

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

April 13, 2021

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:10 A.M. on April 13, 2021 at the county courthouse. Members present were: Morris Grosz, Jerome Schaffner, Chad Preszler, and Timothy Thomas. Vice-Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. Others present for portions of the meeting were: Michael Jager, and Thomas Schaefer.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Preszler to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:** Beck Law Office trust account, property for county garage \$20,362.75; Hosmer Senior Citizens, apportionment 1,500.00; North Central Regional E911, phone surcharge 10,476.28; SD Association of County Commissioners, Catastrophic Legal Relief Program 3,543.00; SD Department of Revenue, motor vehicle, state fees, & driver's license 133,545.59; SD Public Assurance Alliance, insurance 69,286.16.

Phone & Utilities: Bowdle City Office \$52.35; Century Link 51.92; FEM Electric 648.89; Heartland Waste Management 117.50; Ipswich City Office 239.61; Midcontinent Communications 190.00; Montana Dakota Utilities 1,983.52; Northern Electric Cooperative 232.38; Reuer Sanitation 39.00; Valley Telecommunications 97.41; Verizon Wireless 277.24; WEB Water Bottling Company 78.00; WEB Water 97.30.

Professional Services: Vaughn P. Beck \$1,164.00; Cogley Law Office LLC 1,031.40; First Concord Benefits Group 39.00; Pennington County Jail 119.78; SD Public Health Laboratory 80.00; Western Agency 100.00.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing Co \$2,385.50; The Pride of the Prairie 682.23.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: Best Western Ramkota Pierre \$202.00; Davison County Extension 10.00; Ronald Hoffer 589.76; SD Association of County Commissioners 150.00; The Lodge at Deadwood 294.00.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Agtegra Cooperative \$33,655.63; Auto Value Parts Stores 348.62; Bowdle Building & Hardware Center 27.99; Century Business Products 87.93; Crawford Trucks & Equipment 488.35; Dakota Doors Inc 140.82; Dakota Ink & Toner 109.98; Dollar General 114.50; G & O Electric LLC 95.01; Graham Tire Co 486.00; Heinz Snow Removal 112.50; Hutson Construction 140.00; Intoximeters Inc 128.00; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware 37.99; Ipswich State Bank 17.50; Microfilm Imaging Systems 302.00; John Deere Financial 695.54; Ken's Foodfair 357.66; Microfilm Imaging Systems 337.00; Midwest Pump and Tank 9.90; Morris Inc 1,587.30; Pomp's Tire Service 3,976.00; Powerplan 4,328.29; Quill Corporation

67.36; Roscoe Trustworthy Hardware 33.92; Runnings Supply Inc 33.92; Safety Service 623.38; Schurrs 45.00; Servall Uniform & Linen 53.62; Service Signs 65.00; TranSource Truck & Equipment 358.12; US Bank 1,249.14.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of March: Commissioners \$5,341.60; Auditor 7,882.06; Treasurer 7,498.72; States Attorney 4,030.90; Courthouse Maintenance 3,642.40; Director of Equalization 7,498.72; Register of Deeds 7,498.72; Veteran Service Officer 1,188.50; Sheriff's Department 27,851.10 (Overtime Pay: Kyle Couchey 140.46; Daniel Hardison 81.04); (Speed Overtime pay: Kyle Couchey 544.29; Jonathan Waldner 210.70); (On call pay: Kyle Couchey 191.00; Daniel Hardison 163.50; Jonathan Waldner 100.00); County Jail 6,330.56 (Overtime Pay: Brandon Bowar 315.95; Nathan Jaenisch 203.80; Cynthia Sahli 114.96); Emergency Management 1,291.66; Highway Department 46,796.79; 4-H 3,487.16; 24/7 Sobriety 200.60.

Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC \$1,729.32; AIG 160.00; First Concord Benefits Group 527.36; Ipswich State Bank, social security, withholding, and fees 28,712.54; SD Retirement 14,649.08; SD Supplemental Retirement 775.00; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 403.95; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 32,188.00.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Grosz to accept the March 31, 2021, Financial Statement for Edmunds County as follows:

Total March Receipts -- \$1,102,441.60  
Total March Disbursements -- \$774,277.59  
Balance in Checking Account -- \$313,806.69  
Today's Receipts -- \$30,570.29  
Change -- \$1,300.00  
Money Market -- \$2,023,466.05  
Money Certificates -- \$2,100,000.00  
Total Cash Assets -- \$4,469,143.03

Edmunds County General Fund:

Balance March 1, 2021	\$2,240,447.72	
March Receipts	197,346.21	
March Disbursements	149,797.52	
Balance March 31, 2021	\$2,287,996.41	Motion carried.

**WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Schaffner to open the weed meeting at 10:00 A.M. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Preszler to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 Weed & Pest Board Meeting. Motion carried.

WEED CONTROL: Michael Jager, Edmunds County Weed Supervisor, discussed personnel and the weed control plan for 2021 in Edmunds County. Supervisor Jager assured the Board that

Deputy Weed Supervisor, Ryan Schlechter, would do a much better job than last year, be out spraying early in the mornings, and also spray mosquitoes when requested.

Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Preszler to adjourn the weed meeting at 10:15 A.M. Motion carried.

**COURTHOUSE HOURS:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Schaffner to close the Edmunds County Courthouse from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday April 15<sup>th</sup> to allow employees to attend the funeral of Robert Olson. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION:** Julie Johnson met with the Board and gave an update on the progress of the Mina Lake Spillway repair project scheduled to begin this summer.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** The Board reviewed information regarding updates on the progress of the Edmunds County Disaster Mitigation Plan. A planning meeting was held on March 23, 2021 in Bowdle. The next meeting will be held in Roscoe on May 3, 2021, at 8:00 p.m. at the fire hall. This is a countywide meeting open to the public for any comments or information about possible mitigation projects needed throughout the county.

**HEALTH INSURANCE:** Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Preszler to approve and allow the vice-chairman to sign the Associated School Boards of South Dakota Health Benefits Fund Participation Agreement, with the South Dakota School District Benefit Fund, to provide health insurance for Edmunds County employees, offering \$1,000 and \$1,500 deductibles, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Motion carried.

**JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Preszler to approve and allow the vice-chairman to sign the joint powers agreements, between Edmunds County and the Townships of Bowdle, Hosmer, Ipswich and Modena for the rental of county blade/motor grader, snow removal equipment and an operator. Motion carried.

**LIQUOR LICENSE:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Schaffner to approve the 2021-2022 On-Off Sale Malt Beverage and On-Off Sale SD Farm Wines License renewal in the name of The Wakeside Bar & Grill LLC. Motion carried.

Vickie Kitchell was present for the liquor license transfer hearing. Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Preszler to approve the 2021 Retail On-Sale Liquor License transfer from Eagle Bar LLC to Myran Properties LLC, Huber's Outlot 1 in the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 29, Township 123-67. Motion carried.

**RIGHT OF WAY OCCUPANCY:** Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Preszler to approve and authorize the vice-chairman to sign the applications for Right of Way Occupancy, with FEM Electric Association Inc to install electric cable under Edmunds County Highway #24, in Section 3, Township 121-66, and under Edmunds County Highway #15, in Section 10, Township 121-66. Motion carried.

Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Preszler to approve and authorize the vice-chairman to sign the application for Right of Way Occupancy, with East River Electric Power Cooperative Inc to install electric cable under Edmunds County Highway #15, in Sections 3 & 4, Township 123-66. Motion carried.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY:** Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Grosz to declare one 1967 Etnyre pull type oil distributor as surplus county property and sell the same to Roscoe City for \$250.00. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Preszler to allow Patricia Nigg, Gwen Geditz, and Keith Schurr to attend the SD Association of County Officials Workshop in Pierre on May 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Schaffner to allow Michael Jager and Heather Shuff to attend the SD Highway Superintendents Office Workshop in Pierre on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER:** Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Preszler to set the salary of Barbara Schaefer, Veterans Service Officer, at \$13,262.00 per year, with a \$1,000.00 per year raise upon certification. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Preszler to enter into executive session at 10:40 A.M., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 11:15 A.M.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED:** The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 A.M. on April 27<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Schaffner to adjourn at 11:25 A.M. Motion carried.



Timothy Thomas  
Vice-Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:   
Keith Schurr  
Edmunds County Auditor

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