as written. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier-States Attorney had looked over the Union contract and found no issues with the wording. Kirchmeier advised making sure all changes were made as intended before signing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by K Nelson to convene into executive session for personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 9:07 am. All voted aye, motion carried. Chairman Heinecke declared the session out of personnel and into contractual pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) at 9:29 am. Chairman Heinecke declared the meeting back into regular session at 9:35 pm.

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by J Fritz to make a wage adjustment for States Attorney head secretary from \$20.32 per hour to \$21.75 effective January 4, 2026. All voted aye, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by J Fritz, seconded by J Dabek to convene into executive session for personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 9:36 am. All voted aye, motion carried. Chairman Heinecke declared the meeting back into regular session at 10:00 pm.

HIGHWAY

Joey Anderson-Highway Supt. discussed increasing the annual highway permit for 2026 and the purchasing of an asphalt float paver for the skid steer.

Motion by K Nelson, seconded by J Dabek to approve the purchase of an ST 200 Asphalt Float Paver from Dakota Iron-Sioux Falls, SD for \$20,786.25. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by F Johnston to increase the Highway permit from \$325.00 to \$350.00 for 2026. All voted aye, motion carried.

LANDFILL

Alden Hayes-Landfill Mgr. and Leif Redinger-Helms & Assoc. discussed the process for the Landfill expansion of adding a new cell regarding permits, zoning and etc. Steve Kropp and Seth Lofflemacher-Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources also attended meeting via teleconference.

AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER

Motion by K Nelson, seconded by F Johnston to approve the Auditor's Account with the Treasurer for December 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 December 31, 2025.

Total amount of deposits	2,853,523.81	Money Market Savings	3,884,563.37
Total amount of cash	1,268.23	Certificates of Deposit	3,471,424.25
Itemized list		Reg Deeds/Landfill	384,948.69
		TOTAL CASH	10,595,728.35

General Ledger Cash Balance by Funds

General Fund	6,032,510.11
Special Revenue/Rd & Bridge	399,918.95
Rr & Br Restricted	118,568.72
911 Telephone	33,741.03
Emergency Mgmt	.03
Domestic Abuse	408.05
24/7 Sobriety	6,118.00
Modernization/Preservation	38,353.48
Rural Access Infrastructure	360,607.64
Opioid Settlement Fund	84,951.87

Debt Service/Jail Bond	96,825.39
Enterprise Fund/Landfill	1,562,982.34
Restricted	1,239,556.46
Trust & Agency	621,186.28
(Schools 218,911.03/Twps 35,799.64/Towns 76,298.16)	
TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH	10,595,728.35

COUNTY BURIAL APPLICATION

Discussed possible changes to the current application.

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by K Nelson to approve an application for county burial assistance. F Johnston abstained. All voted aye, motion carried.

2026 REORGANIZATION

A late request for burial rate increases was received after the Board approved the current rates during January 6, 2026, meeting.

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by J Fritz to set the traditional grave Opening/Closing rate for traditional \$800.00 and cremation \$500.00 (Mar 31-Oct 31); Winter rates (Nov 1-April 1) opening/closing rate for traditional \$950.00 and cremation \$650.00. The County will not pay additional for weekend burials or burials after 4 pm. All voted aye, motion carried.

LOCAL #49 CONTRACT

Motion by K Nelson, seconded by J Dabek to authorize Chairman to sign the union contract effective January 1, 2026 thru December 31, 2026. All voted aye, motion carried.

CLAIMS

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by J Fritz to pay the following claims: COMMISSIONER-Publishing/Rosholt Review 335.42, Sisseton Courier 312.92, Total 648.34; JUDICIAL-Supplies/Certified Languages 80.85, Total 80.85; AUDITOR-Repairs/Executive Mgmt Fin 57.25, Supplies/Valley Office 286.54, Total 343.79; TREASURER-Publishing/Rosholt Review 313.30, Sisseton Courier 366.61, Total 679.91; STATES ATTY-Supplies/Dept of Health 450.00, Valley Office 73.30, Total 523.30; COURT APP ATTY-Services/Doody Law 359.10, Total 359.10; COURT APP ATTY-Services/Mitch Vilhauer 1533.80, Total 1533.80; GOV BLDG-Supplies/K&K 93.37, Twin Valley Tire .56, Valley Office 91.51, Utilities/Otter Tail Pwr 1020.35, city of Sisseton 264.32, Repairs/Twin Valley Tire 653.64, Total 2123.75; DIR OF EQUALIZATION-Supplies/Sisseton Courier 574.97, Repairs/Valley Office 17.71, Total 592.68; VETERAN SERV-Supplies/Valley Office 5.75, Total 5.75; SHERIFF-Supplies/EZ Sign 225.00, Galls 432.27, Repairs/First Call Auto Parts 32.98, Sisseton Auto 84.81, Watertown Ford 5063.10, Total 5838.16; JAIL-Uniforms/Galls 279.79, Supplies/Grant Roberts Ambulance 489.00, Idemia 3359.00, Otter Tail Power 4023.43, Tri State Bottled Water 97.95, Vestis 13.97, Rental/Langager Stack Mover 500.00, Travel/Bowen Ryan 60.00, Utilities/City of Siss 1011.22; Total 9834.36; DISPATCH-Training/Brookings Area CTC 36.00, Total 36.00; MENTALLY ILL-Services/Fox Law 219.57, Mark Katterhagen 28.00, Val Larson 28.00, Lewis & Clark BHS 225.00, Dean Schafer Court Reporting 42.00, Total 542.57; 4H BLDG-Utilities/City of Siss 148.72, Repairs/Tri State Bldg 40.98, Total 189.70; EXTENSION-Rental/Century Bus Prod 120.32, Total 120.32; HWY & BRIDGE-Repairs/Fisher Towing 2200.00, Supplies/Jensen Rock 726.06, Sioux Valle Coop 861.57, Utilities/City of Siss 109.44, Traverse Elect 38.15, Total 3935.22; JAIL-Kiosk/Precision Kiosk Tech 9000.00, Total 9000.00; LANDFILL-Utilities/Whetstone Vllly Elect 476.39, Prof Fee/Avera Occupational 37.70, CDP 88.00, Total 602.09. TOTAL 36989.69

ADJOURN

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by F Johnston to adjourn from regular session at 12:05 pm until January 20. All voted aye, motion carried.