

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA  
November 22, 2022

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on November 22, 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, Peter Eng, Joshua Finer, Michael Jager, Dale Preszler, and Jonathan Waldner.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:** Butler Machinery Co, Schulte ditch hitch \$29,459.00; HF Jacobs and Son Construction Inc, gravel 4,244.67; North Central Rental & Leasing, Caterpillar D7 rent 3,720.00; SD Association of County Officials, Register of Deeds Modernization and Preservation Relief fees 210.00; SD Secretary of State, Notary Bond 30.00; SD Department of Revenue, motor vehicle, state fees, & driver's license 159,925.29.

Election Polling Location Rent: Hosmer Rural Fire Department \$75.00; The M Station 75.00; Roscoe Volunteer Fire Department 75.00.

Phone & Utilities: Montana Dakota Utilities \$382.79; Northern Electric Cooperative 202.07; Verizon Wireless 40.01.

Professional Services: Cogley Law Office LLC \$1,083.60; Credit Collections Bureau 181.77; Dakota Insurance Solutions 50.00; Kelsey Holien 10.00; Yankton County Treasurer 127.50.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Active 911 Inc \$1,972.50; American Solutions for Business 27.80; Butler Machinery Co 58.87; Heier's Body & Repair Shop 82.09; Hodges Badge Company 213.90; Titan Machinery CNH 417.75; Western Communications 1,791.78; WEX Bank 2,035.20.

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

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

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve and allow the chairman to sign the joint powers agreement, between Edmunds County and the SD Department of Public Safety, Driver Licensing Program to have the County perform the issuance of some driver's licenses. Motion carried.

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

Total October Receipts -- \$4,360,037.87  
Total October Disbursements -- \$1,123,243.91

Balance in Checking Account -- \$1,988,196.32  
Today's Receipts -- \$761,718.25  
Change -- \$1,300.00  
Money Market -- \$3,107,826.01  
Money Certificates -- \$2,100,000.00  
Total Cash Assets -- \$7,959,040.58

Edmunds County General Fund:	
Balance October 1, 2022	\$1,926,298.99
October Receipts	1,194,754.78
October Disbursements	163,609.61
Balance October 31, 2022	\$2,957,444.16

Motion carried.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Schaffner to accept the Register of Deeds Statement of Fees for the month of October 2022 in the amount of \$9,177.20. Motion carried.

**WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Schaffner to open the weed meeting at 9:20 a.m. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2022 Weed & Pest Board Meeting. Motion carried.

WEED CONTROL: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Schaffner to declare Yellow Toadflax as a locally noxious weed in Edmunds County. Motion carried.

Michael Jager, Edmunds County Weed Supervisor, discussed staffing and the weed control plan for 2023 in Edmunds County.

Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Schaffner to adjourn the weed meeting at 9:45 a.m. Motion carried.

**4-H AGREEMENT:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Schaffner to approve and allow the chairman to sign the 2023 Memorandum of Understanding, between Edmunds County and SDSU Extension, allowing for a 4-H program in Edmunds County with a full-time county employee to serve in the role of 4-H Youth Program Advisor and Extension Office Administrator. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY MOWERS:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Schaffner to authorize the purchase of a new Schulte FX-1800 Rotary Mower from Butler Machinery Company in the amount of \$29,670.00 and to authorize the purchase of a new Schulte FX-1800 Rotary Mower from Premier Equipment in the amount of \$28,500.00. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to allow Keith Schurr to attend the Regional Election Meeting in Faulkton on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried.

**NECOG AGREEMENT:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Schaffner, to approve and allow the Chairman to sign the Joint Cooperative Agreement with the Northeast Council of Governments for the year of 2023, in the amount of \$8,517.18, for the purpose of providing planning, technical aid, and assistance capabilities to its membership and other units of local governments. Motion carried.

**SHERIFF:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to allow Edmunds County Sheriff Deputies to work 80 hours in a 14 day work period. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to lease a Kyocera TASKalfa 308ci copy machine from Century Business Products for the Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$81.03 per month. Motion carried.

**VACATION LEAVE:** Motioned by Schaffner, seconded by Preszler to make a onetime 100% payoff for County employees vacation leave over 32 hours that was not used in 2022 and to hereafter follow section 7.2 of the Edmunds County Personnel Policy Manual. Motion carried.

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to re-appoint Barbara A. Schaefer as Edmunds County Veterans Service Officer, through January 4, 2027. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to enter into executive session at 10:10 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1) & (3). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 12:15 p.m.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED:** The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 A.M. on December 6<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. Motion carried.

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Timothy Thomas  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Keith Schurr  
Edmunds County Auditor

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