

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

MINUTES/AGENDA

Motion by F Johnston, seconded by J Dabek to approve August 11, 2026, minutes and August 18, 2026, agenda as written. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Auditor Fritz and Chairman Heinecke had received comments regarding the great work the Highway Dept is doing.

Steve McCleerey, Lieutenant Governor Democratic candidate, met with the Board to introduce himself and to let them know to reach out if there was a specific issue to direct their focus.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier-States Attorney mentioned to the Board an issue pertaining to property ownership along Cottonwood in Harmon township.

IMR LLC

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by F Johnston to authorize Chairman to sign Change Order #1 for \$0.00 due the even exchange of left over brick and repair of Gabel wind parapets. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by F Johnston to approve the Auditor's Account with the Treasurer for July 2026. No discussion. 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 July 31, 2026.

Total amount of deposits	4,280,180.76	Money Market Savings	3,923,185.24
Total amount of cash	1,316.10	Certificates of Deposit	3,548,117.10
Itemized list		Reg Deeds/Landfill	389,165.96
		TOTAL CASH	12,141,965.16

General Ledger Cash Balance by Funds

General Fund	6,293,123.62
Special Revenue/Rd & Bridge	1,444,510.97
Rr & Br Restricted	118,568.72
911 Telephone	30,485.18
Emergency Mgmt	-17,585.64
Domestic Abuse	535.01
24/7 Sobriety	-31,231.79
Modernization/Preservation	20,361.16
Rural Access Infrastructure	449,543.93
Opioid Settlement Fund	75,932.16
Debt Service/Jail Bond	100,740.82
Enterprise Fund/Landfill	1,867,528.32
Restricted	1,260,192.64
Trust & Agency	529,260.06
(Schools 89,256.14/Twps 68,447.90/Towns 35,599.42)	

TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH

12,141,965.16

PLATS/RESOLUTIONS

Motion by F Johnston, seconded by J Dabek to adopt the following resolutions. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-33

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Roberts County, South Dakota, in regular session that the plat of Schaunaman River View Addition located in the NW1/4NE1/4 of Section 32, T126N, R50W of the 5th P.M. Roberts County, South Dakota be approved this 18th day of August 2026 in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-2-2 and all acts amendatory thereto.

Kristi Fritz-Roberts County Auditor

Brian Heinecke-Commissioner Chairman

RESOLUTION 2026-34

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Roberts County, South Dakota, in regular session that the plat of Schaunaman River View Addition located in the NW1/4NE1/4 Bay View Subdivision in Section 16, T122N, R47W of the 5th P.M. Roberts County, South Dakota be approved this 18th day of August 2026 in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-2-2 and all acts amendatory thereto.

Kristi Fritz-Roberts County Auditor

Brian Heinecke-Commissioner Chairman

RESOLUTION 2026-35

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Roberts County, South Dakota, in regular session that the plat of Lots 1 & 2 in Kraus Subdivision located in the SW1/4 of Section 17, T128N, R48W of the 5th P.M. Roberts County, South Dakota be approved this 18th day of August 2026 in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-2-2 and all acts amendatory thereto.

Kristi Fritz-Roberts County Auditor

Brian Heinecke-Commissioner Chairman

OTHER

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by F Johnston to decline acceptance of the Deadwood Grant for \$7,500 for replacement of the courthouse dome windows. There was discussion regarding the window replacement plans being different from what was specified in the application therefore not covered under the grant. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by F Johnston to decline Grant 2026-SW-106 for \$68,000 a Solid Waste Management Grant to be used towards a new loader at the landfill. It was discussed to decline at the time due to the lack of funds needed to purchase new equipment. All voted aye, motion carried.

SHERIFF

Tyler Appel-Sheriff presented a prisoner count of 70. Appel explained the Highway Safety Grant program which is used to reimburse overtime wages spent on highway safety enforcement patrol hours.

Appel also provided cost figures for inmate food service at the jail. The jail staff currently provides meals to inmates at the cost of \$1.90 per meal versus the previous contract with Summit Foods was for 3.69 per meal therefore a cost savings of \$1.79.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Jay Tasa-Register of Deeds met with the Board to discuss the air-conditioning system in the courthouse. Tasa explained the cost savings of mini-split units, noise reductions and possible rebates available. Tasa will call Ottertail for an energy efficiency site survey and to look into what is possible withing the courthouse.

HIGHWAY

Joey Anderson-Highway Supt. discussed County Road culverts and bridge issues.

LANDFILL

Alden Hayes-Landfill Mgr. had received an estimate on a new grapple bucket. Board gave their ok to purchase an new one.

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 10:06 am. All voted aye, motion carried. Chairman Heinecke declared the meeting back into regular session at 10:30 am.

CLAIMS

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by F Johnston to pay the following claims: JUDICIAL-Supplies/Certified Languages 47.85, Transcripts/Kelli Lardy 22.10, Sara Zahn 38.25, Total 108.20; COURT APP ATTY-Services/Computer Forensic Resources 2060.00, Mpls Forensic Serv 6187.50, Total 8247.50; HWY & BRIDGE-Travel/Joe Anderson 131.09, Tammy Johnson 54.00, Supplies/CT Sibson 973.44, Grainger 256.49, Repairs/Equipment Blades 3477.43, KJ Diesel 7900.47, Prof Fee/Imeg 11250.00, Total 24042.92; LANDFILL-Supplies/Steve Finnesand 500.00, Saber Shred Solution 4484.70, Sioux Valley Coop 3110.54, Repairs/Twin Valley Tire 69.50, Total 8164.74. TOTAL 40563.36.

ADJOURN

Motion by F Johnston, seconded by J Dabek to adjourn regular session at 10:31 am until August 25. All voted aye, motion carried.