

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 K Nelson, seconded by J Dabek to approve January 20, 2026, minutes as written and January 27, 2026, agenda as amended with the addition of an executive session for contractual SDCL 1-25-2(3) under States Attorney. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier-States Attorney presented a quote from TwoTrees for two desktop and one laptop computers for his office. The computers to be replaced are no longer supported by Windows. The quote is for \$4,078.00 which includes installation.

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by F Johnston to approve the purchase of three computers at \$4,078.00. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by J Fritz, seconded by J Dabek to convene into executive session for contractual pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) at 9:05 am. All voted aye, motion carried. Chairman Heinecke declared the meeting back into regular session at 9:33 am.

Motion by F Johnston, seconded by J Dabek to deny signing the MOU between the Local #49 and Roberts County with the purpose of amending Article #2-Holidays of the Collective Bargaining agreement to remove the existing language recognizing the day after Thanksgiving as a holiday and replace it with Juneteenth. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

SISSETON CITY

Terry Jaspers-Sisseton City Mayor and Cory Deutsch-City Street Supt. and Joey Anderson-Roberts County Highway Supt. met with the Board to discuss snow removal/maintenance on 8th Ave E, 8th Ave W and Chestnut which are county roads within the City of Sisseton. The consensus is communication is the answer between both entities, so no formal contract is needed currently. Jaspers also discussed property deeded to Sisseton City from Roberts County.

HIGHWAY

Joey Anderson, Highway Supt discussed future bridge inspections. Nelson had also received a call

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by K Nelson to adopt Resolution 2026-04. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-04

WHEREAS, 23 CFR 650 Subpart C, requires initial inspection of all bridges and reinspection at intervals not to exceed two years with the exception of reinforced concrete box culverts that meet specific criteria. These culverts are reinspected at intervals not to exceed four years.

THEREFORE, Roberts County is desirous of participating in the Bridge Inspection Program.

The County requests SDDOT to hire IMEG Consultants Corp (Consulting Engineers) for the inspection work. SDDOT will secure federal approvals, make payments to the Consulting Engineer for inspection services rendered, and bill the County for 20% of the cost. The County will be responsible for the required 20% matching funds.

Dated this 27th day of January 2026, at Sisseton, South Dakota.

Board of County Commissioners of Roberts County, Brian Heinecke, Chairman of the Board

Attest: Kristi Fritz, County Auditor

RESOLUTION 2026-03

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

RESOLUTION 2026-03

Regarding the Primary Election held on June 2, 2026 and General Election held on November 3, 2026. Roberts County will have twelve precincts with the voting being conducted in nine towns as follows:

PRECINCT 1 -Claire City Town, Bossko, Minnesota and Norway Townships	Claire City Community Hall
PRECINCT 2 -Corona, Garfield, Geneseo and Lockwood Townships	Corona Community Center New Effington Comm Center
PRECINCT 3 -New Effington Town, Hart and Lien Townships	
PRECINCT 4 -Ortley Town, Ortley and Alto Townships	Ortley Community Center
PRECINCT 5 -Peever Town, Agency, Becker, Easter, Lawrence and Spring Grove Townships	Peever Lutheran Church
PRECINCT 6 - Rosholt Town , White Rock Town, Harmon, White Rock, Bryant and Victor Townships	Rosholt Community Center
PRECINCT 8 - Summit Town and Summit Township	Summit Fire Hall
PRECINCT 9 - Wilmot Town, Lee, Lake and Springdale Townships	Wilmot Community Center
PRECINCT 10 - Goodwill and One Road Townships	4-H Building- Sisseton
PRECINCT 11 -City Wards N of Chestnut & E of 7th Ave E; Lake, Enterprise, Grant, Long Hollow and Sisseton Townships	4-H Building- Sisseton
PRECINCT 12 -Sisseton Ward 1 west of 7th Ave E and Sisseton Ward 3 south of Chestnut St	4-H Building- Sisseton
PRECINCT 13 -57-Siss Ward 2 south of Chestnut St	4-H Building- Sisseton

Dated at Sisseton, South Dakota this 27th day of January 2026.

Brian Heinecke, Commissioner Chairman ATTEST: Kristi Fritz, Roberts County Auditor
SHERIFF

Tyler Appel, Sheriff presented a prisoner count of 42 as well as an update on the prisoner care billing, Homeland Security Grant for a new camera system at the jail. Tyson Karsky has been hired as a deputy sheriff.

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 10:21 am. All voted aye, motion carried. Chairman Heinecke declared the meeting back into regular session at 11:01 am.

FIRST DISTRICT

Todd Kays, First District Executive Director, met with the Board and presented their yearly recap for 2025. Kays also discussed the future transmission lines, battery storage centers and data centers.

OTHER

Motion by F Johnston, seconded by J Fritz to approve purchase of new printer for Auditors office from TwoTrees in the amount of \$1305.04. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

CLAIMS

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by K Nelson to pay the following claims: COMMISSIONER-Utilities/Venture Comm 69.04, Unemployment/SD Unemployment 11.96, Med Reimb 1365.54, Total 1446.54; JUDICIAL-Supplies/Reserve Acct 400.00, Transcripts/Taylor Bell 9.75 Calleen Misterek 758.00, Jury 533.00, Total 1700.75; AUDITOR-Supplies/Cardmember 686.42, Reserve Acct 425.00, Utilities/Venture Comm 89.70, Total 1201.12; TREASURER-Supplies/Reserve Acct 825.00, Unemployment/SD Unemployment 17.52, Utilities/Venture Comm 93.85, Total 936.37; STATES ATTY-Supplies/Reserve Acct 25.00, Unemployment/SD Unemployment 4.68, Utilities/Venture Comm 157.76, Total 187.44; GOV BLDG-Supplies/Cardmember 23.22, Rental/Venture Comm 261.04, Total 284.26; DIR OF EQUALIZATION-Travel/Cardmember 125.00, Supplies/Reserve Acct 450.00, Unemployment/SD Unemployment 38.79, Utilities/Venture Comm 106.04, Total 719.83; REG OF DEEDS-Supplies/Reserve Acct 175.00, Utilities/Venture Comm 96.54, Total 271.54; VETERAN SERV-Supplies/Reserve Acct 25.00, Utilities/Venture Comm 93.32, Total 118.32; SHERIFF-Repairs/Cardmember 13935.50, Supplies/Cardmember 181.52, Reserve Acct 125.00, Sioux Vllly Coop 1292.14, Wesley Sudbeck 159.37, Unemployment/SD Unemployment 41.43, Total 15734.96; JAIL-Supplies/Amazon 1331.92, Bob Barker Co 1263.22, CDP 2501.98, Repairs/Hamm Plumbing 177.50, Health Ins Reimb 3365.80, Travel/ND Sheriffs Assoc 250.00, Unemployment/SD Unemployment 239.16,

Utilities/Venture Comm 1239.23, Total 10368.81; DISPATCHERS-Unemployment/SD Unemployment 67.08, Total 67.08; NURSE-Supplies/Reserve Acct 25.00, Total 25.00; MENTALLY ILL-Services/Yankton Co Sheriff 50.00, Total 50.00; 4H BLDG-Utilities/Otter tail Power 340.87, Total 340.87; EXTENSION-Postage/Reserve Acct 25.00, Supplies/Cardmember Serv 30.10, Utilities/Venture Comm 154.99, Total 210.09; PLANNING & ZONING-Utilities/Venture Comm 87.04, Total 87.04; HWY & BRIDGE-Supplies/Auto Value 622.67, SD DOT 915.55, Sign Solutions 4655.33, Repairs/Auto Value 74.95, Utilities/Otter Tail Power 985.53, Venture Comm 162.76, Verizon 103.26, Unemployment/SD Unemployment 51.66, Total 7571.71; EMERGENCY MGMT-Travel & Conf/Paige Schaunaman 247.00, Utilities/Venture Comm 50.79, Total 297.79; Jail 24/7-Supplies/Pharmchem 958.50, Unemployment/SD Unemployment 7.09, Total 965.59; SHERIFF-Travel/Cardmember 68.27, Total 68.27; LANDFILL-Repairs/ACE 3.94, Baus Oil 177.10, Cardmember 173.43, Unemployment/SD Unemployment 15.59, Supplies/Sioux Valley Coop 1980.26, Valley Office Prod 152.86, Utilities/Venture Comm 153.54, Total 2656.72; DEL TAX PAYMENT-18291.44, Total 18291.44; PAYROLL-Commissioner 7273.41, Auditor 5774.24, Treasurer 8016.84, States Atty 13220.73, Gov Bldg 2248.33, Dir of Equal 5068.67, Reg of Deeds 5792.52, Veteran Serv 1579.32, Sheriff 27667.80, Jail 42525.53, Dispatch 18665.19, Juv Det 5713.36, Nurse 2189.68, Extension 2259.36, Planning & Zoning 4255.43, Road & Bridge 35684.85, 911 Tele 5993.40, Emergency Mgmt 1737.31, 24/7 3173.21, Landfill 13509.00. TOTAL 275949.72

ADJOURN

Motion by F Johnston, seconded by K Nelson to adjourn from regular session at 11:45 am until February 3. All voted aye, motion carried.