

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA
January 4, 2022

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 A.M. on January 4, 2022 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 Mehlhaff, seconded by Grosz to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN: The County Auditor called for nominations for Chairman. Morris Grosz nominated Timothy Thomas as Chairman. Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff that nominations cease. Motion carried. Timothy Thomas was elected Chairman for the year of 2022.

VICE-CHAIRMAN: The County Auditor called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Timothy Thomas nominated Chad Preszler as Vice-Chairman. Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Schaffner that nominations cease. Motion carried. Chad Preszler was elected Vice-Chairman for the year 2022.

APPOINTMENTS: The Chairman made the following appointments:

4-H Advisory Board – Chad Preszler as commissioner representing the Board.

ABC Regional Railroad Authority – Morris Grosz as commissioner representing the Board and Jerome Schaffner as alternate.

E911 Board – Todd Holtz, Sheriff and Chad Preszler as commissioner representing the Board.

Northeast Council of Governments – Chad Preszler and Timothy Thomas as commissioners representing the Board.

Zoning Board – Morris Grosz and Timothy Thomas as commissioners representing the Board.

BIDS: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Schaffner to purchase new & recap tires, road chemicals/road salt, weed & pest chemicals, bulk ethanol, regular unleaded, and diesel fuel all off the state bid. Motion carried.

INVESTMENT & ACCOUNTING POLICIES: Patricia Nigg, Edmunds County Treasurer, was advised by the Board on the investment policy. The county sets the investment policy of the Treasurer pursuant to SDCL 4-5-8. Such policy to be that the Treasurer is authorized and directed to invest all idle cash to gain maximum interest for the county. The change fund for the Treasurer's Office will be \$1,200.00. The change fund for the Register of Deed's Office will be \$100.00

BANK DEPOSITORIES: "Cortrust Bank of Bowdle", "Farmers State Bank of Hosmer", "First State Bank of Roscoe", and "Ipswich State Bank" are the named Edmunds County depositories.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS: "The Ipswich Tribune", "The Pride of the Prairie", and "The Roscoe - Hosmer Independent".

ELECTION: Rent paid, to precinct polling places for each election, will be set at a maximum of \$75.00 per day for the year 2022. Election workers will be paid a flat amount of \$40.00 for attending election training and \$230.00 for working election day. The charge for the purchase of voter registration lists will be five cents per name.

BLOOD ALCOHOL FEES: The payment for drawing blood alcohol tests will be \$75.00.

JAIL RATES: A confinement cost of \$25.00 per day, for each incident, will be imposed against any prisoner confined to jail while serving a sentence for a crime committed in Edmunds County and will be payable up front to the Edmunds County Sheriff before serving a sentence, or a lien will be imposed on the prisoner 30 days following confinement if not paid. Reimbursement for work release for in county prisoners will be an additional \$15.00 per day per prisoner. The jail rate for out of county prisoner care will be \$75.00 per day per prisoner and an additional \$25.00 per day for work release.

GUARD REIMBURSEMENT: Pay for guard duty will be \$50.00 a day when in a 50-mile radius of the county seat. Payment for guard duty will be \$10.00 per hour plus any meal receipts when outside a 50-mile radius of the county seat.

ZONING BOARD MEMBER APPOINTED: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Schaffner to appoint Audie Crouch to the Edmunds County Zoning Board, for a 5 year term ending December 31, 2026. Motion carried.

SALARIES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES 2022: Commissioners (Morris Grosz - \$13,080.00, Dean Mehlhaff - \$13,080.00 per year, Chad Preszler - \$13,080.00, Jerome Schaffner - \$13,080.00, Timothy Thomas - \$13,080.00) Chairman will receive an additional \$600.00 per year; Auditor (Keith Schurr - \$55,257.00, Dionne Olson - \$42,165.00); Treasurer (Patricia Nigg - \$50,519.00, Diane Geditz - \$42,165.00); States Attorney (Vaughn Beck - \$49,822.00); 4-H & Courthouse Custodian (Thomas Schaefer - \$45,020.00); Director of Equalization (Sandra Northrop - \$50,519.00, Brittney Duvall - \$42,165.00); Register of Deeds (Gwen Geditz - \$50,519.00, Jodi Wagner - \$42,165.00); Veteran Service Officer (Barbara Schaefer - \$14,690.00); Sheriff (Todd Holtz - \$60,198.00, Kyle Couchey - \$50,156.00, Daniel Hardison - \$46,304.00, Jonathan Waldner - \$46,304.00, Theodore Huss - \$18.50 per hour part time, Brandon Bowar - \$20.66 per hour, Scott Hedlund - \$18.73 per hour, Nathan Jaenisch - \$19.73 per hour, Cynthia Sahli - \$19.73 per hour, Zachary Sahli - \$19.73 per hour); Emergency & Disaster Coordinator (Tracy Hutson - \$15,965.00); Highway Department (Michael Jager -

\$57,289.00, Heather Shuff - \$20.27 per hour, Jordan Boulais - \$20.62 per hour; Michael Grote - \$20.62 per hour, Michael Horst - \$20.62 per hour, Rodney Kirschenmann - \$20.62, per hour, Bernel Lee - \$20.62 per hour, Jason Onken - \$20.62 per hour, Dale Preszler - \$20.62 per hour, Jeremy Schlecht - \$20.62 per hour, Ryan Schlechter - \$20.62 per hour, Jason Shaykett - \$20.12 per hour; Mathew Waldner - \$21.63 per hour, Jonathan Wipf - \$20.62 per hour); Weed Spraying (highway men will received 50 cents per hour more while weed spaying and attending weed & pest training); 4-H Department (Bonnie Nehlich - \$43,101.00); Coroner (Kyle Couchey - \$125.00 per call); Zoning Board Members (Audie Crouch, Susan Malsom, Werner Mohr - \$50.00 per meeting).

CLAIMS APPROVED: Minn-Kota Communications Inc, Sheriff's Office maintenance contracts \$8,568.00; SD Dept of Agriculture and Natural Resources, stormwater permit 600.00.

2022 Budgeted Apportionments: Area IV Senior Nutrition \$3,000.00; Aspire 1,000.00; Bowdle Ambulance 4,500.00; Bowdle Senior Citizens 1,500.00; Edmunds County Rescue Unit 1,000.00; Grow South Dakota 1,500.00; Hosmer Senior Citizens 1,500.00; Ipswich Ambulance 4,500.00; Northeastern Mental Health 2,500.00; Roscoe Senior Citizens 1,500.00.

25% Road & Bridge (SDCL 10-12-9.4): Bowdle City Office \$768.00; Hosmer City Office 308.00; Ipswich City Office 1,411.00; Roscoe City Office 490.00.

Phone & Utilities: Bowdle City Office \$52.35; Midcontinent Communications 228.12.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: SD Association County Commissioners \$1,548.00; SD Association County Officials 810.32.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: 3D Security Inc \$209.00; Bowdle Building & Hardware Center 35.80; Diamond S Heating & Cooling 106.50; McLeod's Office Supply 77.53; Plunkett's Pest Control 81.12.

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

ABATEMENT: Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve abatement #2022-1, in the amount of \$25.94, for a 4.65 acre parcel in the SE¼ of Section 13, Cortlandt Township, in the name of Rick and Karen Haux. Motion carried.

INSURANCE: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Grosz to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the revised Intergovernmental Contract with the SD Public Assurance Alliance for Edmunds County's automotive, liability and property insurance. Motion carried.

JAIL: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve and allow the chairman to sign the Jail Rental Agreement with Walworth County to provide housing for inmates in the Edmunds County Jail at a rate of \$75.00 per day for each prisoner. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – WEIGHT & SPEED LIMIT ENFORCEMENT: The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Preszler, who moved its adoption: Resolution #2022-1-1,

establishing the enforcement of weight & speed limits in Edmunds County. The motion to adopt the resolution was seconded by Mehlhaff. Roll call vote: Mehlhaff - yes, Grosz - yes, Schaffner - no, Preszler - yes, Thomas - yes. Resolution adopted.

WHEREAS, the County of Edmunds, South Dakota, is responsible for the maintenance of certain highways under its jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, the Edmunds County Board of Commissioners, desires to protect existing Edmunds County Highways, ultimately saving tax dollars, and

WHEREAS, said highways, by reason of seasonal climatic changes, will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless vehicle weight and speed restrictions are imposed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all county roads in Edmunds County will be under a 6 ton per axle load limit restriction and speed limit restrictions of 40 mph for trucks, effective at 12:01 A.M. on March 1, 2022, through 11:59 P.M. on April 30, 2022, or as posted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Edmunds shall request and authorize the South Dakota Highway Patrol to enforce weight limitations and speed restrictions, as established by this resolution, on all Edmunds County roads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the penalty for the violation of the load restrictions shall be as set forth in SDCL 32-22-55.

SHERIFF'S VEHICLE: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Schaffner to purchase one (1) new 2022 Ford F150 Responder Pursuit Rated 4x4 Pickup as per state bid, from Lamb Motor Company, in the amount of \$36,186.00, for the Edmunds County Sheriff's Department. Motion carried.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Schaffner to allow Michael Jager, Ryan Schlechter, and Jason R. Shaykett to attend SD Weed & Pest applicator training in Aberdeen on January 25th. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to enter into executive session at 10:05 A.M., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 10:14 A.M.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 A.M. on January 18th and February 8th.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 10:15 A.M. Motion carried.

Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: _____
Keith Schurr
Edmunds County Auditor

Published once at the total approximate cost of \$_____.