

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, Sam Enwiller, Lisa Skog, Samuel Frederickson 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 K Nelson to approve March 17, 2026, minutes as amended with correction of Ron Goodsell Sr. to Ron Goodsell Jr. and March 24, 2026, agenda as written. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board received inquiries about replacing bridges with culverts rather than bridges.

Doug Langager Jr. appeared before the Board to discuss scrap metal bids.

Darin Fonder appeared to discuss his property assessment.

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION

Lisa Skog-Director of Eq met with the Board to discuss an inquiry she had received from Rosholt Town regarding the passing of a resolution to allow the new addition of the Rosholt Elevator to be tax exempt for 5 years. Skog is researching to see if this is allowable

Samuel Frederickson-Zoning Admin/Deputy Director of Eq discussed retiring a property (Record #8229). Frederickson and the Register of Deeds have researched this property trying to locate it on maps dating back to 1880, current plat or a GIS map. They have been unable to locate #8229 therefore determining it does not exist. Motion by J Dabek, seconded by F Johnston to retire #8229 (Lot 8 Sec 1-126-49 Bryant Twp.) from property values. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier-States Attorney discussed tax deed procedures and upcoming meetings he will be attending.

SHERIFF

Tyler Appel-Sheriff presented a prisoner count of 73. Appel also discussed cost per day to house a prisoner.

WEED CONTRACT

Tammy Johnson-Weed Supt. presented weed contract from Trophy Land Control LLC.

Motion by K Nelson, seconded by J. Dabek to accept bid for 2026 weed spraying from Day County bid for Trophy Land Control LLC at unit price of \$39.00/mile for right-of-way and Rip Rap. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Joey Anderson, Highway Supt discussed progress regarding water issue south of Rosholt along County Rd #7, condition of Highway shop and rental of crack seal equipment.

OTTERTAIL POWER

George Vinsom-Senior Transmission Project Developer and Nic Olson-Senior Project Mgr. met with the Board to update them on the progress of the Big Stone South to Hankinson to Bison (BSS-H-B) transmission line.

INNOVATIVE RESTORATION

Chad Dieken-Innovative Restoration called in to discuss his bid and the engineering report from Interstate Engineering.

BID AWARD

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by K Nelson to award the Courthouse Dome Masonry project bid to Innovative Restoration LLC for the amount \$644,000. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

TREASURER

Mark Moen-Treasurer discussed the County's current Certificates of Deposit, their interest rate and term date.

ABATEMENT/REFUND # 2150

Kristi Fritz-Auditor presented a refund for current taxes payable (\$113.21) due to an error. Discussion was held concerning taxpayer responsibility and precedents previously set regarding refunds. Motion by J Fritz to authorize refund. Motion died for lack of a second. Motion denied.

OTHER

Dakota Plains Transitional Living Center Board members met with the Board on March 17 to request a donation from the Opioid Settlement Fund. The Opioid Settlement Fund was established in 2022 by a national lawsuit against several pharmaceutical companies for their role in creating the opioid crisis for which South Dakota participated. The state opioid abatement and remediation fund created during the 2022 Legislative Session allows for the State to receive 70% of the settlement and remaining 30% being distributed to counties and cities with populations over 10,000. One of the allowable uses is the support of people in treatment and recovery programs.

Motion by K Nelson, seconded by J Dabek to allocate \$6,500 to Dakota Plains Transitional Living Center from the County's Opioid Settlement Fund. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

#### CLAIMS

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by K Nelson to pay the following claims: COMMISSIONER-Health Ins Reimb 4829.80, Other/Grant Co Auditor 105.00, Workers Comp/SDML Work Comp 144.32, Total 5079.12; JUDICIAL-Witness 40.00, Transcripts/Calleen Misterek 413.00, Total 453.00; AUDITOR-Supplies/Cardmember 6.52, Work Comp/SDML 72.16, Total 78.68; TREASURER-Supplies/Cardmember Serv 389.94, Work Comp/SDML 72.16, Total 462.10; COURT APP ATTY-Services/Cogley Law 678.40, Green Roby Oviatt 5950.97, Total 6629.37; GOV BLDG-Supplies/Cardmember Serv 63.15, Rental/Cardmember Serv 193.70, Utilities/CHS 433.07, Total 689.92; DIR OF EQUAL-Supplies/Great American Serv 278.16, Rental/Great American Serv 110.30, Work Comp/SDML 1859.40, Total 2247.86; SHERIFF-Supplies/Cardmember 72.85, Galls 294.76, Guardian RFID 135.50, Drug Dog/Cardmember Serv 61.36, Eden K9 189.00, Equipment/Guardian RFID 3776.50, Repairs/Twin Valley Tire 2379.66, Two Way Solutions 383.96, Watertown Ford 65.00, Total 7358.59; JAIL-Supplies/Cardmember Serv 300.00, CDP 5453.97, Lewis Drug 213.04, City of Sisseton 624.61, Teals 9.98, Rental/Dakota Waste 50.00, Workers Comp/SDML 2170.60, Total 8822.20; JUV DET-Workers Comp/SDML 759.71, Total 759.71; MENTAL ILL-Services/Fox Law 115.82, Mark Katterhagen 30.00, Val Larson 30.00, Lucy Lewno 109.75, Total 285.57; HWY & BRIDGE-Repairs/Butler Machie 563.09, Retriever LLC 840.00, Prof Fee/Cardmember Serv 102.50, Supplies/CHS 869.36, Newman Traffic Sign 702.40, Utilities/Ottertail Power 995.71, Workers Comp/SDML 1439.27, Total 5512.33; EMERGENCY MGMT-Travel/Cardmember Serv 334.80, Total 334.80; 24/7-Supplies/CDP 38.54, Intoximeters 1700.00, Total 1738.54; LANDFILL-Prof Fee/Avera 37.70, Supplies/Cardmember Serv 602.81, Alden Hayes 145.73, Repairs/RDO Equip 58.12, Workers Comp/SDML 6404.38, Total 7248.74; DEL TAX PMT-2033.73, Total 2033.73; STATE MOTOR VEH-Fund/Jonathan Christensen 97.60, Sylvia Dunlap 1884.53, Total 1982.13; PAYROLL-Commissioner 6784.71, Auditor 5588.38, Treasurer 10994.35, States Atty 13151.78, Gov Bldg. 2464.67, Dir of Equal 4483.22, Reg of Deeds 5946.05, Veteran Serv 1656.60, Sheriff 29033.48, Jail 40070.61, Dispatch 17270.15, Ju Det 5738.99, Nurse 2075.13, Extension 2259.37, Planning & Zoning 2403.37, Road & Bridge 31111.98, 911 Tele 5693.43, Emergency Mgmt 1486.10, 24/7 2687.42, Landfill 14273.21. TOTAL 256889.39. New Hire/Jack Cleveland/P/T Landfill 19.50

#### ADJOURN

Motion by F Johnston, seconded by J Fritz to adjourn from regular session at 11:45 am until March 31. All voted aye, motion carried.