

The Roberts County Commissioners met at 9:00 am in regular session with Brian Heinecke, John Dabek via telephone, Faye Johnston, Ken Nelson, Dylan Kirchmeier and Kristi Fritz in attendance. Joe Fritz 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 K Nelson, seconded by F Johnston to approve September 29, 2026, minutes and October 6, 2026, agenda as written. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

K Nelson discussed an email he'd received from Noël Clocksin Civil Engineer, Local Programs & Funding with SD Dept Of Transportation.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier-States Attorney and Tammy Johnson- Highway dept Admin. Asst. presented the Board with all the unrecordable easements stored at the Highway dept. regarding 50' easements on County Roads.

RESOLUTION 2026-39

Motion by F Johnston, seconded by K Nelson to approve the following resolution. All voted aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-39**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE CERTAIN COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZE APPRAISAL**

WHEREAS, Roberts County is the owner of the following parcels of real property pursuant to a Treasurer's Tax Deed duly signed and recorded; Parcel #2021, Parcel # 10676, Parcel # 7230, Parcel # 5651, Parcel #3950, and Parcel # 7429, all located in Roberts County, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the Roberts County Board of Commissioners has determined, in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 6-13-1, that these parcels were acquired through the statutory tax deed process set forth at SDCL 10-25 and such parcels are not necessary, useful, or suitable for the purposes of Roberts County; and

WHEREAS, the Roberts County Board of Commissioners desire to take the initial steps to have these properties declared as surplus and to authorize the appraisal of said properties in preparation for sale at public auction or other statutorily authorized method of sale or transfer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Roberts County Board of Commissioners that the following properties are hereby declared as surplus property of Roberts County, to wit:

1. Parcel # 2021 - Lots 21 thru 24 Block 69 Sisseton City, Roberts County, South Dakota according to the recorded plat thereof.
2. Parcel # 10676 - NE2 of 14; Lot 15 Block 7 Corona Town, Roberts County, South Dakota, according to the recorded plat thereof.
3. Parcel # 7230 - Lot 4, 5, & 6 Block 3 Rices 1st Addition Peever Town, Roberts County, South Dakota, according to the recorded plat thereof.
4. Parcel #5651 - S 65' of E2 of Lot 11; S 65' of Lot 12 Block 19 Wilmot Town, Roberts County, South Dakota, according to the recorded plat thereof.
5. Parcel # 3950 - S 44' of Lot 13 Block 7 Peever Town, Roberts County, South Dakota, according to the recorded plat thereof.
6. Parcel # 7429 - Part of 13 DESC BK 13 PG 478 Block 7 Peever Town, Roberts County, South Dakota, according to the recorded plat thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Roberts County Board of Commissioners, that the Auditor is hereby authorized to submit the above-described parcels to the Surplus Property Appraisal Board for purposes of obtaining an appraisal on the parcels to assist the Board in determining each parcel's value and assist the Board in determining the appropriate statutorily authorized method of sale or transfer of the parcels.

Dated at Sisseton, South Dakota this 6th day of October 2026.

Roberts County Board of Commissioners

Brian Heinecke, Chairman

ATTEST: Kristi Fritz Roberts County Auditor

Kirchmeier stated the Board needed to appoint an appraisal committee to assess values of the property declared surplus.

Motion by F Johnston, seconded by K Nelson to appoint Mike Seyer, Kathy Meyer and Kraig Archer as the appraisal committee. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by J Dabek, seconded to hire Emily Searles as County Administrative Assistant at the rate of \$18.00 per hour. No Discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.
SHERIFF

Tyler Appel-Sheriff presented a prisoner count of 67. Appel discussed the need to replace a heat pump at the jail. Appel is working with Ottertail for rebates and getting cost estimates.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by K Nelson, second by F Johnston to convene into executive session for personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 9:43 am. All voted aye, motion carried. Chairman Heinecke declared the meeting back into regular session at 9:50 am.

HIGHWAY

Joey Anderson-Highway Supt. discussed current construction bridge #55-115-180 on Co Rd #1. This bridge is 100% federally funded.

Motion by F Johnston, seconded by K Nelson to approve Right of Way application for BDM Rural Water along Co Rd 5 in 9-124-51 (Agency Twp). All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by K Nelson, seconded by F Johnston to approve Right of Way application for Valley Telephone along Co Rd 7 in 11-126-49 (Bryant Tsp). All voted aye, motion carried.

Joey Anderson-Highway Supt. presented the 5-Year Bridge Plan. Motion by F Johnston, seconded by K Nelson to approve Resolution 2026-41 and authorize Chairman Heinecke to sign certification form for the 5-yr Bridge plan. All voted aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-41

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ROBERTS COUNTY FIVE-YEAR HIGHWAY AND
BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Department of Transportation Local Bridge and Improvement Grant Fund requires that in order to be eligible to apply for Bridge Improvement Grant funds, Counties are required to develop a five-year Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan, hereinafter referred to as Plan;
and

WHEREAS, Roberts County has utilized the South Dakota Department of Transportation, County Staff, the First District Association of Local Governments, Townships, and the general public in developing the various components of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan includes maps and lists identifying an inventory of highways and bridges, project needs, and revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, Roberts County held a public meeting on September 8, 2026 to solicit input into the Plan, and the citizens who attended expressed an interest in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County will be able to use the Plan as a tool to budget for transportation enhancements and better coordinate transportation issues with other entities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ROBERTS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT THE ROBERTS COUNTY FIVE-YEAR HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN IS HEREBY ADOPTED AND IS RECOGNIZED AS THE HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR ROBERTSCOUNTY. Dated at Roberts, South Dakota this 6th Day of October 2026.

Brian Heinecke, County Commissioner Chair

ATTEST: Kristi Fritz, County Auditor

LANDFILL

Alden Hayes-Landfill Mgr. updated the Board on the Landfill Expansion Permit amendment.

ZONING

Samuel Fredericksen-Zoning Admin. discussed the proposed ordinance regarding transmission lines and setbacks.

JAY TASA

Jay Tasa-Register of Deeds met with the Board to discuss courthouse security needs. Tasa has secured a grant from the Dept of Justice that would pay 75% of the \$4,500 expense with the County paying the other 25%. Motion by K Nelson, seconded by F Johnston, to approve paying 25% of the expenses for the security upgrades. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

OTHER

The Register of Deeds fees in the amount of \$12,756.00 for September 2026 were presented.

CLAIMS

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

COMMISSIONER-Publishing/Rosholt Review 307.88, Total 307.88; JUDICIAL-Supplies/Dakota Mailing 26.04, Thomson Reuters 788.78, Legal/SDACC 3773.00, Total 4587.82; AUDITOR-Supplies/Dakota Mailing 22.78, Total 22.78; TREASURER-Utilities/Dakota Mailing 53.70, Total 53.70; STATES ATTY-Supplies/Dakota Mailing 1.63, Thomson Reuters 319.00, Total 320.63; PUBLIC DEFENDER-Prof Services/Austin Law 15244.54, Cameron Law 14583.34, Total 29827.88; COURT APP ATTY-Prof Fee/Dohrer Law 2721.45, Taliaferro Law 335.50, Total 3056.95; GOV BLDG-Supplies/Cole Paper 177.74, Dakota Shred 91.13, K&K 49.00, Tri State Bldg 50.95, Utilities/Otter Tail Pwr 956.52, City of Sisseton 291.46, Other/Sisseton Flower Shop 100.89, Rental/Vestis 83.23, Total 1800.92; EQUALIZATION-Supplies/Dakota Mailing 29.29, Travel/Ramkota Hotel 1120.00, Total 1149.29; REG OF DEEDS-Supplies/Dakota Mailing 11.39, Total 11.39; VETERAN SERV-Supplies/Dakota Mailing 1.63, Total 1.63; SHERIFF-Supplies/Dakota Mailing 13.01, EZ Sign 225.00, First Call Auto Parts 40.65, ITL Patch 142.50, Motorola 8280.00, Tri State Bldg 14.98, Repairs/Twin Valley Tire 1510.86; Total 10227.00; JAIL-Supplies/ACE 98.41, Bernard Food 515.00, Cole Paper 2925.68, Lewis Drug 372.70, Pennington Co Jail 187.51, Tri State Bldg 1919.48, Repairs/CDJ Plumbing 162.23, Dakota Refrigeration 7298.22, Thompson Mechanical 25641.78, Utilities/Otter Tail Power 3342.96, City of Sisseton 650.25, Health Ins Reimb 719.95 Total 43834.17; NURSE-Supplies/Dakota Mailing 1.63, Total 1.63; MENTALLY ILL-Services/Delaney Nielsen & Sannes 150.00, Total 150.00; MENTAL HEALTH-Center/Human Serv Agency 3886.75, Total 3886.75; EXTENSION-Postage/Dakota Mailing 1.63, Travel/Stillson Serv 41.66, Total 43.29; PLANNING & ZONING-Publishing/Grant Co Review 31.98, Rosholt Review 18.30, Total 50.28; HWY & BRIDGE-Rental/A-Ox 131.33, CHS 39.00, Supplies/A-Ox 19.58, ACE 329.27, Sioux Valley Coop 25060.92, Tri State Bldg 18.86, Repairs/ACE 179.99, First Call Auto 67.60, Little Falls Machinery 173.78, Twin Valley Tire 3690.97, Twin Valley Tire Inc 1023.75, Utilities/City of Sisseton 112.68, Traverse Elect 87.64, Total 30935.37; 911 Tele-Utilities/RC Tech 583.30, Total 583.30; EMERGENCY MGMT-Utilities/RC Tech 42.48, Total 42.48; LANDFILL-Repairs/Auto Value 209.84, CNH 10241.22, Utilities/BDM 53.25, Publishing/Rosholt Review 48.00, Supplies/Sioux Valley Coop 1547.42, Prof Fee/Trash Flow 40.00, Total 12139.73; DEL TAX PMT-Payments 104.20, Total 104.20; GOV BLDG-Other/First Savings Bank 30.00, Total 30.00; PAYROLL-Commissioner 3021.13, Auditor 5149.69, Treasurer 4477.60, States Atty 10312.71, Gov Bldg 1668.17, Dir of Equal 3977.94, Reg of Deeds 4430.94, Veteran Serv 1323.43, Sheriff 30224.63, Jail 26078.30, Co Wide Law Enf 3011.94, Dispatch 15869.81, Juv Det 4345.56, Nurse 1435.68, Extension 1083.26, Planning & Zoning 1869.54, Road & Bridge 30153.50, 911 Tele 3926.33, Emergency Mgmt 261.73, 24/7 2537.82, Landfill 13275.97. TOTAL 311604.75. NEW HIRES: Angelic StJohn-Landfill-17.00, Dustin Steiner-Hwy-20.60, Steve Barsness-Jail 20.50, Jemarie Ncks-Dispatch-20.00, Isaac Hillesland-Jail-20.50, Jaylen Schulte-Sheriff-25.00, Devan Appel-Sheriff-27.00.

ADJOURN

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by K Nelson to adjourn regular session at 10:44 am until October 13. All voted aye, motion carried.