COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS August 25, 2026

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

MINUTES/AGENDA

Motion by F Johnston, seconded by K Nelson to approve August 18, 2026, minutes and August 25, 2026, agenda as written. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Darin Fonder met with the Board to discuss conditions of Eastman Rd and the Big Stone South-Hankinson-Bison (BSS-H-B) transmission line. Fonder was wondering if the County had an ordinance in place regarding setbacks.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier-States Attorney mentioned there is an upcoming jury trial at the end of the week.

PUBLIC DEFENDER BID OPENING

Bids for the 2027 Public Defender contract as follows: Cameron Law $185,000 (50% of services); Austin, Strait, Benson, Thole & Koehn LLP $185,000 (50% of services). Both bids stated previous terms/conditions apply.

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by K Nelson to accept bids from Cameron Law and Austin, Strait, Benson, Thole & Koehn LLP for $185,000 each with services being split 50/50 for the 2027 Public Defender contract effective Jan 1, 2027, through Dec 31, 2027. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

SHERIFF

Deputy Tyson Karsky and Deputy Jaylen Schulte introduced themselves to the Board.

Tyler Appel-Sheriff presented a prisoner count of 74. Appel had met with the Wilmot City Council to discuss a law enforcement contract for 15 hours/month at $10,000/yr. The sheriff dept currently has contracts with Rosholt, New Effington and Summit towns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by J Fritz to convene into executive session for personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 9:55 am. All voted aye, motion carried. Chairman Heinecke declared the meeting back into regular session at 10:30 am.

LANDFILL

Alden Hayes-Landfill Mgr. met with the Board to discuss landfill concerns.

HIGHWAY

Joey Anderson-Highway Supt. discussed County Road and bridge issues. Fritz questioned if there were any plans to reopen Co. Rd 2. Anderson stated the road needs work before reopening. They will be patching Eastman Rd. today, the bridge on Co Rd. 10 has been repaired and they plan to work on Co Rd 7.

ZONING

Samuel Fredericksen-Zoning Admin., Lundee Stadtler and Rick Misterek-Holton Engineering, Tim Graf and Dave Graf met with the Board to discuss the proposed Ordinance regarding developing subdivisions a planned residential district not within 1000 ft of lake shore. After discussion, it was decided to revisit this proposed ordinance next week.

CLAIMS

Motion by J Fritz, seconded by J Dabek to pay the following claims: COMMISSIONER-Travel/SDACC 250.00, Utilities/Venture Comm 66.70, Total 316.70; ELECTION-Supplies/Cardmember Serv 9.99, Total 9.99; JUDICIAL-Supplies/Reserve Acct 320.00, Jury Checks 743.60, Total 1063.60; AUDITOR-Supplies/Cardmember Serv 288.33, Reserve Acct 340.00, Twotrees Tech 679.41, Travel/SDACC 250.00, Utilities/Venture Comm 92.21, Total 1649.95; TREASURER-Supplies/Cardmember Serv 254.75, Reserve Acct 660.00, Twotrees Tech 679.41, Travel/SDACC 250.00, Equip/Twotrees Tech 543.00, Utilities/Venture Comm 93.71, Total 2480.87; STATES ATTY-Supplies/Reserve Acct 20.00, Twotrees Tech 284.41, Utilities/Venture Comm 162.15, Total 466.56; COURT APP ATTY-Services/Lenling Law 730.00, Mitch Vilhauer 3777.10, Total 4507.10; GOV BLDG-Supplies/Schuyler Regan 21.75, Rental/Venture Comm 256.04, Total 277.79; EQUALIZATION-Supplies/Cardmember Serv 18.99,

Great Am Fin 142.29, Reserve Acct 360.00, Twotrees Tech 682.41, Equip/Twotrees Tech 1789.50, Utilities/Venture Comm 100.21, Total 3093.40; REG OF DEEDS-Supplies/Cardmember Serv 38.69, Reserve Acct 140.00, Twotrees Tech 676.52, Travel/SDACC 250.00, Utilities/Venture Comm 98.04, Total 1203.25; VETERAN SERV-Supplies/Reserve Acct 20.00, Twotrees Tech 272.53, Utilities/Venture Comm 91.79, Total 384.32; SHERIFF-Supplies/Cardmember Serv 71.36, Reserve Acct 100.00, Sioux Valley Coop 2096.22, Drug Dog/Cardmember Serv 72.25, Wilmot Vet 103.00, Total 2442.83; JAIL-Supplies/CDP 1601.50, Pheasantland Ind 1534.32, Tri State Water 143.50, Twotrees Tech 3244.00, Vestis 27.94, Heath Ins Reimb 67.75, Repairs/Twotrees Tech 395.00, Utilities/Venture Comm 1218.09 Total 8232.10, DISPATCH-Health Ins Reimb 2703.36, Total 2703.36; NURSE-Supplies/Reserve Acct 20.00, Total 20.00; COUNTY FAIR-Travel/Cardmember Serv 340.98, Total 340.98; EXTENSION-Repairs/ACE 40.62, Twotrees Tech 100.00, Supplies/Cardmember Serv 159.22, Postage/Reserve Acct 20.00, Utilities/Venture Comm 155.48, Travel/Cardmember Serv 2.50, Total 477.82; PLANNING & ZONING-Supplies/Twotrees Tech 398.00, Utilities/Venture Comm 87.73 Total 485.73; HWY & BRIDGE-Supplies/CT Sibson Gravel 1750.23, Newman Traffic Signs 180.86, Sioux Vly Coop 4042.82, Twotrees Tech 272.52, Utilities/Ottertail Power 325.61, Venture Comm 159.04 Total 6731.08; EMERGENCY MGMT-Utilities/Venture Comm 50.93 Total 50.93; SHERIFF-Travel/Cardmember Serv 375.19, Total 375.19; LANDFILL-Supplies/Cardmember Serv 527.97, CT Sibson Gravel 290.00, Hardware Hank 37.45, Saber Shred Solutions 1501.20, Twotrees Tech 278.79, Repairs/Steve Finnesand 125.00, Utilities/Venture Comm 151.15 Total 2911.56, PAYROLL: Commissioner 6570.91, Auditor 5747.91, Treasurer 5831.64, States Atty 12467.30, Gov Bldg 2248.33, Dir of Equal 6348.29, Reg of Deeds 5861.88, Veteran Serv 1435.79, Sheriff 21134.72, Jail 34077.08, Co Wide Law Enf 3686.78, Dispatch 22995.09, Juv Det 5713.37, Nurse 1340.47, Extension 2310.35, Planning & Zoning 2542.56, Road & Bridge 30697.48, 911 Tele 5370.68, Em Mgmt 625.64, 24/7 Sobriety 3552.11, Landfill 14751.03. TOTAL 235534.52

ADJOURN

Motion by K Nelson, seconded by J Dabek to adjourn regular session at 12:00 pm until September 1. All voted aye, motion carried.