

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

January 5, 2021

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 A.M. on January 5, 2021 at the county courthouse. Members present were: Robert Olson, Morris Grosz, Jerome Schaffner, Chad Preszler, and Timothy Thomas. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Others present for portions of the meeting were: Todd Holtz, and Michael Jager.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Grosz to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN:** The County Auditor called for nominations for Chairman. Timothy Thomas nominated Robert Olson as Chairman. Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Thomas that nominations cease. Motion carried. Robert Olson was elected Chairman for the year of 2021.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN:** The County Auditor called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Robert Olson 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 2021.

**APPOINTMENTS:** The Chairman made the following appointments:

4-H Advisory Board – Chad Preszler as commissioner representing the Board.

ABC Regional Railroad Authority – Morris Grosz as commissioner representing the Board and Jerome Schaffner as alternate.

Community Health Council – Timothy Thomas as commissioner representing the Board.

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

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

Northeast Council of Governments – Chad Preszler and Timothy Thomas as commissioners representing the Board.

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

**BIDS:** Motioned by Thomas, 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 2021. 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.

**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 \$75.00 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.

**EMPLOYEE STEP:** Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Thomas to increase the salary of Nathan M. Braun, dispatcher, to \$19.16 per hour, effective January 1, 2021. Motion carried.

**SALARIES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES 2021:** Commissioners (Robert Olson - \$12,700.00 per year, Morris Grosz - \$12,700.00, Chad Preszler - \$12,700.00, Jerome Schaffner - \$12,700.00, Timothy Thomas - \$12,700.00) Chairman will receive an additional \$600.00 per year; Auditor (Keith Schurr - \$53,648.00, Dionne Olson - \$40,937.00); Treasurer (Patricia Nigg - \$49,048.00, Diane Geditz - \$40,937.00); States Attorney (Vaughn Beck - \$48,371.00); 4-H & Courthouse Custodian (Thomas Schaefer - \$43,709.00); Director of Equalization (Sandra Northrop - \$49,048.00, Brittney Duvall - \$40,937.00); Register of Deeds (Gwen Geditz - \$49,048.00, Jodi Wagner - \$40,937.00); Veteran Service Officer (Ronald Hoffer - \$14,262.00); Sheriff (Todd Holtz - \$58,445.00, Kyle Couchey - \$48,695.00, Daniel Hardison - \$44,955.00, Jonathan Waldner - \$44,955.00, Theodore Huss - \$18.50-per hour part time, Brandon Bowar - \$19.48 per hour, Nathan Braun - \$19.16 per hour, Nathan Jaenisch - \$19.16 per hour, Cynthia Sahli - \$19.16 per hour, Allison Wilson - \$17.60 per hour, Zachary Sahli - \$15.00 per hour part time); Emergency & Disaster Coordinator (Tracy Hutson - \$15,500.00); Highway Department (Michael Jager - \$55,620.00, Heather Shuff - \$19.68 per hour, Jordan Boulais - \$20.02 per hour; Michael Grote - \$20.02 per hour, Rick Holland - \$20.02 per hour, Michael Horst - \$20.02 per hour, Rodney Kirschenmann - \$20.02, per hour, Bernel Lee - \$20.02 per hour, Jason Onken - \$20.02 per hour, Dale Preszler - \$20.02 per hour, Jason Preszler - \$23.34 per hour, Jeremy Schlecht - \$20.02 per hour, Ryan Schlechter - \$20.02 per hour, Jonathan Wipf - \$20.02 per

hour); Deputy Weed Supervisor (Ryan Schlechter - \$20.52); 4-H Department (Bonnie Nehlich - \$41,846.00); 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; First District Association of Local Governments, GIS website hosting 5,000.00; North Central Regional E911, phone surcharge 3,546.23; Roscoe Senior Citizens, building apportionment 1,500.00.

2020 Budgeted Apportionments: Area IV Senior Nutrition \$3,000.00; Aspire 1,000.00; Bowdle Ambulance 5,000.00; Edmunds County Rescue Unit 1,000.00; Grow South Dakota 1,500.00; Ipswich Ambulance 4,500.00; NE Council of Governments 8,242.92; 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 \$52.35; FEM Electric 948.53; Heartland Waste Management 50.00; Ipswich City Office 236.79; Midcontinent Communications 190.00; Valley Telecommunications 988.84.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing Co \$601.16; The Pride of the Prairie 268.62.

Professional Services: Vaughn P. Beck \$1,168.80; Cogley Law Office LLC 646.80; Edmunds County Abstract Co 25.00; Christopher Haar Attorney 2,625.28; Lincoln County Auditor 312.56.

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

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Auto Value Parts Stores \$313.81; Century Business Products 53.92; Dollar General 12.25; Heier's Body & Repair Shop LLC 5,778.94; Mike Heinz 112.50; Hosmer City Office 204.00; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware 46.40; Ken's Foodfair 337.18; Mac's Hardware 99.55; Powerplan 6,422.63; Safety Service 125.65; US Bank 78.07.

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

**GIS WEBSITE:** Motioned by Thomas, seconded by Grosz to approve and allow the chairman to sign the 2021 Letter of Agreement between Edmunds County and First District of Local Governments for development, maintenance and hosting the Edmunds County geographic information system. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION – WEIGHT & SPEED LIMIT ENFORCEMENT:** Motioned by Schaffner to amend the weight and speed resolution by adding; the overall maximum vehicle weight be limited to 80,000 pounds. Chairman Olson called for a second. Motion died due to lack of a second.

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Thomas, who moved its adoption:

Resolution #2021-1-1, establishing the enforcement of weight & speed limits in Edmunds

County. The motion to adopt the resolution was seconded by Grosz. Roll call vote: Olson - yes, Grosz - yes, Schaffner - no, Preszler - 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, 2021, through 11:59 P.M. on April 30, 2021, 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.

**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Thomas to allow Allison Wilson to attend the NCIC Omnixx training in Aberdeen on January 13, 2021. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Schaffner to enter into executive session at 10:30 A.M., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 11:08 A.M.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED:** The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 A.M. on January 19<sup>th</sup> and February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** Motioned by Thomas, seconded by Schaffner to adjourn at 11:10 A.M. Motion carried.



Robert Olson  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:   
Keith Schurr  
Edmunds County Auditor

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