

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 -