

The Roberts County Commissioners met at 9:00 am in regular session with Brian Heinecke, John Dabek, Faye Johnston, Ken Nelson, Dylan Kirchmeier and Kristi Fritz in attendance. Joe Fritz absent. Jason Deutsch-Sisseton Courier livestream. Roberts 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 J Dabek to approve September 15, 2026, minutes with grammatical corrections and September 22, 2026, agenda as written. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

F Johnston had received a call from a Sisseton City property owner regarding the proposed walking path on 8th Ave E. Roger George called in to inform the Board about the current conditions on the corner of 450th Ave and County Rd #5. Tom Wilson visited with the Board on County Rd 32.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier-States Attorney discussed the right of way at Clarks Corner and reminded them they need to find appraisals for the property taken for delinquent taxes.

SHERIFF

Tyler Appel-Sheriff presented a prisoner count of 75. Appel said that Ottertail had completed their audit of the jail and no definite start date on the Homeland Security Project. Discussion was held regarding proposed legislation for 911 telecommunicators/dispatchers classification of Class B within the SDRS system.

RESOLUTION 2026-36

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by F Johnston to approve and sign Resolution 2026-36 in support of proposed classification change. All voted aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-36

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CLASSIFICATION OF 911 TELECOMMUNICATORS/DISPATCHERS AS CLASS B MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, 911 telecommunicators serve as an essential component of the public-safety system and are often the first point of contact for citizens experiencing emergencies, crimes, medical crises, fires, and other critical incidents; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota Codified Law 34-45-22 defines a 911 telecommunicator as an employee of the state or a political subdivision whose primary full-time or part-time duties include receiving, processing, and transmitting public-safety information received through a 911 emergency reporting system; and

WHEREAS, Roberts County 911 Dispatchers perform these essential public-safety duties twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, providing critical communication and coordination for law enforcement, fire departments, emergency medical services, and other emergency responders throughout Roberts County; and

WHEREAS, dispatchers routinely manage emergency calls involving serious injuries, fatalities, violent crimes, domestic disturbances, suicidal individuals, medical emergencies, motor vehicle crashes, and other traumatic events while simultaneously providing information and direction to responding public-safety personnel; and

WHEREAS, these responsibilities require dispatchers to make critical decisions and communicate accurately under significant time constraints and stressful circumstances, often while remaining on the telephone with citizens experiencing some of the most difficult moments of their lives; and

WHEREAS, although dispatchers may not physically respond to the scene of an emergency, they are an integral part of the emergency response and share in the responsibility and emotional burden associated with protecting the public and supporting first responders; and

WHEREAS, the demanding and emotionally taxing nature of emergency telecommunications contributes to recruitment, retention, and longevity challenges within the profession; and

WHEREAS, Roberts County recognizes the professionalism, training, responsibility, and commitment required of its 911 Dispatchers and believes their role within the public-safety system warrants recognition consistent with other public-safety professions; and

WHEREAS, classification as Class B members of the South Dakota Retirement System would recognize the unique demands placed upon 911 telecommunicators and provide an

additional tool for South Dakota counties and other governmental entities to recruit and retain qualified emergency communications professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Roberts County Board of Commissioners that the Board hereby expresses its support for the classification of qualifying 911 telecommunicators/dispatchers as Class B members of the South Dakota Retirement System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Roberts County Board of Commissioners encourages the South Dakota Retirement System Board of Trustees and the South Dakota Legislature, as applicable, to take the actions necessary to provide Class B retirement classification for qualifying 911 telecommunicators throughout the State of South Dakota.

Dated this 22nd day of September 2026.

ROBERTS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson, Brian Heinecke; Commissioner John Dabek; Commissioner Faye Johnston; Commissioner Ken Nelson; ATTEST: Kristi Fritz Roberts County Auditor

LANDFILL

Alden Hayes-Landfill Mgr. met with the Board to discuss Landfill concerns and to let the Board know that he is ready for routine landfill visit from SD DANR on Sept 23.

OTHER

Motion by K Nelson, seconded by J Dabek to authorize payment from the Opioid Fund for two Flock Safety Camera units at \$3,000 each for a total of \$6,000. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by K Nelson to approve a county burial application. All voted aye, motion carried.

MALT BEVERAGE HEARING

No one appeared for the issuance of a new Retail (on-off) malt beverage & SD Farm Wine hearing. Motion by J Dabek, seconded by F Johnston to approve the Retail (on-off) malt beverage & SD Farm Wine to Dakota Crossing. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

AMANDA NIGG

Amanda Nigg, Pierce Johnson, Clarissa Johnson, Helaine Fonder, Brian Johnson, Darin Fonder, Jeffry Long and Joshua Long appeared before the board to discuss the BSS-H-B transmission line. Samuel Fredericksen-Zoning Administrator also in attendance. Nigg asked for Roberts County to begin the process of amending the Zoning ordinance to include setbacks for transmission lines and if she could help draft the ordinance. Fredericksen is in the process along with First District to amend the Zoning ordinance.

PLATS/RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION 2026-37

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Roberts County, South Dakota, in regular session that the plat of Lots 4 and 5 of Weber's Addition in the S1/2SE1/4 and the SW1/4 of Section 35, T122N, R48W of the 5th P.M. Roberts County, South Dakota be approved this 22nd day of September 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 2026-38

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Roberts County, South Dakota, in regular session that the plat of Jensen's Island View Addition located in the Gov't Lot 3 of Section 21, T126N, R49W of the 5th P.M. Roberts County, South Dakota be approved this 22nd day of September 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

CLAIMS

Motion by F Johnston, seconded by K Nelson to pay the following claims:

COMMISSIONER-Utilities/Venture Comm 66.70, Total 66.70; ELECTION-Supplies/ESS 1279.93, Total 1279.93; JUDICIAL-Transcripts/Kelli Lardy 117.60, Total 117.60; AUDITOR-Utilities/Venture Comm 88.58, Rental/Xerox 101.99, Supplies/Xerox 62.46, Total 253.03; TREASURER-Supplies/Cardmember 888.05, Xerox 8.91, Utilities/Venture Comm 93.27, Rental/Xerox 70.82, Total 1061.05; STATES ATTY-Supplies/Cardmember Serv 46.45, Xerox 70.78, Calleen Misterek 509.00, Utilities/Venture Comm 155.32, Rental/Xerox 101.26, Total 882.81; GOV BLDG-Supplies/Cardmember Serv 44.73, Rental/Venture Comm 253.45, Total

298.18; EQUALIZATION-Travel/Samuel Fredericksen 366.85, Utilities/Venture Comm 103.10, Total 469.95; REG OF DEEDS-Utilities/Venture Comm 94.31, Supplies/Xerox 104.04, Total 198.35; VETERAN SERV-Utilities/Venture Comm 97.28, Rental/Xerox 79.20, Supplies/Xerox 4.98, Total 181.46; SHERIFF-DARE Supplies/Creative Prod Source 348.92; Supplies/Motorola 158.00, Sioux Valley Coop 2365.61, WEX 456.74, Total 3329.27; JAIL-Supplies/JH Larson 677.05, Vestis 13.97, Xerox 354.92, Travel/Kylee Kranhold 120.35, Health Ins Reimb 293.40, Repairs/Pies Fire Equip 284.50, Utilities/Sioux Valley Coop 334.67, Venture Comm 1316.86, Total 3395.72; MENTALLY ILL-Services/Mark Katterhagen 20.00, Val Larson 20.00, Lucy Lewno 198.78 Yankton Co Sheriff 50.00, Lucy Youngberg 244.00, Total 532.78; CO FAIR-Travel/Cardmember Serv 1589.00, Total 1589.00; EXTENSION-Supplies/Cardmember Serv 158.36, Rental/Century Bus Prod 177.88, Utilities/Venture Comm 154.39, Total 490.63; PLANNING & ZONING-Utilities/Venture Comm 88.60, Total 88.60; HWY & BRIDGE-Repairs/Cardmember Serv 483.00, Keller Repair 20.00, Health Ins Reimb 1974.69, Utilities/Otter Tail Pwr 302.32, Venture Comm 157.06, Travel/Ramkota 242.00, Supplies/Sioux Valley Coop 1345.71, TKO 800.00, Total 5324.78; EM MGMT-Utilities/Venture Comm 50.93, Total 50.93; LANDFILL-Repairs/Cardmember Serv 968.60, Supplies/Cardmember Serv 33.84, Sioux Valley Coop 1627.58, Rental/Nielsen Excavating 3000.00, Utilities/Venture Comm 152.32, Total 5782.34; DEL TAX-890.04; PAYROLL-Commissioner 6570.94, Auditor 4723.72, Treasurer 5878.70, States Atty 12436.39, Gov Bldg 2248.33, Dir of Equal 4662.48, Reg of Deeds 5424.51, Veteran Serv 1264.64, Sheriff 32918.83, Jail 36509.64, Co Wide Law 3440.88, Dispatch 22296.76, Juv Det 5713.35, Nurse 1390.33, Extension 1720.38, Planning & Zoning 2045.35, Road & Bridge 29228.11, 911 Tele 5177.59, 24/7 3807.61, Landfill 13272.58. TOTAL 227014.27

ADJOURN

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by F Johnston to adjourn regular session at 11:09 am until September 29. All voted aye, motion carried.