

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

January 7, 2020

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 A.M. on January 7, 2020 at the county courthouse. Members present were: Robert Olson, Morris Grosz, Jerome Schaffner, Timothy Thomas, and Dennis Hoyle. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Others present for portions of the meeting were: Patricia Nigg, Michael Jager, Jonathan Rohrbach, Leland Treichel, and Lenny Uhrich.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Thomas, seconded by Schaffner to approve the minutes of the December 31, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN: The County Auditor called for nominations for Chairman. Morris Grosz nominated Robert Olson as Chairman. Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Thomas that nominations cease. Motion carried. Robert Olson was elected Chairman for the year of 2020.

VICE-CHAIRMAN: The County Auditor called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Morris Grosz nominated Timothy Thomas as Vice-Chairman. Motioned by Olson, seconded by Schaffner that nominations cease. Motion carried. Timothy Thomas was elected Vice-Chairman for the year 2020.

APPOINTMENTS: The Chairman made the following appointments:

4-H Advisory Board – Dennis Hoyle as commissioner representing the Board.

ABC Regional Railroad Authority – Dennis Hoyle as commissioner representing the Board and Morris Grosz as alternate.

Community Health Council – Jerome Schaffner as commissioner representing the Board.

E911 Board – Todd Holtz, Sheriff and Robert Olson as commissioner representing the Board.

Five County Television Translator District Board – Dennis Hoyle as commissioner representing the Board.

Northeast SD Economic Corporation – Jerome Schaffner as commissioner representing the Board.

Northeast Council of Governments – Dennis Hoyle and Timothy Thomas as commissioners representing the Board.

Welfare Director – Jerome Schaffner.

Zoning Board – Morris Grosz and Timothy Thomas as commissioners representing the Board.

BIDS: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Schaffner to purchase new & recap tires, road chemicals/road salt, weed & pest chemicals, bulk ethanol, regular unleaded, and diesel fuel all off the state bid. Motion carried.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS: "The Ipswich Tribune", "The Pride of the Prairie", and "The Roscoe - Hosmer Independent".

BANK DEPOSITORIES: "Cortrust Bank of Bowdle", "Farmers State Bank of Hosmer", "First State Bank of Roscoe", "Ipswich State Bank", and "South Dakota Funds Investment Trust (FIT)" are the named Edmunds County depositories.

ELECTION: Rent paid, to precinct polling places for each election, will be set at a maximum of \$60.00 per day for the year 2020. Election workers will be paid \$14.00 per hour for election training and for time worked on election day. The charge for the purchase of voter registration lists will be four cents per name.

INVESTMENT & ACCOUNTING POLICIES: Patricia Nigg, Edmunds County Treasurer, was advised by the Board on the investment policy. The county sets the investment policy of the Treasurer pursuant to SDCL 4-5-8. Such policy to be that the Treasurer is authorized and directed to invest all idle cash to gain maximum interest for the county. The change fund for the Treasurer's Office will be \$1,200.00. The change fund for the Register of Deed's Office will be \$100.00

BLOOD ALCOHOL FEES: The payment for drawing blood alcohol tests will be \$75.00.

JAIL RATES: A confinement cost of \$25.00 per day, for each incident, will be imposed against any prisoner confined to jail while serving a sentence for a crime committed in Edmunds County and will be payable up front to the Edmunds County Sheriff before serving a sentence, or a lien will be imposed on the prisoner 30 days following confinement if not paid. Reimbursement for work release for in county prisoners will be an additional \$15.00 per day per prisoner. The jail rate for out of county prisoner care will be \$65.00 per day per prisoner and an additional \$25.00 per day for work release.

GUARD REIMBURSEMENT: Pay for guard duty will be \$50.00 a day when in a 50-mile radius of the county seat. Payment for guard duty will be \$10.00 per hour plus any meal receipts when outside a 50-mile radius of the county seat.

SALARIES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES 2020: Commissioners (Robert Olson - \$12,330.00 per year, Morris Grosz - \$12,330.00, Dennis Hoyle - \$12,330.00, Jerome Schaffner - \$12,330.00, Timothy Thomas - \$12,330.00) Chairman will receive an additional \$600.00 per year; Auditor (Keith Schurr - \$52,085.00, Dionne Olson - \$39,745.00); Treasurer (Patricia Nigg - \$47,619.00, Diane Geditz - \$39,745.00); States Attorney (Vaughn Beck - \$46,962.00); 4-H & Courthouse Custodian (Thomas Schaefer - \$42,436.00); Director of Equalization (Sandra Northrop - \$47,619.00, Brittney Duvall - \$39,745.00); Register of Deeds (Gwen Geditz - \$47,619.00, Jodi Wagner - \$39,745.00); Veteran Service Officer (Ronald Hoffer - \$13,847.00); Sheriff (Todd Holtz - \$56,743.00, Kyle Couchey - \$47,277.00, Daniel Hardison - \$43,646.00,

Jonathan Waldner - \$43,646.00, Theodore Huss - \$18.00 per hour part time, Bruce Sahli - \$18.00 per hour part time, Lisa Rye - \$40,516.00, Brandon Bowar - \$18.60 per hour, Nathan Jaenisch - \$18.60 per hour, Nicole Jaenisch - \$18.60 per hour, Cynthia Sahli - \$18.60 per hour, Patricia Larman - \$17.50 per hour part time, Zachary Sahli - \$14.56 per hour part time); Emergency & Disaster Coordinator (Leland Treichel - \$29,867.00); Highway Department (Lenny Uhrich - \$55,883.00, Michael Jager - \$49,440.00, Heather Shuff - \$19.11 per hour, Jordan Boulais - \$19.44 per hour; Michael Grote - \$19.44 per hour, Rick Holland - \$19.44 per hour, Michael Horst - \$19.44 per hour, Rodney Kirschenmann - \$19.44, per hour, Bernel Lee - \$19.44 per hour, Jason Onken - \$19.44 per hour, Dale Preszler - \$19.44 per hour, Jason Preszler - \$22.66 per hour, Jeremy Schlecht - \$19.44 per hour, Jonathan Wipf - \$19.44 per hour, Teddy Schomberg - \$15.08 per hour part time); Deputy Weed Supervisor (Ryan Schlechter - \$19.96 per hour); 4-H Department (Bonnie Nehlich - \$40,627.00); Coroner (Kyle Couchey - \$125.00 per call); Zoning Board Members (Audie Crouch, Susan Malsom, Werner Mohr - \$50.00 per meeting).

CLAIMS APPROVED: Bowdle Senior Citizens, building apportionment \$1,500.00; Brite, four Sheriff's Department laptops 11,400.00; Roscoe Senior Citizens, building apportionment 1,500.00; SD Public Assurance Alliance, insurance 63,713.02; SD State Treasurer, excise tax 62.42; SD Department of Public Safety, teletype service 2,340.00.

2020 Budgeted Apportionments: Area IV Senior Nutrition \$3,000.00; Aspire 1,000.00; Bowdle Ambulance 3,600.00; Edmunds County Conservation District, 16,950.00; Edmunds County Rescue Unit 1,000.00; Grow South Dakota 1,500.00; Ipswich Ambulance 3,600.00; NE Council of Governments 8,109.12; Northeastern Mental Health 2,500.00.

25% Road & Bridge (SDCL 10-12-9.4): Bowdle City Office \$768.00; Hosmer City Office 308.00; Ipswich City Office 1,411.00; Roscoe City Office 490.00.

Phone & Utilities: Bowdle City Office \$47.35; FEM Electric 940.63; Heartland Waste Management 117.50; Ipswich City Office 213.66; Midcontinent Communications 190.00; Reuer Sanitation 39.00; Valley Telecommunications 900.34; Verizon Wireless 248.05; WEB Water Bottling Company 84.50; WEB Water 71.63.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing Co \$710.12; The Pride of the Prairie 321.75.

Professional Services: Vaughn P. Beck \$1,206.05; Cogley Law Office LLC 152.00.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: SD Association County Commissioners \$1,561.00; SD Association County Officials 809.97.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Applied Concepts Inc \$747.00; Auto Value Parts Stores 95.31; Century Business Products 31.55; Dollar General 191.75; Fischer Repair 43.00; Mike Heinz 479.25; Hutson Construction 403.75; John Deere Financial 329.48; Ken's Foodfair 453.75; Mac's

Hardware 35.00; Mattern's Diesel 588.98; Microfilm Imaging Systems 337.00; Minn-Kota Communications 2,735.00; Powerplan 7,825.46; Premier Equipment Inc 9,332.18; Roscoe Trustworthy Hardware 120.59; Runnings Supply Inc 39.97; Safety Service 509.30; TranSource Truck & Equipment 861.40; US Bank 961.70.

Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Hoyle to pay all above claims. Motion carried.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT: Motioned by Hoyle, seconded by Grosz to approve and allow the chairman to sign the joint powers agreement, between Edmunds County and Roscoe City, for the rental of county snow removal equipment and an operator, from January 2, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – WEIGHT & SPEED LIMIT ENFORCEMENT: The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Thomas, who moved its adoption: Resolution #2020-1-1, establishing the enforcement of weight & speed limits in Edmunds County. The motion to adopt the resolution was seconded by Hoyle. Roll call vote: Olson - yes, Grosz - yes, Schaffner - no, Hoyle - yes, Thomas - yes. Resolution adopted.

WHEREAS, the County of Edmunds, South Dakota, is responsible for the maintenance of certain highways under its jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, the Edmunds County Board of Commissioners, desires to protect existing Edmunds County Highways, ultimately saving tax dollars, and

WHEREAS, said highways, by reason of seasonal climatic changes, will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless vehicle weight and speed restrictions are imposed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all county roads in Edmunds County will be under a 6 ton per axle load limit restriction and speed limit restrictions of 40 mph for trucks, effective at 12:01 A.M. on March 1, 2020, through 11:59 P.M. on April 30, 2020, or as posted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Edmunds shall request and authorize the South Dakota Highway Patrol to enforce weight limitations and speed restrictions, as established by this resolution, on all Edmunds County roads.

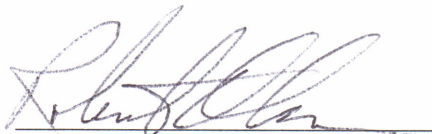
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the penalty for the violation of the load restrictions shall be as set forth in SDCL 32-22-55.

RESOLUTION – NORTHWESTERN ENERGY: Robert Gehm, NorthWestern Energy, was present for discussion on the resolution. The resolution was introduced by Commissioner Grosz, who moved its adoption: Resolution #2020-1-2, granting NorthWestern Energy authority to construct, reconstruct, maintain and operate its electric system within Edmunds County for an additional 20 years. A complete copy of the resolution is on file in the Edmunds County Auditor's Office. Motion to adopt the resolution was seconded by Schaffner. Roll call vote: Olson – yes, Grosz – yes, Schaffner – yes, Hoyle – yes, Thomas – yes. Resolution adopted.


EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motioned by Thomas, seconded by Hoyle to enter into executive session at 10:30 A.M., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 10:40 A.M.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 A.M. on January 21st and February 4th.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Thomas, seconded by Schaffner to adjourn at 10:45 A.M. Motion carried.



Robert Olson
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: 

Keith Schurr
Edmunds County Auditor

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