COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

July 5, 2022

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 A.M. on July 5, 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: Michael Jager, and Jonathan Waldner.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Schaffner to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED: Primary Election payroll and mileage $4,781.58; Kristen Gonsoir, 4-H judging 200.40; HF Jacobs and Son Construction Inc, gravel 14,350.23; Jebro Inc, road oil 183,358.19; North Central Regional E911, phone surcharge 10,508.59; Sherry Perrion, 4-H judging 30.00; Safe Harbor, marriage and divorce fees 340.00; SD Public Assurance Alliance, insurance 1,460.10.

Phone & Utilities: Century Link $53.28; Ipswich City Office 203.39; Midcontinent Communications 216.78; Montana Dakota Utilities 267.07; Reuer Sanitation 39.00.

Professional Services: Vaughn P. Beck $1,550.00; First Concord Benefits Group 31.50; Katie Hogie 300.00; Tammy Pitz 75.00; Taliaferro Law Firm 1,017.90.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Auto Value Parts Stores $533.49; Century Business Products 37.93; Dollar General 82.47; Galls LLC 91.27; Gatehouse Media 1,333.05; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware 54.73; Kleins 214.29; McLeod's Office Supply 419.36; Menards 109.98; Midwest Pump and Tank 37.34; Plunkett's Pest Control 81.12; Sewer Duck Inc 280.00.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of June: 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 7,820.80; Register of Deeds 7,723.64; Veteran Service Officer 1,224.16; Sheriff's Department 30,499.72 (Overtime Pay: Kyle Couchey 361.65); (Speed Overtime pay: Kyle Couchey 578.65; Daniel Hardison 83.48; Jonathan Waldner 2,040.27); (On call pay: Kyle Couchey 132.00; Daniel Hardison 220.00); County Jail 7,833.99 (Overtime Pay: Jacob Clark 360.95; Scott Hedlund 296.70; Nathan Jaenisch 1,487.62; Cynthia Sahli 89.91; Zach Sahli 281.15); Emergency Management 1,330.40; Highway Department 48,263.37; 4-H 4,282.12; 24/7 Sobriety 197.30.

Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC $1,712.30; AIG 60.00; Delta Dental 918.20; Colonial Life 325.76; First Concord Benefits Group 727.86; Ipswich State Bank, social security, withholding, and fees 32,951.27; SD Retirement 16,206.86; SD Supplemental Retirement 775.00;

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Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 509.53; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 33,764.00.

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

EMERGENCY/DISASTER RESOLUTION: The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Schaffner, who moved its adoption: Resolution #2022-7-2, declaring Emergency/Disaster conditions to exist in Edmunds County due to flooding. The motion was seconded by Preszler. Roll call vote: Mehlhaff – yes, Grosz – yes, Schaffner – yes, Preszler – yes, Thomas – yes. Resolution adopted.

WHEREAS, Edmunds County, South Dakota, has suffered severe damage, brought on by excess rainfall and extreme weather conditions that produced heavy run off and flooding that has impacted the county so as to request a declaration for a flood emergency commencing on the date of July 3, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the following conditions exist in Edmunds County, as a result of the emergency/disaster: High water in lakes, ponds and streams has caused severe damage to County and Township roads/bridges and to public and private property. Many of these roads are impassable which limits emergency vehicle access, and mail routes. Many acres of farm land are flooded or have been damaged by flooding conditions, which may also cause agricultural losses; and

WHEREAS, Edmunds County has committed all available county equipment, and taken all possible action within the jurisdictional boundaries to combat and alleviate the emergency/disaster. Local resources are no longer adequate to cope with the situation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Edmunds County Board of Commissioners, at a meeting held on July 5, 2022, it is hereby requested that the Governor declare an emergency/disaster to exist in the County of Edmunds, South Dakota.

BIDS – CHIP SPREADER: One bid was received for the purchase of a 2016 or newer Chip Spreader from TranSource Truck and Equipment in the amount of $176,000.00. Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Mehlhaff to accept the TranSource bid. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE STEP: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Schaffner to increase the salary of Cody L. Stager, highway Maintenance, to $20.62 per hour, effective July 18, 2022. Motion carried.

SHERIFF: Dean Marske, HKG Architects, met with the Board to discuss options for remodeling the Edmunds County Sheriff's Office and Jail.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Schaffner to approve the purchase of Central Square Public Safety Suite Pro Software (formerly Zuercher), in the amount of $30,037.11, and purchase the necessary support hardware for the office and patrol vehicles. Motion carried.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve and allow Edmunds County to join the North Central South Dakota Multi-Jurisdiction Criminal Enforcement Team and to appoint a deputy sheriff to be the liaison. Motion carried.

SUPPLEMENT BUDGET: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Schaffner to supplement the Sheriff's Budget, in the amount of $1,723.17, with Highway Safety Enforcement grant money received, per SDCL 7-21-20.1. Motion carried.

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TRANSFER CASH: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to make a budgeted transfer of $750,000.00 cash from the General Fund to the Road & Bridge Fund and a budgeted transfer of $25,000.00 cash from the General Fund to the Emergency Management Fund. Motion carried.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to allow Kyle Couchey, Daniel Hardison, and John Renison to attend SD Domestic Violence Training in Aberdeen on September 28th & 29th. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to enter into executive session at 9:55 A.M., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 10:15 A.M.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 A.M. on July 19th and August 2nd.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Grosz to adjourn at 10:30 A.M. Motion carried.

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Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: _____
Keith Schurr
Edmunds County Auditor

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