

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

MINUTES/AGENDA

Motion by K Nelson, seconded by F Johnston to approve February 3, 2026, minutes as and February 10, 2026, agenda as written. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Sheldon presented a letter to Auditor Fritz for the Board regarding the inconsistencies and the issues with his property taxes over the past nine years. Sheldon also requested to be informed of the procedure and deadlines to appeal his property values.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier-States Attorney discussed a property in Sisseton City owned by Roberts County for which a resident would like to purchase. The existing easement with Sisseton City will stay in place and the County will advertise for bids on this property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by J Fritz, seconded by F Johnston to convene into executive session for contractual pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) at 9:12 am. All voted aye, motion carried. Chairman Heinecke declared the meeting back into regular session at 9:25 am.

PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT

Motion by K Nelson, seconded by J Dabek to terminate fifty percent (50%) Public Defender contract with Doody Law effective February 10, 2026. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by F Johnston, seconded by J Fritz to advertise for bids for fifty percent (50%) of the contract for services through December 31, 2026. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

SHERIFF

Tyler Appel-Sheriff presented a prisoner count of 71. Appel also mentioned that he would be placing a small order for uniforms.

AUTOMATIC SUPPLEMENT

Motion by K Nelson, seconded by F Johnston, to approve automatic supplement to the sheriff repair budget in the amount of \$15,413.79 due to insurance claim. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

LANDFILL

Alden Hayes-Landfill Mgr. presented two cost proposal for ground water monitoring from Geotek Engineering: 1. 2026 Groundwater & Methane monitoring with the cost proposal of \$34,425.00; 2. Groundwater monitoring Plan Implementation Landfill Expansion -Unit 2, Cell#1 with the cost proposal of \$57,476.00. Chairman Heinecke signed both proposals.

HIGHWAY

Joey Anderson, Highway Supt presented a map of the County Roads he would like to see the speed limit temporarily reduced to 40 mph to follow along with the load limits being posted.

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by K Nelson to approve the right of way application for Grant Water Rural Water to bore under County Road #18 & #4 in Lockwood Twp. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by F Johnston, seconded by K Nelson to adopt Resolution 2026-07. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-07

WHEREAS, the Roberts County Highway Superintendent has placed restrictions on county roads during the spring break-up and

DO NOW THEREFORE request that the South Dakota Highway Patrol assist in enforcing the road weight restrictions on county roads, for the Spring of 2026.

Roberts County will waive any restrictions on tarrigators or any other farm equipment that is overweight empty.

Dated at Sisseton, South Dakota this 10th day of February 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Brian Heinecke Chairman, Faye Johnston, Joe Fritz and Ken Nelson

ATTEST: Kristi Fritz, Roberts County Auditor

ABATEMENT 2145

Motion by K Nelson, seconded by J Dabek to approve Abatement #2145 of taxes in the amount of \$837.62 for Summit Area Economic Growth due to an error in the completion of tax-exempt status within Roberts County. Discussion as to who is responsible for requesting the abatement and why the tax-exempt paperwork was missed during equalization. All voted aye, motion carried.

CLAIMS

Motion by F Johnston, seconded by J Fritz to pay the following claims:
COMMISSIONER-Publishing/Sisseton Courier 314.53, Health Ins Reimb 3836.69, Total 4151.22;
ELECTION-Publishing/Sisseton Courier 41.73, Total 41.73; JUDICIAL-Supplies/Rosalies 27.00, Law Library/Thomson Reuters 704.27, Total 731.27; AUDITOR-Supplies/Farm & Home Pub 960.00, Kelsch Kriz & Assoc 350.00, Total 1310.00; TREASURER-Supplies/Sisseton Courier 1201.50, Total 1201.50; STATES ATTY-Supplies/Thomson Reuters 319.00, Total 319.00; COURT APP ATTY-Prof Services/Dalaney Nielsen & Sannes 1631.82, Austin Law 206.40, Green Roby Oviatt Cummings Law 860.40, Total 2698.62; GOV BLDG-Utilities/Otter Tail Pwr 1126.94, City of Sisseton 319.08, Vestis 83.23, Repairs/CDJ Elect Plumb 955.62, Dakota Lift 350.00, Total 2834.87; SHERIFF-Supplies/EZ Sign 225.00, Sioux Valley Coop 1177.87, Repairs/Sisseton Automotive 173.47, Twin Valley Tire 906.76, Total 2483.10; JAIL-Supplies/Dept of Health 2280.00, Dale Polansky 14.00, Valley Soft Water 306.00, Utilities/Ottertail Power 4473.91, Rental/Valley Soft Water 100.00, Repairs & Maint/Sisseton Automotive 63.14, Total 7237.05; DISPATCHERS-Other/MinnKota Communications 125.00, Total 125.00; MENTALLY ILL-Services/Lucy Youngberg 288.00, Total 288.00; 4H BLDG-Utilities/City of Sisseton 171.90, Total 171.90; EXTENSION-Rental/Century Business Prod 275.47, Supplies/Stillson Service 18.37, Total 293.84; FIRST PLANNING DISTRICT-Other/First District Assoc 22690.48, Total 22690.48; HWY & BRIDGE-Prof Fee/Avera 222.90, CDP 273.00, Machinery/Dakota Iron 20786.26, Supplies/Sioux Valley Coop 1773.38, Twin Valley Tire 58.01, Utilities/City of Sisseton 123.62, Traverse Elect 96.67, Repairs/Twin Valley Tire 1504.00, Fee/Claimes Assoc 1000.00; Total 25837.84; LANDFILL-Repairs & Maint/Auto Value 295.99, Twin Valley Tire 28.25, Prof Fee/Avera 37.70, CDP 91.00, Utilities/CHS 977.95, Whetstone Valley Elect 661.31, Fee/SD Dept of Nat Resources 1139.01, Publishing/Sisseton Courier 9.76, Total 3240.97; DEL TAX PMT-8490.82. PAYROLL-Commissioner 3021.12, Auditor 4859.96, Treasurer 5915.35, States Atty 10888.66, Gov Bldg 1538.36, Dir of Equal 3937.47, Reg of Deeds 4602.72, Veteran Serv 1682.25, Sheriff 21993.46, Jail 36391.16, Dispatcher 14154.41, Juv Det 4979.71, Nurse 1417.66, Extension 1549.40, Planning & Zoning 2645.07, Road & Bridge 35855.30, 911 Tele 4867.11, Emergency Mgmt 1497.45, 24/7 2334.55, Landfill 15139.51. TOTAL 263417.89

ADJOURN

Motion by K Nelson, seconded by J Fritz to adjourn from regular session at 11:08 am until February 17. All voted aye, motion carried.