

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA  
October 5, 2021

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 A.M. on October 5, 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: Michael Gutenkauf, Todd Holtz, Tracy Hutson, and Michael Jager.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:** Northeast Council of Governments, update zoning ordinances and comprehensive plan \$5,000.00.

Phone & Utilities: Bowdle City Office \$52.35; Century Link 54.00; FEM Electric 198.68; Ipswich City Office 243.59; Midcontinent Communications 190.00; Reuer Sanitation 39.00; Valley Telecommunications 237.89.

Professional Services: Vaughn P. Beck \$1,150.00; Cogley Law Office LLC 504.90; SD Association of County Commissioners 2,000.00.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing Co \$725.54; Hoven Media Inc 49.40; McPherson County Herald 65.60; NW Blade 62.00; The Pride of the Prairie 245.04.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: Best Western Ramkota Rapid City \$1,313.00; Audie Crouch 30.24; Gwen Geditz 319.68; Mike Jager 46.00; Brent Koens 32.76; Susan Malsom 32.76; Dean Mehlhaff 80.64; Werner Mohr 75.60; Bonnie Nehlich 214.00; Patricia Nigg 86.00; Chad Preszler 396.48; Jerome Schaffner 293.58; Keith Schurr 330.60; Timothy Thomas 151.20.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Aberdeen Chrysler Center \$33.28; Access Elevator & Lifts Inc 903.00; Auto Value Parts Stores 342.81; Axon Enterprises Inc 6,942.00; Bowdle Building & Hardware Center 28.75; Century Business Products 40.46; Cole Papers Inc 110.80; Connecting Point 79.00; Crawford Trucks & Equipment 108.82; Dakota Ink & Toner 529.86; Dollar General 105.38; Expetec Technology Services 1,176.28; Farm Power Manufacturing Inc. 291.48; Farnams Napa 39.98; Fastenal Company 124.87; Fischer Repair 56.23; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware 24.37; Ken's Foodfair 489.97; Mac's Hardware 149.99; Marshall & Swift 1,028.15; Powerplan 387.43; Premier Equipment Inc 96.00; Rock Tuff 1,801.87; SD State 4-H Office 180.00; Safety Service Inc 3,784.00; TranSource Truck & Equipment 1,579.18; US Bank 2,972.70; Wallwork Truck Center 57.20.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of September: 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 1,146.83; Sheriff's Department 30,616.27 (Overtime Pay: Kyle Couchey 1,018.34; Jonathan Waldner 745.55); (Speed Overtime pay: Kyle Couchey 1,720.64); (On call pay: Kyle Couchey 136.50; Jonathan Waldner 236.00); County Jail 6,882.56 (Overtime Pay: Brandon Bowar 797.39; Nathan Jaenisch 1,674.10; Cynthia Sahli 258.66; Zach Sahli 160.86); Coroner 375.00; Emergency Management 1,291.66; Highway Department 52,204.99; Planning/Zoning 450.00; 4-H 3,487.16; 24/7 Sobriety 200.60.

Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC \$1,669.78; AIG 60.00; Delta Dental 936.70; Colonial Life 477.22; First Concord Benefits Group 527.36; Ipswich State Bank, social security, withholding, and fees 31,677.91; SD Retirement 16,138.30; SD Supplemental Retirement 975.00; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 416.80; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 32,454.00.

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

**EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to accept the resignation of Jaclynn M. Donne, Sheriff's department dispatcher, effective September 22, 2021. Motion carried.

**MOTOR GRADER:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to authorize the purchase of a new 2021 John Deere motor grader, model 772G, from RDO Equipment Company, as per Minnesota state bid, in the amount of \$328,690.00 with a bid of \$105,500.00 for a 2012 John Deere motor grader that will be surplus. Motion carried.

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Preszler to approve and allow the chairman to sign the High Angle Rescue Mutual Aid Agreement with Agtegra Cooperative. Motion carried.

**MITIGATION PLAN:** Edmunds County has received a grant from FEMA to conduct an update of the existing Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Federal Law requires that each state have a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and the State of South Dakota requires local jurisdictions to have individual plans in order to be eligible for Federal grant dollars in the event that a natural disaster occurs in our area. A draft of the plan is available online for review on the County's website.

**SOIL EROSION:** Meshele Townsend, Edmunds County Conservation District, and Eric Rasmussen, USDA Natural Resources Conservation District, met with the Board to discuss developing a county wide erosion and sediment control plan.

**SUPPLEMENT BUDGET:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to supplement the Sheriff's Budget per SDCL 7-21-20.1, in the amount of \$4,286.64, with Highway Safety Enforcement grant money, and in the amount of \$12,779.44, with SD Unified Judicial System Security Grant funds. Motion carried.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY:** Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Preszler to declare one 1991 GMC Truck, VIN #50701, and one 1995 Case-IH 5230 Tractor, VIN #35905 as surplus county property and allow both to be sold at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> Ulmer auction near Herreid. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to enter into executive session at 9:45 A.M., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 10:25 A.M.

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

**ADJOURN:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 11:35 A.M. Motion carried.

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Timothy Thomas  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Keith Schurr  
Edmunds County Auditor

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