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From the Email- Arts South Dakota Column

Celebrate Arts and Humanities this month

By JIM SPEIRS, Executive Director, Arts South Dakota

Since 1993, Americans have marked October as the month to celebrate the impact, value and legacy of arts and humanities across the nation. The month-long celebration raises awareness for the arts and encourages people to participate, engage and advocate for our shared cultural heritage.

This year's national theme, Stories Unite Us: Add Your Voice, is an invitation to speak up for the arts and humanities, recognize the power of our collective story and to share your own thoughts and experiences on the arts and humanities. National Arts and Humanities Month is your opportunity to join the conversations occurring throughout our country right now—and there are so many ways to share your voice.

One of the most vital audiences for hearing your perspective on cultural topics is Congress. Our representatives need to know why you believe that federal support is critical for the arts and humanities in your community, across America and around the world. Equally, our state and local elected officials need to know your opinions on the arts—and why they, too, should be advocates for our creative ecosystem. The upcoming election is another way to make your ideas about the arts known. Ask candidates their opinions about cultural support and share your own. You can find great ideas for bringing arts topics into the public debate at ArtsVote.org.

You can also join the celebration by hosting or participating in National Arts and Humanities Month events in your community. Check out ArtsSouthDakota.org or your local arts advocacy calendars for talks, workshops, performances, exhibitions and more. You can share your story with Americans for the Arts—the ways in which the arts and humanities have shaped your life, your community or your perspective can be part of the dialog. Share your story on social media and use #StoriesUniteUs and #AddYourVoice.

To learn more about National Arts and Humanities Month, visit us at the Arts South Dakota website, www.artssouthdakota.org.

Free application period for South Dakota public universities now through November

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakota Board of Regents (BOR) Executive Director Nathan Lukkes announced today that students from South Dakota and surrounding states can apply to any of the state's six public universities without an application fee now through November 30.

The Free Application Period gives students a chance to explore their options, discover programs that match their interests, and apply to the universities that may be the right fit for them. With hundreds of degree programs available across the six universities, students can find opportunities in fields ranging from agriculture and education to health care, engineering, business, computer science, and the arts.

"Choosing a college is an important decision, and students should take the time to explore their options and find the university that is the right fit for them," said Lukkes. "The Free Application Period removes a barrier from that process. We want students to look at the opportunities available, visit our campuses, talk with faculty and students, and see what a South Dakota education can offer them."

South Dakota's public universities offer students high-quality academic programs at an affordable price, while also providing students the opportunity to build connections that can last well beyond college. These students go on to build careers, families, and communities across the state.

The Free Application Period is an ideal opportunity for students who may not yet know exactly what they want to study or where they want to attend college.

"Students do not have to have everything figured out before they start exploring," Lukkes said. "The first step is simply learning what is possible. We encourage students to compare programs, visit campuses, talk with admissions counselors, and apply to the schools that interest them. There is no cost to apply during this period, so students can keep their options open."

South Dakota's six public universities include Black Hills State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University, South Dakota Mines, South Dakota State University, and the University of South Dakota. Students from South Dakota and from any of the South Dakota Advantage states can apply free of charge during the Free Application Period.

Roberts County Commissioner's Proceedings

Sept. 29, 2026

The Roberts County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. 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. Chairman Heinecke presiding. Heinecke called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES/AGENDA

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by K Nelson to approve Sept. 22, 2026, minutes and Sept. 29, 2026, agenda as written. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Roger George, Darlene Iverson, Justin Miller, Linda Dahl-Naab, Carolyn Juvland, Madonna Kettler and Duane Lawandowski Sr met with the Board to discuss the condition of property located on the intersection of 450th Ave and County Rd #5 which is a safety concern.

STATES ATTORNEY

Dylan Kirchmeier-States Attorney discussed the appointment of an appraisal board for properties taken by tax deeds. Kirchmeier has sent the Sheriff Dept out to look at the property at the intersection of 450th Ave and County Rd #5.

SHERIFF

Tyler Appel-Sheriff presented a prisoner count of 78. Appel discussed the contract with City of Wilmot for patrol services and the heat pumps at the jail. Contract for patrol services with municipalities allows the sheriff dept. to provide enhanced law enforcement presence and enforce town ordinances.

Motion by K Nelson, seconded by J Dabek to sign contract with City of Wilmot for patrol services for $10,000 effective 1/1/27 – 12/31/27 and the addendum to agreement for law enforcement services effective 10/1/26 – 12/31/26 for $2,500. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

LANDFILL

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by J Dabek, second by K Nelson to convene into executive session for personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 10:04 a.m. All voted aye, motion carried. Chairman Heinecke declared the meeting back into regular session at 10:23 a.m.

Joe Fritz called in at this time.

HIGHWAY

Chairman Heinecke presented right of way application received by the Highway Dept. from Valley Telephone.

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by K Nelson to approve right of way application for Valley Telephone along Co. Rd 24 in 6-124-49 and 31-125-49. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

FUEL QUOTES

Fuel Quotes for the 3rd Qtr. are as follows: Sioux Valley Coop- Diesel #2-Landfill 5.25, New Effington Shop 5.25, Summit Shop 5.25, transport 5.05; Ethanol- Sisseton Shop 3.90 and Jail 3.90, Courthouse Heating fuel 5.05: Diesel #1-Landfill 5.75, New Effington Shop 5.75, Summit Shop 5.75, transport 5.55; Courthouse Heating fuel 5.55. **Motion** by J Dabek, seconded by F Johnston to accept the only bid from Sioux Valley Coop. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

ANNUAL BUDGET

After reviewing the Annual Budget, motion by K Nelson, seconded by J Dabek to adopt the Provisional Budget as Annual Budget with the following changes discussed at the Sept. 29th meeting: Increase Public Defender budget from 350,000 to 370,000 and the Nurse's budget from 71,230 to 71,485 due to contract change; Increase in Cash applied for the following fund: General Fund $301,401 to $328,388. No discussion. All voted aye, motion carried.

ANNUAL BUDGET FOR ROBERTS COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

For the Year Jan. 1, 2027 to Dec. 31, 2027

County Tax Levies

Within Limited Levy:

General County Purposes (10-12-9), 4,410,816, 2.446.

TOTAL TAXES LEVIED BY COUNTY, 4,410,816, 2.446.

RESOLUTION 2026-40

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR ROBERTS COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

Whereas, (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the County and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and,

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a Provisional budget and cause same to be published by law, and

Whereas, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such Provisional budget and all changes, eliminations and additions have been made thereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That such provisional budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations amounts, estimates and all matters therein set forth, SHALL BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES FOR Roberts County, South Dakota and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning Jan. 1, 2027 and ending Dec. 31, 2027 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Roberts County, South Dakota, this 29th day of Sept., 2026. The Annual Budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the County Auditor Roberts County, South Dakota. The accompanying taxes are levied by Roberts County for the year Jan. 1, 2027 through Dec. 31, 2027.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ROBERTS COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

Brian Heinecke, Chairman, Ken Nelson, Faye Johnston, Joe Fritz and John Dabek

ATTEST: Kristi Fritz, Auditor

As of 9/29/26 these levies are not approved by the Department of Revenue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by J Dabek, second by K Nelson to convene into executive session for personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 10:56 a.m. All voted aye, motion carried. Chairman Heinecke declared the meeting back into regular session at 11:30 a.m.

OTHER

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by K Nelson to table appointment of appraisal board and adopting Resolution 2026-39 until next meeting on Oct. 6, 2026. All voted aye, motion carried.

CLAIMS

Motion by F Johnston, seconded by J Fritz to pay the following claims: *JUDICIAL*-Transcripts/Kelli Lardy 55.25, Total 55.25; *AUDITOR*-Travel/Kristi Fritz 233.50, Supplies/Twotrees Tech 562.45, Total 795.95; *TREASURER*-Supplies/Twotrees Tech 562.82, Total 562.82; *STATES ATTY*-Supplies/Twotrees Tech 568.82, Total 568.82; *COURT APP ATTY*-Prof Serv/Helsper Mccarty & Rasmussen 4372.20, Taliaferro Law 1227.80, Total 5600.00; *GOV BLDG*-Insurance/Principal Life Ins 686.98, Repairs/Mikes Alignment 1611.00, Total 2297.98; *EQUALIZATION*-Rental/Great Am Fin Serv 110.30, Supplies/Great Am Fin Serv 20.57, Twotrees Tech 568.82, Total 699.69; *REG OF DEEDS*-Travel/Jay Tasa 283.50, Supplies/Two Trees Tech 557.04, Total 840.54; *VETERAN SERV*-Supplies/Twotrees Tech 545.06, Total 545.06; *SHERIFF*-Supplies/Amazon 120.43, Cardmember Serv 145.24, Galls 931.91, Sioux Valley Coop 2238.20, drug Dog/Cardmember Serv 144.50, Total 3580.28; *JAIL*-Supplies/Amazon 464.61, Vanessa Batie 1150.00, Cardmember Serv 39.60, Twotrees Tech 3054.01, Food Supplies/Cash Wa 16232.47, Total 20940.69; *CORONER*-Travel/Cahill Funeral Chapel 311.60, Total 311.60; *DISPATCH*-Other/TEAM Ins 200.42, Total 200.42; *POOR*-Poor/Cahill Funeral Chapel 1800.00, Total 1800.00; *EXTENSION*-Minor Equip 2903.00, Total 2903.00; *WEED*-Prof Fee/Trophey Land Control 37128.00, Total 37128.00; *HWY & BRIDGE*-Repairs/Auto Value 494.22, CNH Capital 97.75, Supplies/Auto Value 700.87, Twotrees Tech 545.40, Vastis 30.63, Xerox 32.87, Health Ins Reimb 5163.34, Utilities/Dakota Waste 99.75, Verizon 113.27, Rental/Xerox 86.53, Total 7364.63; 24/7-Supplies/Amazon 50.49, Total 50.49; *LANDFILL*-Supplies/Saber Shred Solution 7857.80, Twotrees Tech 557.58, Repairs/Twin Valley Tire 493.50, User Fee/SDRS 1394.49, Total 10313.37; Del Tax Pmt-762.11, Total 762.11; *STATE MV FUND*-RCT 7.50, Total 7.50; *PAYROLL*-Landfill 700.81, Total 700.81. *TOTAL* 98029.01

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by J Dabek, second by J Fritz to convene into executive session for personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 11:58 a.m. All voted aye, motion carried. Chairman Heinecke declared the meeting back into regular session at 12:31 p.m.

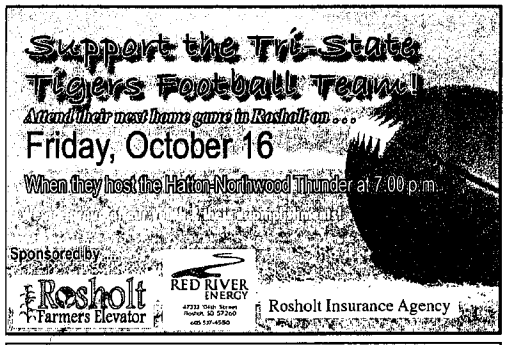
ADJOURN

Motion by J Dabek, seconded by F Johnston to adjourn regular session at 12:31 p.m. until Oct. 6. All voted aye, motion carried.

Kristi Fritz
Roberts County Auditor

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

WHAT: **In the Matter of the Application of Otter Tail Power Company for a Facility Permit to Construct the Big Stone South to Hankinson to Bison 345 kV Transmission Line Project in Grant and Roberts Counties, South Dakota**

WHEN AND WHERE:

MILBANK: **Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. CT**
Milbank School Theater, 1001 E. Park Avenue, Milbank, SD 57252

ROSHOLT: **Thursday, October 22, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. CT**
Rosholt Community Center, 19 E. Main St., Rosholt, SD 57260

Pursuant to SDCL chapter 49-41B, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) will hold a public input meeting at the above time and place on an application to construct the Big Stone South to Hankinson to Bison project (Project), an approximately 71-mile long 345 kV electric transmission line with a requested 150-foot right-of-way along the length of the transmission line. The Project would extend from the existing Big Stone South Substation located west of Big Stone City, South Dakota, to the South Dakota – North Dakota border at a location northeast of New Effington, South Dakota, between Lien and Victor Townships. The Project will consist of single-circuit transmission structures constructed on steel, single-pole (monopole) structures. The Project will also involve modifications to the existing Big Stone South Substation to accommodate new breaker positions, switches for the new single-circuit 345 kV transmission line, and relocation of the 345 kV Big Stone South to Ellendale termination into the substation. Facility components will also include temporary laydown/staging areas, pulling/tensioning sites, and access roads. The Project is expected to be located along 1,286.4 acres of right-of-way located in South Dakota, with 11 total acres of land being permanently impacted by the facility structures. The Project estimates construction costs between $190.6 to $228.7 million and is expected to start construction in 2030, complete in 2033, and in service by the first quarter of 2034.

The purpose of each of the public input meetings will be to hear public comments regarding the permit Application and the Project. At each meeting, Applicant, Otter Tail Power Company, will present a brief description of the Project, following which interested persons may appear and present their views, comments and questions regarding the Application. A copy of the Application is on file with the Grant and Roberts County auditors and on the Commission's website. The Application and all other documents in the case, including detailed maps of the Project may be accessed on the Commission's website at puc.sd.gov under Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2026 Electric Dockets, EL26-028.

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10:22:40, the parties to this proceeding are currently the Applicant and the Commission Staff. Each municipality, county, and governmental agency in the area where the facility is proposed to be sited; or any person residing in the area where the facility is proposed to be sited, or any directly interested person, may be granted party status in this proceeding by making timely written application to the Commission. Applications for party status will be available at the public input meeting or may be obtained from the Commission's website. Applications for party status must be filed with the Commission on or before 5:00 p.m., CT, November 9, 2026. All party status applications are subject to the approval of the Commission.

The Commission will also accept comments in writing, either by mail, personal delivery, or e-mail until the time of the decision. You only need to apply for party status if you want to participate formally in the case by providing testimony or other factual evidence, conducting discovery, cross-examining witnesses, making legal arguments, and to preserve your right to appeal to the courts if you do not believe the Commission's decision is legally correct. You do not need to have party status in order to submit written comments.

Following the public input meeting, the Commission may schedule a formal evidentiary hearing conforming to SDCL Chapter 1-26 to consider any issues raised by any intervening party, the Commission's staff, or the Commission itself. At such formal hearing, all parties will have the opportunity to appear, present evidence, and cross-examine the other parties' witnesses and exercise all other rights afforded by SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1, and 49-41B and ARSD Chapters 20:10:01 and 20:10:22, including rights of appeal to the courts.

For approval, the Applicants must show that the proposed Project will comply with all applicable laws and rules, will not pose a threat of serious injury to the environment nor to the social and economic condition of inhabitants or expected inhabitants in the siting area, will not substantially impair the health, safety or welfare of the inhabitants, and will not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region with due consideration having been given to the views of governing bodies of affected local units of government. Based upon these factors, the Commission will decide whether the permit should be granted, denied, or granted upon such terms, conditions, or modifications of the construction, operation, or maintenance as the Commission finds appropriate.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Please contact the Commission at least 48 hours prior to the meeting if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you. The Commission's contact information is: ph (605) 773-3201; puc.sd.gov; puc.ttstate.sd.us; 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION

Roberts County Director of Equalization Office is seeking applications for the position of Deputy Director of Equalization. This is a full-time position working Monday thru Friday 8:00a.m - 5:00p.m. Position will involve doing reappraisal, computer work with software program including Excel. Paid training to become a certified assessor. Full-time employment includes paid health and life insurance, paid vacation and sick leave, and inclusion in South Dakota Retirement System. Training is available. Position will remain open until filled.

Applications can be obtained in person at Director of Equalization Office, by calling 605-698-3205 and request one to be mailed, or email rc-doe@robertscosd.gov.

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