

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

September 7, 2021

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 A.M. on September 7, 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: Vaughn Beck, Kyle Couchey, Todd Holtz, Michael Jager, Dixie Mattern, David Usselman, and Jonathan Waldner.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED: Rick Haux, property tax refund \$109.32; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc, road fog seal 4,646.40; SD Department of Transportation, bridge inspections 1,313.94; SD Public Assurance Alliance, insurance 293.58; SD Retirement Special Pay Plan, termination pay 3,081.48.

Phone & Utilities: Bowdle City Office \$52.35; Century Link 51.92; FEM Electric 166.03; Ipswich City Office 261.05; Midcontinent Communications 190.00; Montana Dakota Utilities 39.44; Reuer Sanitation 39.00; Valley Telecommunications 896.67; Verizon Wireless 354.29.

Professional Services: Vaughn P. Beck \$1,150.00; Horn Law Office 217.80; Edmunds County Abstract Co 100.00; Christy G Serr 1,450.25.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing Co \$256.84; The Pride of the Prairie 210.85.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: Best Western Ramkota Pierre \$154.00; NASASP 39.00; Barb Schaefer 80.00; Jonathan Waldner 56.00.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Auto Value Parts Stores \$271.30; Bowdle Building & Hardware Center 32.09; Century Business Products 84.35; Crawford Trucks & Equipment 2,240.73; Dollar General 139.20; Fischer Repair 56.00; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware 60.37; Ken's Foodfair 440.98; Meyers Tractor Salvage 200.00; Oban Construction 295.00; Plunkett's Pest Control 81.12; Powerplan 2,093.12; Premier Equipment Inc 205.90; Rock Tuff 208.60; Safety Service Inc 130.00; US Bank 1,663.69; Robert Wagner 75.00.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of August: 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 1,105.16; Sheriff's Department 31,051.02 (Overtime Pay: Kyle Couchey 1,843.54); (Speed Overtime pay: Kyle Couchey 3,414.93); (On call pay: Kyle Couchey 314.00; Daniel Hardison 44.00; Jonathan Waldner 120.00); County Jail 5,768.24 (Overtime Pay: Brandon Bowar 270.81;

Nathan Jaenisch 810.72; Cynthia Sahli 129.26; Zach Sahli 263.06); Coroner 125.00; Emergency Management 1,291.66; Highway Department 46,513.16 (Overtime Pay: Rick Holland 90.09; Jason Onken 90.09; Jonathan Wipf 90.09); 4-H 4,644.79; 24/7 Sobriety 200.60.

Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC \$1,729.32; AIG 60.00; Delta Dental 936.70; Colonial Life 532.12; First Concord Benefits Group 527.36; Ipswich State Bank, social security, withholding, and fees 30,868.08; SD Retirement 15,412.28; SD Supplemental Retirement 975.00; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 412.73; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 31,589.00.

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

BUDGET 2022: Public Hearing on the 2022 Edmunds County Budget was held by the Board of Commissioners, further discussion, and adoption of 2022 budget will be held at the September 21, 2021 meeting.

DISCUSSION: John Villbrandt with the SD Department of Transportation met with the Board to give an update on next year's reconstruction of State Highway 47 and the related possible impacts to Edmunds County Highways 1 and 10.

CAMERA SYSTEM: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Grosz to designate the Sheriff to have application access to the complete Edmunds County Courthouse video surveillance system and to designate the Commissioner Chairman and Auditor to have application access to surveillance system less the courthouse basement level. Motion carried.

COUNTY VEHICLE TRACKERS: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to designate the Sheriff and States Attorney to have application access to vehicle trackers for the four sheriff patrol vehicles. Motion carried.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to designate the Commissioner Chairman, Auditor, and Highway Superintendent to have application access to all county vehicle trackers except the four sheriff patrol vehicles. Motion carried.

DRAINAGE: John Carrels, Dustin Usselman, and Michael Gutenkauf, IMEG Engineering Corp, met with the Board to discuss water flow along County Road #31. Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Schaffner to place an 18-inch culvert in the new approach that will be installed across from 147 West Lake Drive, and to place a new additional 24-inch culvert at a skew under County Road #31. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE STEP: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to increase the salary of Zachary R. Sahli, dispatcher, to \$19.16 per hour, effective September 1, 2021. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE – MARIJUANA: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Schaffner, to approve the first reading of Edmunds County Ordinance No. 2021-9-2, An ordinance creating licensing provisions for cannabis establishments. The second reading, for Ordinance No. 2021-9-2, will be on

September 21, 2021. Roll call vote: Mehlhaff – yes, Grosz – yes, Schaffner – yes, Preszler – yes, Thomas – yes . Motion carried.

ZONING: Edmunds County Commissioners continued the review and rewrite of the Edmunds County Planning and Zoning Ordinances, and the Comprehensive Plan for Edmunds County. Eric Senger of Northeast Council of Governments, Brittney Casey, and Sandra Northrop were present for the update discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Schaffner to enter into executive session at 12:05 P.M., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 12:10 P.M.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 A.M. on September 21st and October 5th.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 12:15 P.M. Motion carried.

Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: _____
Keith Schurr
Edmunds County Auditor

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