

The Roberts County Commissioners met at 9:00 am in regular session with Brian Heinecke, Faye Johnston, Ken Nelson, John Dabek, Dylan Kirchmeier and Kristi Fritz in attendance. Joe Fritz absent. Jerry Settje, Gary Sheldon, Robert Horton and Darin Fonder were also 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 K Nelson to approve February 24, 2026, minutes and March 3, 2026, agenda as written. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Settje - Corona Development Corp. asked about delinquent taxes on property in Corona Town. They are asking for the taxes to be abated as the property owner is willing to deed the property to the town of Corona. The town of Corona is preparing to put up new construction with hopes of selling thus the property would go back on the tax rolls. States Attorney Kirchmeier will investigate the tax laws to see if this is a possibility.

Gary Sheldon had a complaint regarding a county employee.

Darin Fonder questioned his 2026 property assessment. The Board explained the appeals process pertaining to property valuations and possible reasons for the increase.

Robert Horton questioned why schools receive payments in lieu of taxes.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier-States Attorney mentioned the jury trial scheduled for this week had been settled out of court. Kirchmeier also discussed cleaning needed upstairs of the annex building before he can move his office upstairs.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

One bid was received from Austin, Strait, Benson, Thole & Koehn, LLP of Watertown SD for \$14,583.33 per month for the remainder of the 2026 calendar year. Motion by J Dabek, seconded by K Nelson to accept the bid from Austin, Strait, Benson, Thole & Koehn, LLP for \$14,583.00 per month effective March 3, 2026, through December 31, 2026. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

SHERIFF

Tyler Appel-Sheriff presented a prisoner count of 57.

HIGHWAY

Joey Anderson, Highway Supt discussed progress on water south of Rosholt.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by F Johnston to convene into executive session for personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 10:00 am. All voted aye, motion carried. Heinecke declared the meeting back into regular session at 10:26 am.

LANDFILL

Alden Hayes-Landfill Mgr. discussed tire disposal and landfill expansion.

COURTHOUSE DOME MASONRY BID OPENING

John Felton-Building Restoration Corp. appeared for the bid opening. Bids as follows: Innovative Masonry LLC-Base bid \$544,000, Alternate bid item \$100,000 total \$644,000; Building Restoration Corp.- Base bid \$786,238, Alternate bid item \$166,354 Total \$952,592.

Motion by F Johnston, seconded by J Dabek to table decision on accepting a bid until March 17, 2026. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

COUNTY BURIAL ASSISTANCE

Motion by K Nelson, seconded by J Dabek to approve an application for county burial assistance. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

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 11:10 am. All voted aye, motion carried. Heinecke declared the meeting back into regular session at 11:23 am.

FIRST DISTRICT

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by F Johnston to authorize Chairman to sign contracts with First District for the E-911 mapping database- \$4,000 and GIS Webhosting & Parcel Update needs - \$8,000 for contract services for the calendar year 2026. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

This new position, whose job duties will include but will not be limited to: assisting with processing and tracking delinquent and back taxes; filing and administrative tasks in States Attorney office; assists with County grant research, preparation, and submission; and assists the Commissioners as well as other departments.

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by K Nelson to hire Samantha Enwiller as County Administrative Asst. at \$18.00/hr. effective March 2, 2026. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

#### OTHER

The Register of Deeds fees for February 2026 in the amount of \$7,890.50 were presented.

#### CLAIMS

Motion by F Johnston, seconded by J Dabek to pay the following claims: COMMISSIONER-Utilities/Venture Comm 85.40, Total 85.40; JUDICIAL-Transcripts/Calleen Misterek 456.80, Supplies/Pitney Bowes 113.50, Total 570.30; AUDITOR-Supplies/Pitney Bowes 120.59, Utilities/Venture Comm 86.40, Total 206.99; TREASURER-Supplies/Pitney Bowes 234.10, Utilities/Venture Comm 91.37, Total 325.47; STATES ATTY-Supplies/Pitney Bowes 7.09, Supplies/Venture Comm 160.69, Total 167.78; PUBLIC DEFENDER-Prof Serv/Cameron Law 14583.33, Total 14583.33; COURT APP ATTY-Services/Austin Law 3817.20, Minn Forensic Psych 750.00, Mitch Vilhauer 3530.30, Zylstra Investigations 3420.92, Delaney Nielsen & Sannes 3398.36, Total 14916.78; GOV BLDG-Supplies/Cole Paper 548.23, Tri State Bldg 87.98, First Savings Bank 75.90, Venture Comm 261.04, Total 973.15; DIR OF EQUAL-Supplies/Pitney Bowes 127.70, Utilities/Venture Comm 94.47, Total 222.17; REG OF DEEDS-Supplies/Pitney Bowes 49.66, Utilities/Venture Comm 94.68, Total 144.34; VETERAN SERV-Supplies/Pitney Bowes 7.09, Utilities/Venture Comm 94.48, Total 101.57; MENTALLY ILL-Delaney Nielsen Sannes 394.00, Total 394.00; SHERIFF-Utilities/AT&T 657.18, Supplies/First Call Auto 121.69, Galls 72.90, Guardian Fleet Safety 135.50, K&S Plumbing 838.78, Pitney Bowes 35.47, Xerox 276.03, Repairs/Mid Dakota Equipment 557.50, Watertown Ford 6348.00, Thelin Autobody 1309.35, Total 10352.40; JAIL-Supplies/Cole Paper 2634.55, Hardware Hank 149.63, Northern Laundry Sys 100.24, Pheasantland Ind 2651.04, Tri State Bldg 84.31, Cash Wa Dist 12689.77, Utilities/Langagers 250.00, Venture Comm 1317.17, Total 19876.71; CORONER-Prof Fee/Terry Sorensen 2000.00, Travel/Terry Sorenson 300.96, Total 2300.96; POOR-Cat Poor/Eggers Funeral Home 4700.00, Total 4700.00; NURSE-Supplies/Pitney Bowes 7.09, Total 7.09; EXTENSION-Postage/Pitney Bowes 7.09, Utilities/Venture Comm 157.44, Total 164.53; WEED-Travel/Lodge of Deadwood 630.00, Total 630.00; HIGHWAY-Rental/A-Ox 552.32, Xerox 86.53, Supplies/A-Ox 164.35, ACE 215.11, Auto Value 212.38, CHS 989.62, Hardware Hank 79.98, Locators & Supplies 246.11, Mac's Inc 400.99, Newman Traffic Signs 1308.65, Tri State Bldg 17.10, Xerox 24.34, Repairs/ACE 61.99, Auto Value 524.31, First Call Auto 190.13, Hardware Hank 46.95, Macksteel 6.81, Utilities/Dakota Waste 99.75, Verizon 103.26, Utilities/Venture Comm 158.60, Total 5489.28; 911 TELE-Utilities/Venture Comm 583.30, Total 583.30; EMERGENCY MGMT-Utilities/RC Tech 42.48, Venture Comm 50.79, Total 93.27; JAIL-24/7 Supp;ies/Pharmchem 575.67, 24/7 Other/24/7 Program 358.00, Total 933.67; LANDFILL-Repairs/Auto Value 360.19, Supplies/Auto Value 112.36, Sioux Valley Coop 1455.97, USPS 78.00, Utilities/BDM 46.00, Venture Comm 153.90, Minor Equip/First Call Plow 7995.00, Prof Fee/Helms & Assoc 4680.00, Trashflow 40.00, Total 14921.42; ADV TAX COLL-Advance Tax/Roberts Co Treas 117312.80, Total 117312.80; DEL TAX PMT-14380.52; PLANNING & ZONING-Utilities/Venture Comm 85.40, Total 85.40; STATE MOTOR VEH-Fund/Phyllis Anderson 130.00, Total 130.00; 24/7-Sobriety Program 2777.00, Total 2777.00. Total 227429.63

#### ADJOURN

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by K Nelson to adjourn from regular session at 11:33 am until March 10. All voted aye, motion carried.