

The Roberts County Commissioners met at 9:00 am in regular session with Faye Johnston, Tom Vergeldt, Don Carlson, Tim Zempel, Brian Heinecke and Kristi Fritz present. Chairman Vergeldt presiding. Jason Deutsch-Sisseton Courier livestream.

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Johnston to approve the agenda as amended and the May 2, 2023 minutes. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Wilson met with the Commissioners to discuss his concerns regarding the postings on the Roberts County sheriff Facebook page and a personal encounter with a deputy.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier and Tessa Dalberg-States Attorney summer intern met with the Commissioners. Kirchmeier discussed the Indigent Legal Services Task Force that had been established, One of the 20 listening session will be held in Sisseton on May 17. Kirchmeier would like a few of the Commissioners to attend.

Kirchmeier also discussed the increase in blood draw rates for Grant Roberts Ambulance retroactive to Sept. 2021.

Sheriff Appel and Kirchmeier had driven out to Clarks Corner in One Road Township. Tessa Dalberg explained the procedure for the County to have property declared a public nuisance. Commissioners asked Kirchmeier to draft a letter to the property owner.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Johnston to convene into executive session at 9:22 am for contract negotiations pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3). Chairman Vergeldt declared meeting back into regular session at 9:40 am.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Robert Doody and Erin Cameron met with the Commissioners to discuss their joint bid for the vacant Public Defender contract.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Appel presented a prisoner count of 80. Appel discussed Clarks Corner, using Indeed.com to advertise the job opportunities at the jail and the dishwasher has been repaired.

HIGHWAY

Larry Holton-Holton Eng, representatives from Comstock Construction, North Star Logistics Inc. and Amped Electric and Pat Stickland-Highway Supt. were in attendance. Bids as follows: Comstock Const. Alt #1 \$12,000.00; Alt #2 88,000.00; total bid \$1,052,400.00 and North Star Logistics- Alt #1 20,272.00; Alt #2 429,900.00; total bid \$1,065,625.00. No decision made today.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Zempel to accept gravel bid of \$6.25/ton off of the bid from Spink County. All voted aye, motion carried.

Discussed the cost of chip sealing and patching this year and the repairs that must be done on county roads regardless of FEMA money being awarded. Due to unanticipated expenses from snow removal and flooding, the Commissioners decided to hold off on chip sealing this year.

JAY TASA

The County received a check from Sisseton Area Community Foundation for \$1,500.00 to be used towards the purchase of an AED machine. Motion by Zempel, seconded by Heinecke to purchase a AED machine for 2,081.00. All voted aye, motion carried.

HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY

Kari Johnston Executive Director of the Human Service Agency in Watertown SD met with the Commissioners to give them an update on their improvements they have made this past year. Johnston presented a request for a 3% annual giving increase from Roberts County for 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Johnston to convene into executive session at 11:30 am discuss personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Chairman Vergeldt declared meeting back into regular session at 11:50 am.

CLAIMS

Motion by Zempel, seconded by Heinecke to pay the following claims: COMMISSIONER-Publishing/Sisseton Courier 486.32, Wilmot Ent 512.50, Total 998.82; JUDICIAL-Supplies &

Mat/Certified Languages 75.90, Rosalies 36.00, Law Library Supplies/Thomson Reuters 501.28, Witness/Jury-Braydon Berger 78.56, Roberta Bohlen 101.00, Karla Karst 62.24, Sylvania Martinson 80.60, Patricia Shubert 51.02, Katie Smith 75.50, Kathleen Storm 101.00, Wanda Varns 51.02, TOTAL 1214.12; AUDITOR -Repairs & Maint/Executive Mgmt Finance 52.75, Supplies & Materials/Sisseton Courier 204.00, Valley Office 260.99, Total 517.74; TREASURER - Publishing/Sisseton Courier 120.00, Supplies & Mat/Valley Office 2.00, Total 122.00; STATES ATTORNEY-Supplies & Mat/Thomson Reuters 262.42, Valley Office 31.82, Total 294.24; COURT APPOINTED ATTY-Professional Services/Bridgeway Counseling 5000.00, Delaney Nielsen & Sannes 561.75, Doody Law 4108.90, Total 9670.65; GOV BLDG-Supplies & Mat/Aramark 48.92, K&K 81.50, Sisseton Courier 4.99, Utilities/Lakes Gas 224.78, Otter Tail Pwr 1102.26, City of Sisseton 330.39, Total 1792.84; DIR OF EQUALIZATION-Supplies & Mat/Wilmot Ent 103.50, Travel & Conf/SDAAO 635.00, Total 738.50; VETERAN SERVICE-Travel & Conf/K&K 23.34, Total 23.34; SHERIFF-Supplies & Mat/Amazon 4236.66, Propio LS 2.68, Furn/Equipment-Beck Motors 41574.00, Total 45813.34; JAIL- Supplies/Care of Prisoner/Aramark 56.48, Cole Papers 910.18, Thompson Mechanical 77.40, Ultra 2850.10, Valley Soft Water 909.50, Travel & Conf/Samantha Enwiller 144.60, Deb Foltz 532.20, Lodge of Deadwood 240.00, Repairs & Maint/First Call Auto Parts 229.16, Doug Hamm Plumbing 1382.10, Utilities/Otter Tail Pwr 6063.39, Rentals/Valley Soft Water 100.00, Total 13495.11; EXTENSION- Rentals/Century Business Prods 218.26, Travel & Conf/K&K 42.72, Other/SDSU Extension 10885.32, Total 11146.30; HWY & BRIDGE-Repairs/ACE 72.88, Equipment Blades 288.00, First Call Auto Parts 1342.17, Locator & Supplies 175.20, Transource Equip 163.73, Twin Valley Tire 3601.25, Supplies & Mat/ACE 16.99, Aramark 88.50, CHS 703.90, First Call Auto Parts 108.64, RDO Equip 151.11, Twin Valley Tire 12.69, Professional Fee/Avera 4.00, Publishing/Sisseton Courier 120.00, Utilities/Traverse Elect 94.50, Publishing/Wilmot Ent 60.00, Total 7003.56; EMERGENCY MGMT-POD Expense/James Pearson 330.70, Total 330.70; REG OF DEEDS-Supplies/Microfilm Imaging 50.00, Total 50.00; LANDFILL-Professional Fee/Avera 268.00, Supplies/Baus Oil 56.00, Hansen Pole Bldg 1610.86, Tri State Bldg 80.48, Repairs & Maint/Trash Flow 45.00, Utilities/Whetstone Valley Elect 172.21, Total 2232.55; DEL TAX PMT-Tax Payments 2025.45, Total 2025.45. TOTAL 97469.26

ADJOURN

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Johnston to adjourn until Tuesday, May 16, 2023. All voted aye. Motion carried. Adjourned at 11:55 am.