

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

November 2, 2021

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 A.M. on November 2, 2021 at the county courthouse. Members present were: Dean Mehlhaff, Morris Grosz, Jerome Schaffner, and Chad Preszler. Absent Timothy Thomas. Vice-Chairman Schaffner called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Others present for portions of the meeting were: Brittney Duvall, and Michael Jager.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:** Dakota Insurance Solutions, bond renewals \$100.00; Safe Harbor, marriage and divorce fees 435.00; SD Department of Transportation, cost share of bridge inspections 1,306.47.

Phone & Utilities: Bowdle City Office \$67.85; Century Link 54.98; FEM Electric 181.71; Midcontinent Communications 190.00; Montana Dakota Utilities 39.53; Reuer Sanitation 39.00; Verizon Wireless 313.65.

Professional Services: Avera St. Lukes \$2,183.46; Vaughn P. Beck 1,150.00; Cogley Law Office LLC 554.40; Courtney Couchey 75.00; Darcy Lockwood 15.00; Edmunds County Abstract Co 50.00; First Concord Benefits Group 22.50; Christopher Haar Attorney 227.24; Mark Katterhagen 15.00; Lewno Law Office 166.53; Taliaferro Law Firm 238.10; Yankton County Sheriff 50.00.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing Co \$1,267.96; The Pride of the Prairie 169.29.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: Best Western Ramkota Pierre \$679.00; Kyle Couchey 52.06, Mike Jager 12.00; National Sheriffs' Association 68.00; Sandra Northrop 149.00; Keith Schurr 50.00.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Bowdle Building & Hardware Center \$26.34; Century Business Products 62.96; Connecting Point 79.00; Dakota Electronics 103.00; Dollar General 29.72; Fischer Repair 148.95; Girton Adams Company 39.61; Menards 479.31; Moser Excavating & Trucking 1,515.31; Pierson Ford 599.86; Powerplan 2,247.60; Premier Equipment Inc 427.48; Quality welding Inc 48.00; Tiger Corporation 390.52; US Bank 1,935.49.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of October: Commissioners \$5,341.60; Auditor 7,892.06; 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 29,202.91 (Overtime Pay: Kyle Couchey 1,229.03; Jonathan Waldner 405.19); (Speed Overtime pay: Kyle Couchey 1,071.01) (On call pay: Kyle Couchey

237.00; Jonathan Waldner 234.00); County Jail 7,023.82 (Overtime Pay: Brandon Bowar 932.79; Nathan Jaenisch 1,324.74; Cynthia Sahli 459.84; Zach Sahli 800.66); Coroner 250.00; Emergency Management 1,291.66; Highway Department 44,249.05; 4-H 3,487.16; 24/7 Sobriety 200.60.

Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC \$1,665.50; 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 29,312.96; SD Retirement 14,737.56; SD Supplemental Retirement 975.00; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 411.04; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 30,724.00.

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

**WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to open the weed meeting at 9:15 A.M. Motion carried.

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

WEED CONTROL: Michael Jager, Edmunds County Weed Supervisor, discussed personnel and the weed control plan for 2022 in Edmunds County.

Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn the weed meeting at 9:25 A.M. Motion carried.

**HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Preszler to adopt Resolution #2021-11-2, Edmunds County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, which has been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. A complete copy of the resolution is on file in the Edmunds County Auditor's Office. Roll call vote: Mehlhaff – yes, Grosz – yes, Schaffner – yes, Preszler – yes, Thomas – absent. Resolution adopted.

**QUIT CLAIM DEED:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve and allow the vice-chairman to sign the quit claim deed which transfers, via right of redemption, Lots 3 & 4, Block 2 of Heckenlaible's First Addition City of Homer, to Theodore Torgeson. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION – COMMISSIONER DISTRICT BOUNDARIES:** The Board of Commissioners reviewed the 2020 census data and the procedure for redistricting commissioner districts which will be finalized in February 2022. Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Preszler to approve first reading of Resolution #2021-11-1, Edmunds County Resolution of Intent to Change the Boundaries for Commissioner Districts. The second reading, for Ordinance No. 2021-11-1, will be on November 16, 2021. Motion carried.

**SUPPLEMENT BUDGET:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to supplement the American Rescue Plan Fund Budget, in the amount of \$2,000.00, with US Department of the Treasury State and Local Recovery Funds received, per SDCL 7-21-20.1 Motion carried.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to declare 2.25 ton of scrap aluminum signs and 4.51 ton of scrap steel as surplus county property and allow the same to be sold to Meyers Tractor Salvage LLC. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to allow Kyle Couchey, Daniel Hardison, Todd Holtz, and Jonathan Waldner to attend SD Domestic Violence Training in Aberdeen on November 30, 2021. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to enter into executive session at 9:28 A.M., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 9:56 A.M.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to enter into executive session at 10:10 A.M., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 10:27 A.M.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED:** The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 A.M. on November 16<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 10:35 A.M. Motion carried.

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Jerome Schaffner  
Vice-Chairman of the Board

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

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