

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA  
November 10, 2022

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 A.M. on November 10, 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: Vaughn Beck, Kyle Couchey, Michael Jager, and via teleconference Julie Johnson.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:** HF Jacobs and Son Construction Inc, gravel \$39,681.47; SD Municipal League, workers compensation insurance 28,239.00.

Phone & Utilities: Bowdle City Office \$113.35; Century Link 53.29; FEM Electric 178.77; Heartland Waste Management 117.50; Hosmer City Office 45.50; Ipswich City Office 228.13; Midcontinent Communications 216.78; Montana Dakota Utilities 2,329.27; Reuer Sanitation 39.00; Roscoe City Office 94.00; Valley Telecommunications 877.91; Venture Communications 83.97; Verizon Wireless 600.56; WEB Water Bottling Company 112.75; WEB Water 92.10.

Professional Services: Vaughn P. Beck \$1,566.20; Certified Languages International 67.65; Credit Collections Bureau 84.57; Edmunds County Abstract Co 50.00; First Concord Benefits Group 31.50; Katie Hogie 125.00; Kuck Law Office 706.65; Sanford Health 89.00; SD Human Services Center 600.00; SD Public Health Laboratory 80.00; Christy G. Serr 529.75.

Publishing: Gatehouse Media \$542.96; Gibson Publishing Co 1,733.34; The Pride of the Prairie 610.88.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: Best Western Ramkota Rapid City \$182.00; Andrea Carlson 42.00; Kyle Couchey 317.04; Daniel Hardison 28.00; SDAE4-HP 40.00; Jonathan Waldner 75.40.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Agtegra Cooperative \$25,397.66; American Solutions for Business 269.23; Benco Equipment 437.90; Bowdle Building & Hardware Center 21.07; Century Business Products 98.10; Crawford Trucks & Equipment 13,033.25; Connecting Point 549.00; Custom Installation Solutions 2,742.16; Dakota Electronics 150.00; Dakota Ink & Toner 390.91; Dale's Building Supplies 865.91; Diamond S Heating & Cooling 122.48; Dollar General 409.07; Expetec of Aberdeen 632.40; Fischer Repair 37.50; Girton Adams Company 360.00; Government Forms & Supplies 90.00; Heier's Body & Repair Shop 541.03; Blake Holland 31.15; IntelliPay 205.00; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware 7.99; J&R School Supplies 64.80; John Deere Financial 231.53;

Ken's Foodfair 360.37; Linde Gas & Equipment 94.80; Mac's Hardware 147.17; McLeod's Office Supply 44.28; Menards 19.56; Microfilm Imaging Systems 337.00; NAPA Auto Parts 1,075.35; Plunkett's Pest Control 88.80; PM Auto & Truck Repair 69.00; Pomp's Tire Service 2,306.55; Premier Equipment Inc 188.48; Pressure Washer Central 8,432.00; Pro Ag Supply 96.09; Rock Tuff 1,009.88; Roscoe Trustworthy Hardware 368.37; SDSU Animal Science 40.50; SeaChange Print Innovations 185.00; Servall Uniform & Linen 31.88; US Bank 7,686.61.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of October: Commissioners \$5,500.00; Auditor 8,118.48; Treasurer 7,723.64; States Attorney 4,151.82; Courthouse Maintenance 3,466.66; Director of Equalization 7,723.64; Register of Deeds 7,723.64; Veteran Service Officer 1,224.16; Sheriff's Department 32,412.71 (Overtime Pay: Kyle Couchey 397.82; Daniel Hardison 66.48); (Speed Overtime pay: Kyle Couchey 795.63; Jonathan Waldner 1,345.71); (On call pay: Kyle Couchey 77.00; Daniel Hardison 94.50); County Jail 8,615.55 (Overtime Pay: Andrea Carlson 1,992.65; Heather Kulwicki 87.76; Nathan Jaenisch 1,460.67; Cynthia Sahli 1,169.00; Sarah Sahli 102.19); Emergency Management 1,330.40; Highway Department 43,800.81; 4-H 3,591.74; 24/7 Sobriety 206.60.

Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC \$1,520.66; AIG 60.00; Delta Dental 1,062.80; Colonial Life 298.00; First Concord Benefits Group 727.86; Ipswich State Bank, social security, withholding, and fees 30,845.01; SD Retirement 15,264.70; SD Supplemental Retirement 775.00; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 490.66; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 33,338.00.

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

**HIGHWAY:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to authorize Michael Jager, Highway Superintendent to approve township applications for Rural Access Infrastructure Fund disbursements. Motion carried.

**JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve and allow the chairman to sign the joint powers agreement, between Edmunds County and Hillside Township for the rental of county blade/motor grader, snow removal equipment and an operator. Motion carried.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to declare one 1963 Caterpillar D7E Dozer, VIN #2350, as surplus county property and accept the sale with AuctionTime online auctions in the amount of \$16,100.00. Motion carried.

**EMPLOYEES:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Schaffner to accept the verbal resignation of Michael L. Grote, highway maintenance, effective October 18, 2022. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to accept the resignation of Heather J. Kulwicki, dispatcher, effective November 14, 2022. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANTS:** Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve and authorize Kyle Couchey to sign the 2022 Highway Safety Project Grant Agreement between Edmunds County and the South Dakota Office of Highway Safety, Federal award amount of \$19,646.55. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve and authorize Kyle Couchey to sign the 2023 Highway Safety Project Grant Agreement between Edmunds County and the South Dakota Office of Highway Safety, Federal award amount of \$19,619.20. Motion carried.

**JAIL:** The Board of Commissioners toured the Edmunds County Jail, viewed recent jail damage, and discussed; possible repairs, remodeling, and other options to hold inmates.

**PLATS APPROVED:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Schaffner to approve the following resolution: Be it resolved, by the Edmunds County Board of Commissioners, that the following plats, having been examined are hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof: Plat of Hammrich Addition in the SE¼ of Section 30, 123-68; and Plat of Holt Second Subdivision in the SE¼ of Section 17, 123-66, both in Edmunds County, South Dakota. Motion carried.

**SUPPLEMENT RESOLUTION:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the following resolution: Be it resolved, by the Edmunds County Board of Commissioners, to supplement the 2022 Edmunds County Government Building Budget, in the amount of \$172,700.00, with the source of revenue for this supplement to be General Fund cash on hand. Roll call vote: Mehlhaff – yes, Grosz – yes, Schaffner – yes, Preszler – yes, Thomas – yes. Resolution adopted.

**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to allow Bonnie Nehlich to attend the SDSU Extension 4-H Professional Development Training in Aberdeen on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Schaffner to enter into executive session at 10:35 A.M., according to SDCL 1-25-2(3). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 11:25 A.M.

**CANVASS VOTES:** The County Auditor and the Board of Commissioners, as the Edmunds County Canvassing Board, canvassed the votes of the November 8, 2022, General Election.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED:** The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 A.M. on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 11:55 A.M. Motion carried.



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Timothy Thomas  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: 

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Keith Schurr  
Edmunds County Auditor

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