

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

March 8, 2022

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 A.M. on March 8, 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: Roy Brownlee, Bob Jacobs, Michael Jager, and Dale Preszler.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:** Butler Machinery Company, Schulte FX-1800 rotary mower \$26,360.61; Dakota Insurance Solutions, bond renewal 50.00; SD Public Assurance Alliance, insurance 73,546.50.

Professional Services: Vaughn P. Beck \$1,557.25; Edmunds County Abstract Co 25.00; First Concord Benefits Group 31.50; Lincoln County Auditor 39.60; Minnehaha County Auditor 195.50; SD Public Health Laboratory 40.00.

Phone & Utilities: Bowdle City Office \$52.35; Century Link 53.40; FEM Electric 567.56; Ipswich City Office 238.86; Heartland Waste Management 117.50; Midcontinent Communications 216.78; Reuer Sanitation 39.00; Verizon Wireless 323.37.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing Co \$440.56; The Pride of the Prairie 109.56.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: Crossroads Hotel & Huron Event Center \$643.93; SD Association of County Highway Superintendents 100.00; SD Police Chiefs Association 85.00.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Century Business Products \$25.00; Connecting Point 79.00; Crawford Trucks & Equipment 190.93; Dollar General 194.50; Fischer Repair 15.98; Heier's Body & Repair Shop LLC 277.89; Mike Heinz 127.50; Ken's Foodfair 446.56; Pierson Ford 388.07; Rock Tuff 39.04; Roscoe Trustworthy Hardware 80.86; Safety Service 702.80; TranSource Truck & Equipment 55.83.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of February: Commissioners \$5,500.00; Auditor 8,118.48; Treasurer 7,723.64; States Attorney 4,151.82; Courthouse Maintenance 3,751.66; Director of Equalization 7,723.64; Register of Deeds 7,723.64; Veteran Service Officer 1,224.16; Sheriff's Department 29,113.40 (Overtime Pay: Daniel Hardison 267.12; Jonathan Waldner 66.78); (Speed Overtime pay: Kyle Couchey 298.36); (On call pay: Kyle Couchey 185.50; Daniel Hardison 148.00; Jonathan Waldner 126.00); County Jail 7,753.70 (Overtime Pay: Brandon Bowar 247.92; Scott Hedlund 298.94; Nathan Jaenisch 239.76; Cynthia Sahli

399.53; Zach Sahli 310.75); Coroner 125.00; Emergency Management 1,330.43; Highway Department 52,586.38; 4-H 3,591.74; 24/7 Sobriety 200.60.

Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC \$1,712.30; AIG 60.00; Delta Dental 1,014.60; Colonial Life 380.06; First Concord Benefits Group 727.86; Ipswich State Bank, social security, withholding, and fees 31,842.35; SD Retirement 16,295.32; SD Supplemental Retirement 1,125.00; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 433.80; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 34,883.00.

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

**BIDS - BITUMINOUS MIXTURE:** Bids were received, for the purchase of AC Hot Mix 120-150 ½" crush and ¾" crush, from the following: Lien Transportation Company – \$73.90 per ton; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc – \$73.90 per ton. Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Grosz to accept all bids. Motion carried.

**BIDS – CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT RENTAL:** Bids were received for track excavator rental from the following: HF Jacobs and Son Construction Inc - \$180.00 per hour; long reach \$227.00 per hour; Lien Transportation Company - CAT 320 \$205.00 per hour; Moser Excavating & Trucking - John Deere 200G \$170.00 per hour; Oban Construction LLC - CAT 326 \$220.00 per hour, CAT 315 \$200.00 per hour. Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to accept all bids. Motion carried.

**BIDS – CRUSHED GRAVEL:** Bids were received, for gravel stockpiles from the following: Brownlee Construction Inc – 1" crushed gravel \$6.00 (Arbach pit), ¾" crushed gravel \$6.40 (Arbach pit); 1" crushed gravel \$6.55 (SWEC pit), ¾" crushed gravel \$6.85 (SWEC pit); BDM Gravel LLC – 1" crushed gravel \$5.50 (Hillsview pit), ¾" crushed gravel \$5.50 (Hillsview pit); H.F. Jacobs & Son Construction Inc – 1" crushed gravel \$6.37 (Gross Pit), 3/8" screened sand \$4.35 (Gross Pit), 1" crushed gravel \$5.65 (Hauck Pit); 1" crushed gravel \$5.65 (Spitzer Pit); Hettich Sand & Gravel - ¾" crushed gravel \$7.00, pit run gravel \$2.50; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc – 1" crushed gravel \$8.00 (Balliet pit); Lien Transportation Company – 1" crushed gravel \$14.50, ¾" crushed gravel \$14.50, ½" crushed aggregate \$39.00; Oban Construction LLC – 1" crushed gravel \$6.75 (Schnabel pit), Pit Run \$4.50 (Schnabel pit); Obenauer Sand-Gravel & Construction – 1" crushed gravel \$5.64, ¾" crushed gravel at \$5.79, ½" crushed aggregate \$14.75, Pit Run at \$2.45 (Hillsview pit). All prices are per ton. Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to accept the all bids. Motion carried.

**BIDS – MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE:** A bid was received for the purchase of mag water from Dustbusters Enterprises Inc at \$1.20 per gallon. Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Schaffner to accept the bid. Motion carried.

**BIDS – ROAD OIL:** Bids were received, for the purchase of road oil, from the following: Flint Hills Resources – MC-3000 at \$847.59 per ton; Jebro Inc – MC-70 at \$986.44 per ton, MC-800 at \$911.44 per ton, MC-3000 at \$841.44 per ton, and AE-150S at \$650.05 per ton. Any and all payments for Road oil will be in the form of a check from the purchasing entity. Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Grosz to accept all bids. Motion carried.

**ROAD REPAIRS:** Nathan Oban, Oban Construction LLC, reviewed core samples taken from County Highway 24, and presented road stabilization options to the Board. No action was taken.

**CORTLANDT TOWNSHIP:** Jon Braun, Sylvia Davis, Terry Heinz, and Gary Tostenson, Cortlandt Township Officials, presented a plan for lighting the walking path along County Highway #32 (old Hwy 12), between Lucinda Lane and South Sunset Drive. The light poles and underground wiring may be in the County right of way. No action was taken.

**WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to open the weed meeting at 10:25 A.M. Motion carried. Michael Jager, Edmunds County Weed Supervisor, and Gary Tostenson was present for the meeting.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Schaffner to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022 Weed & Pest Board Meeting. Motion carried.

**WEED CONTROL:** Weed spraying of county roads and the labor required was discussed. Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Schaffner to allow the continuation of the two mosquito spraying joint powers agreements and to otherwise only spray weeds on Edmunds County right of ways. Motion carried.

Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Preszler to adjourn the weed meeting at 10:45 A.M. Motion carried.

**ANNUAL REPORT:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Schaffner to accept the 2021 Edmunds County Annual Report prepared according to SDCL 7-10-4. Motion carried.

**EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Schaffner to accept the resignation of Michael A. Horst, highway maintenance, effective April 28, 2022. Motion carried.

**EMPLOYEE STEP:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to increase the salary of Mathew R. Waldner, highway mechanic, to \$22.00 per hour, effective March 16, 2022. Motion carried.

**GRAVEL STOCKPILE RENT:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Schaffner to set the annual price for gravel stockpile land rent at \$250.00. Motion carried.

**JOINT POWERS:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Schaffner to set the rental rate for county motorgrader at \$130.00 per hour. Motion carried.

**PLAT APPROVED:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve the following resolution: Be it resolved, by the Edmunds County Board of Commissioners, that the following plat, having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter

11-3, and any amendments thereof; Plat of Bartl Second Addition in the NW¼ of Section 24, 123-66, in Edmunds County, South Dakota. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS:** Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Preszler to allow Michael Jager to attend the SD Highway Superintendents Short Course in Deadwood on March 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to allow Bonnie Nehlich to attend the SDSU 4-H North District Networking Day in Watertown on March 30<sup>th</sup>, allow Bonnie Nehlich to attend the SDSU 4-H Online and Fair Entry Training in Aberdeen on April 7<sup>th</sup>, allow Kyle Couchey to attend the SD Division of Criminal Investigation Statewide Sex Offender Registry Conference in Deadwood on April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, and allow Todd Holtz to attend the SD Sheriffs' Association Spring Sheriffs & Police Chiefs Conference in Deadwood on April 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED:** The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 A.M. on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Grosz to adjourn at 11:05 A.M. Motion carried.



Timothy Thomas  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:   
Keith Schurr  
Edmunds County Auditor

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