

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA  
June 8, 2021

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 A.M. on June 8, 2021 at the county courthouse. Members present were: Dean Mehlhaff, Morris Grosz, Jerome Schaffner, Chad Preszler, and Timothy Thomas. Chairman Thomas 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 May 25, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:** Bowdle Hospital, budgeted payment for alternative health care \$15,416.67; SD Association of County Commissioners, Catastrophic Poor Relief Program 1,088.00.

Phone & Utilities: Bowdle City Office \$60.10; FEM Electric 637.89; Heartland Waste Management 117.50; Ipswich City Office 238.63; Midcontinent Communications 190.00; Reuer Sanitation 39.00; Valley Telecommunications 952.84; WEB Water Bottling Company 97.50; WEB Water 112.09.

Professional Services: Avera Occupational Medicine \$376.00; Vaughn P. Beck 1,152.50; Certified Languages International 9.90; Edmunds County Abstract Co 50.00; First Concord Benefits Group 27.00; SD Public Health Laboratory 40.00; State Street Pharmacy 30.00.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing Co \$464.76; The Pride of the Prairie 224.73.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: Gwen Geditz \$32.00; Mike Jager 75.60; Patricia Nigg 32.00; Keith Schurr 32.00; SD Veteran Service Officer Association 100.00.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Agtegra Cooperative \$19,414.19; Auto Value Parts Stores 546.11; Bowdle Building & Hardware Center 37.29; Century Business Products 47.12; Connecting Point 859.10; Crawford Trucks & Equipment 1,678.83; Dakota Fluid Power 2,455.12; Dakota Ink & Toner 299.92; Dakota Oil 426.25; Dollar General 174.45; Family Pride Processing 97.50; Fastenal Company 28.12; Fischer Repair 22.50; Graham Tire Co 584.04; Ipswich Post Office 2,083.00; John Deere Financial 339.78; Ken's Foodfair 210.26; Microfilm Imaging Systems 337.00; Midwest Pump and Tank 21.40; Pomp's Tire Service 9,359.14; Powerplan 2,280.46; Premier Equipment Inc 177.92; Roscoe Trustworthy Hardware 37.35; Safety Service Inc 61.45; Servall Uniform & Linen 28.04; US Bank 2,163.56; WEX Bank 1,462.94; Jonathan Wipf 51.07.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of May: Commissioners \$4,812.44; 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 1,105.16; Sheriff's Department 27,218.93 (Overtime Pay: Kyle Couchey 307.25); (Speed Overtime pay: Kyle

Couchey 193.13; Jonathan Waldner 162.08); (On call pay: Kyle Couchey 169.50; Daniel Hardison 155.00; Jonathan Waldner 98.00); County Jail 6,730.90 (Overtime Pay: Brandon Bowar 348.84; Nathan Jaenisch 116.46; Cynthia Sahli 71.85); Coroner 125.00; Emergency Management 1,291.66; Highway Department 45,952.60; 4-H 3,487.16; 24/7 Sobriety 200.60. Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC \$1,729.32; AIG 160.00; Colonial Life 608.02; First Concord Benefits Group 627.36; Ipswich State Bank, social security, withholding, and fees 28,983.41; SD Retirement 14,927.44; SD Supplemental Retirement 1,075.00; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 405.95; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 33,036.00.

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

**CAMERA SYSTEM:** Bryan German, Expetec Technology Services met with the Board to outline the proposed Edmunds County Courthouse Video Surveillance Upgrade. A matching South Dakota Court Security Grant has been awarded for the project in the amount of \$12,779.44. Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve and allow the chairman to sign the work order to proceed with the project with a total cost of \$24,958.87. Motion carried.

**EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION:** Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Grosz to accept the resignation of Allison M. Wilson, Sheriff's department dispatcher, effective June 13, 2021. Motion carried.

**EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to change the employee classification of Mandy N. Schaible, Sheriff's department dispatcher, from full time to regular part-time class A, 36 hour per week, effective May 23, 2021. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY STUDY:** Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Grosz to hire Soil Technologies Inc to perform soil boring on the West five miles of Edmunds County Highway 24 to analyze subsurface condition and provide reconstruction recommendations. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY ROLLER:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Schaffner to purchase a used 2016 DynaPac CC1300 steel faced roller from Diesel Machinery Inc in the amount of \$29,500.00, and return the 2008 DynaPac CC424HF steel faced roller with a refund in the amount of \$32,500.00. Motion carried.

**NURSE – OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH ALLIANCE:** Melanie Kaiser, Community Health Nurse, met with the Board to give a report on services provided by the health department, and discussed the Public Health Contract. Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Grosz to approve and allow the chairman to sign the Office of Public Health Alliance Contract between South Dakota Department of Health, Bowdle Hospital, and Edmunds County, in the amount of \$37,000.00, to provide community health services for the citizens of Edmunds County, effective June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Grosz to allow to allow Sandra Northrop to attend the District Assessor's meeting in Highmore on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Preszler to enter into executive session at 10:25 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 June 22<sup>nd</sup> and July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 10:45 P.M. Motion carried.



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Timothy Thomas  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:   
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Keith Schurr  
Edmunds County Auditor

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