

The Roberts County Commissioners met in regular session with Don Carlson, Dennis Jensen, Faye Johnston, Tom Vergeldt and Tim Zempel present. Chairman Jensen presiding. Jenn Spencer-Sisseton Courier on live stream.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Zempel to approve the agenda as presented and the minutes from December 15, 2020. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jensen called for public comment. Vergeldt received complaints regarding road blading.

ROBERT DOODY

Robert Doody met with Commissioners and discussed the amended Public Defender Contract for 2021. Motion by Zempel, seconded by Johnston to approve 2021 Public Defender contract with Robert Doody. Motion carried.

ANNETTE FOELTZ

Annette Foeltz met with Commissioners, Shari Gamber-Director of Equalization and Kay Nikolas-States Attorney. Discussion took place regarding a parcel of land in Lien Township that the valuation did not get increased for 3 years. This was an administrative error and new valuation has been corrected.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Vergeldt to approve the following liquor license renewals for 2021: Dakota Crossing and Buffalo Lanes. Motion carried.

LANDFILL

A request to haul construction debris and solid waste business to the Roberts County Landfill was received from Valley Rental & Recycling-Wheaton MN.

BRIDGE INSPECTION

Chelsey Sheridan and Steve Myer-Clark Engineering met with Commissioners and Pat Stickland-Highway Supt. Sheridan and Myer gave an overview of the sufficiency ratings of bridges in Roberts County. 96 bridges were inspected in 2020 and Sheridan/Myer gave their recommendations.

HIGHWAY

Pat Stickland met with Commissioners and discussed the 4 blades owned by the county and their trade in values.

FUEL QUOTES

Stickland submitted diesel transport quotes as follows: STILLSON SERVICE-1.83; VIG LUMBER-1.848. Motion by Zempel, seconded by Carlson to accept low quote from Stillson Service. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Barry Hillestad, Tyler Appel-Sheriff elect and Janessa Miller met with Commissioners.

Hillestad discussed total inmates 44.

Appel conducted interviews for Sheriff Deputy.

Hillestad presented Amendment to Summit Food Service Contract with corrected numbers. Motion by Carlson, seconded by Zempel to accept and authorize Hillestad to sign Amendment from Summit Foods. Motion carried. These rates will go into effect March 1, 2021.

Miller presented number of calls received at Roberts County Dispatch for 2020. Appel will have conversations with town councils to see what would be fair to charge entities for dispatch services.

TOBY MORRIS

Toby Morris-Dougherty & Company met with Commissioners and Shari Gamber. Discussion took place regarding Shores of Timber Ridge Tax Increment Financing (TIF #2). Morris discussed the agreement that was put into place 2012, the amount of taxes collected and the expenditures of the TIF. After discussion, Morris will provide Commissioners with all of the expenses of the TIF from the beginning for a decision of whether the TIF should be dissolved.

PLANNING & ZONING

Shari Gamber-Director of Equalization met with Commissioners and presented a job description for part time planning officer for her office. After discussion, motion by Carlson, seconded by Vergeldt to authorize Gamber to advertise for part time position of no more than 20 hours per week. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Carlson to pay the following claims-motion carried:
JUDICIAL-Witness Fee/Jessica Cloud 18.52, Nicole Peterson 20.00, RCT Jessica Cloud 25.00, Transcripts/Calleen Thorn Misterek 1911.40, Michelle Gaikowski 87.40, Total 2062.32; AUDITOR-Repairs & Maint/Executive Mgmt Finance 59.50, Total 59.50; COURT APP ATTY-Prof Services/Delaney Nielsen & Sannes 1856.90, Mitch Vilhauer 1748.84, Total 3605.74; GOV BLDG-Repairs & Maint/Aramark 138.38, Total 138.38; DIR OF EQUALIZATION-Travel & Conf/Cardmember Serv 199.99, Supplies & Material/Valley Office Prod 52.17, Total 252.16; SHERIFF-Supplies & Materials/Amazon 82.45, SD Sheriff Assoc 804.27, Utilities/Century Link 400.65, Total 1287.57; JAIL-Supplies & Care of Prisoners/Amazon 1080.86, Summit Food Serv 4493.28, Utilities/CHS 560.70, Repairs & Maint/Milbank Communications 54.00, Total 6188.84; MENTALLY ILL-Services/Cameron Law Office 600.00, Total 600.00; 4H BLDG-Utilities/Otter Tail Power 251.06, Total 251.06; EXTENSION-Other/SDSU Extension 1172.23, Supplies & Material/Ultra 660.00 Total 1832.23; HWY & BRIDGE-Repairs/Baum Hydraulics 40.74, Steve Finnesand 730.00, Laursen Asphalt 222.10, Macksteel Warehouse 310.84, Supplies & Materials/Bituminous Paving 2593.50, Blue Tarp Financial 313.55, LG Everest 4386.92, Tri State Bldg 17.99, Valley Office Prods 47.97, Utilities/Otter Tail Power 325.69, Venture Comm 219.99, Verizon 54.61, Professional Fee/SD DOT 3665.40, Total 12929.30; LANDFILL-Supplies/CHS 1602.53, Twin Valley Tire 149.99, Professional Fees/Geotek Engineering 5208.00, Total 6950.52; Sales Tax/SD Dept of Revenue 294.31, Total 294.31, TOTAL: 36461.93

ADJOURN

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Vergeltdt to adjourn until Tuesday, December 29, 2020. Motion carried. Adjourned at 12:50.