

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

April 12, 2022

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:20 A.M. on April 12, 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 9:20 A.M. Others present for portions of the meeting were: Vaughn Beck, Brittney Duvall, Todd Holtz, Michael Jager, and Sandra Northrop.

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

CLAIMS APPROVED: SD Association of County Officials, Register of Deeds Modernization, Preservation Relief fees \$100.00; SD Department of Revenue, motor vehicle, state fees, & driver's license 170,047.50.

Professional Services: Avera Occupational Medicine \$386.00; Avera St Lukes 38.00; Vaughn P. Beck 1,550.00; First Concord Benefits Group 228.50; Tammy Pitz 75.00.

Phone & Utilities: Bowdle City Office \$203.20; Century Link 53.52; FEM Electric 685.44; Ipswich City Office 217.41; Montana Dakota Utilities 2,787.96; Midcontinent Communications 216.78; Reuer Sanitation 39.00; Valley Telecommunications 824.59; Verizon Wireless 354.40. WEB Water Bottling Company 92.50; WEB Water 83.43.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing Co \$1,266.36; The Pride of the Prairie 545.46.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: SD Association of County Officials \$555.00; SDAE4-HP 15.00.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Aberdeen Chrysler Center \$47.32; Auto Value Parts Stores 137.57; Bowdle Building & Hardware Center 58.75; Century Business Products 210.06; Connecting Point 204.00; Crawford Trucks & Equipment 763.08; Dakota Fluid Power 61.30; Dakota Ink & Toner 139.96; Dakota Oil 49.44; Dollar General 138.65; Farnams Napa 820.80; Heier's Body & Repair Shop LLC 177.68; Heinz Snow Removal 42.50; Hutson Construction 127.50; Intoximeters Inc 422.86; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware 2.58; Ipswich State Bank 15.00; J Gross Equipment 132.36; John Deere Financial 5,844.53; Ken's Foodfair 223.66; Mac's Hardware 110.26; Microfilm Imaging Systems 337.00; PowerPlan 1,763.24; Roscoe Trustworthy Hardware 18.97; Safety Service 95.95; Schurrs 40.00; Servall Uniform & Linen 58.76; TranSource Truck & Equipment 223.56; Trav's Outfitter 260.10; US Bank 3,475.64; WEX Bank 2,401.64.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of March: 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 28,266.42 (Overtime Pay: Jonathan Waldner 333.90); (Speed Overtime pay: Kyle Couchey 36.17; Jonathan Waldner 400.68); (On call pay: Kyle Couchey 80.00; Daniel Hardison 114.00; Jonathan Waldner 178.00); County Jail 7,078.53 (Overtime Pay: Brandon Bowar 340.89; Nathan Jaenisch 655.97; Cynthia Sahli 177.56; Zach Sahli 295.95); Coroner 125.00; Emergency Management 1,330.40; Highway Department 46,629.92; 4-H 3,591.74; 24/7 Sobriety 206.60.

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 30,024.81; SD Retirement 15,468.06; 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 Mehlhaff, seconded by Schaffner to pay all above claims. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to accept the March 31, 2022, Financial Statement for Edmunds County as follows:

Total March Receipts -- \$818,326.81
Total March Disbursements -- \$837,870.37

Balance in Checking Account -- \$320,704.15
Today's Receipts -- \$40,047.12
Change -- \$1,300.00
Money Market -- \$2,141,929.81
Money Certificates -- \$2,100,000.00
Total Cash Assets -- \$4,603,981.08

Edmunds County General Fund:

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| Balance March 1, 2022 | \$2,041,062.30 | |
| March Receipts | 171,489.30 | |
| March Disbursements | 196,719.34 | |
| Balance March 31, 2022 | \$2,015,832.26 | Motion carried. |

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Schaffner to accept the Register of Deeds Statement of Fees for the month of March 2022 in the amount of \$2,927.85. Motion carried.

WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING: Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Mehlhaff to open the weed meeting at 10:40 A.M. Motion carried. Michael Jager, Edmunds County Weed Supervisor was present for the meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Schaffner to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022 Weed & Pest Board Meeting. Motion carried.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve and allow the Chairman to sign the Joint Powers Agreement between Edmunds County and the City of Bowdle, for the rental of county spray equipment and one Edmunds County highway employee at the rate of \$80.00 per hour, for the purpose of spraying mosquitoes within the City of Bowdle, for the year of 2022. Motion carried.

WEED & PEST GRANT: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve and allow the Chairman to sign the agreement, between Edmunds County Weed & Pest Board and the South Dakota Weed and Pest Commission, to accept grant funding and follow the guidelines for weed and pest control in Edmunds County, in the amount not to exceed \$5,100.00, effective July 1, 2022, through June 1, 2023. Motion carried.

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

Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn the weed meeting at 10:55 A.M. Motion carried.

CARBON DIOXIDE PIPELINE: The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Grosz, who moved its adoption: Resolution #2022-4-1, Opposing the Current Plans of Construction of Summit Carbon Solutions Carbon Transport LLC Permit to Construct a Carbon Dioxide Transmission Pipeline. The motion to adopt the resolution was seconded by Preszler. Roll call vote: Mehlhaff - yes, Grosz - yes, Schaffner - yes, Preszler - yes, Thomas - yes. Resolution adopted.

WHEREAS, Summit Carbon Solutions Carbon Transport LLC has applied for a construction permit to construct a carbon transmission pipeline within Edmunds County, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous risks involved with a carbon transmission pipeline; and

WHEREAS, Edmunds County is concerned with the potential risks involved with a carbon transmission pipeline, such as the current proposed location of the pipeline, depth of pipeline, and safety to the residents of Edmunds County, South Dakota, if the pipeline is approved as currently proposed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Edmunds County Commission hereby opposes the construction of the proposed carbon pipeline and requests that if a permit allowing for the construction of the pipeline is granted, the location, depth, and other safety matters involving the pipeline must be addressed and modified prior to said permitting.

UTILITIES RIGHT-OF-WAY: All three of the following motions are in reference to the Edmunds County Highway Utility Crossing Ordinances and the "Accommodation of Utilities on County Highway Right-of-Way" document. Distribution of any and all these permit fees collected will be distributed eighty percent to the Edmunds County Local Emergency Planning Committee for Emergency Services and twenty percent to the Edmunds County Road & Bridge fund.

Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Presler to amend Appendix C of the Utility ROW document increasing the "Hazardous Utility (occupancy)" permit fee from \$250.00 to \$5,000.00 and to require the line be encased, splitting the fee 80% LEPC and 20% R&B. Motion carried.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to amend Appendix C of the Utility ROW document increasing the Hazardous Utility "Plus additional per each crossing" permit fee from \$1,500.00 to \$50,000.00 and splitting the fee 80% LEPC and 20% R&B. Motion carried.

Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Schaffner to amend Appendix C of the Utility ROW document increasing the Hazardous Utility "Plus additional per each longitudinal parallel mile" permit fee from \$1,800.00 to \$100,000.00 and splitting the fee 80% LEPC and 20% R&B. Motion carried.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Schaffner to direct Keith Schurr, County Auditor, to elect "Standard Allowance Revenue Loss" of the American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds final rule allowing counties to use the funds for the provisions of general government services without needing to use the US Treasury revenue loss formula calculator. Edmunds County has elected to use six months of 2022 & six months of 2023 County Road and Bridge salaries and County paid benefits as road building and maintenance, and other infrastructure expenses, as use of the ARPA SLFRF up to the amount received, projected to be \$743,600.00. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION: John Villbrandt with the SD Department of Transportation met with the Board to give an update on the reconstruction of State Highway 47 and the related possible impacts to Edmunds County Highways 1 and 10.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the Associated School Boards of South Dakota revised Protective Trust Joint Powers Agreement and Bylaws Resolution. Roll call vote: Mehlhaff - yes, Grosz - yes, Schaffner - yes, Preszler - yes, Thomas - yes. Resolution adopted.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Schaffner to approve and allow the chairman to sign the Associated School Boards of South Dakota Health Benefits Fund Participation Agreement, with the South Dakota School District Benefit Fund, to provide health insurance for Edmunds County employees, offering \$1,000 and \$1,500 deductibles, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Motion carried.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Preszler to approve and allow the chairman to sign the joint powers agreements, between Edmunds County and the Townships of Bowdle, Cottonwood Lake, Glover, and Hudson for the rental of county blade/motor grader, snow removal equipment and an operator. Motion carried.

POOR CLAIM: A request for payment of a poor claim was received, for Client ECO-331, in the amount of \$15,370.39 from Avera Heart Hospital of South Dakota. Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to deny the poor claim. Motion carried.

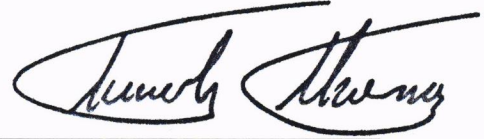
RADIO DISPATCH: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the installation of an additional dedicated digital radio in the Sheriff's Office, by Minn-Kota Communications Inc, in the amount of \$6,150.99 and Dakota Electronics, in the amount of \$1,455.00. Motion carried.

SURPLUS PROPERTY: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to declare 11.58 ton of scrap iron as surplus county property and allow the same to be sold to Meyers Tractor Salvage LLC. Motion carried.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to allow Keith Schurr to attend the Election Systems & Software Equipment training in Faulkton on April 27th, and to allow Patricia Nigg, Gwen Geditz, and Keith Schurr to attend the SD Association of County Officials Workshop in Pierre on May 3rd-4th. Motion carried.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 A.M. on April 26th and May 10th.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Schaffner to adjourn at 11:30 A.M. Motion carried.



Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: 
Keith Schurr
Edmunds County Auditor

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