

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA  
February 7, 2023

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on February 7, 2023 at the county courthouse. Members present were: Dean Mehlhaff, Morris Grosz, Chad Preszler, Timothy Thomas, and via teleconference; Micheal J. Geditz. Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Others present for portions of the meeting were: Justin Baer, Tim Baer, Vaughn Beck, Kyle Couchey, Brittney Duvall, Michael Jager, Nathan Oban, Chris Sylte, Jason Sylte, Larry Vetch, and Jonathan Waldner.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:** Frontier Precision, drone \$6,157.00; Daniel Hardison, workers compensation 1,278.74.

Phone & Utilities: Bowdle City Office \$82.35; Century Link 55.29; FEM Electric Association 853.68; Ipswich City Office 197.33; Midcontinent Communications 281.78; Montana Dakota Utilities 1,928.07; Northern Electric Cooperative 244.31; Reuer Sanitation 39.00; Venture Communications 84.20; Verizon Wireless 657.20.

Professional Services: Avera St Luke's \$112.10; Vaughn P. Beck 1,675.26; Credit Collections Bureau 97.32; Edmunds County Abstract Co 25.00; First Concord Benefits Group 36.00; Jerald McNeary Attorney 473.95; Taliaferro Law Firm 236.80.

Publishing: Gatehouse Media \$30.00; Gibson Publishing Co 916.70.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: SD Association Assessing Officers \$75.00; SD Association of County Highway Superintendents 100.00.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Auto Value Parts Stores \$91.89; Bowdle Building & Hardware Center 8.23; Butler Machinery Co 27.01; Century Business Products 235.57; Dakota Electronics 172.30; DMC Wear Parts 1,769.00; Dollar General 52.25; Eureka Plumbing 1,297.80; Fastenal Company 14.71; Galls LLC 671.10; Fischer Repair 29.97; JNR Diesel LLC 185.00; Lar-Jo's 282.00; NAPA Auto Parts 140.89; Jesse Nierman 3,796.95; Pheasant Land Industries 63.70; Premier Equipment Inc 3.02; SD Division of Motor Vehicles 15.00; Servall Uniform & Linen 31.88; Titan Machinery CNH 85.50; US Bank 1,691.39.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of January: Commissioners \$5,120.50; Auditor 11,762.03; Treasurer 8,755.36; States Attorney 4,876.36; Courthouse Maintenance 3,466.66; Director of Equalization 10,952.91; Register of Deeds 10,955.36; Veteran Service Officer 1,260.87; Sheriff's Department/Jail 42,944.96 (Speed Overtime pay: Kyle Couchey 347.04);

(Overtime Pay: Andrea Carlson 1,156.86; Nathan Jaenisch 1,502.17; Cynthia Sahli 790.71; Sarah Sahli 560.09); Emergency Management 1,370.32; Highway Department 61,033.87 (Overtime Pay: Jordan Boulais 216.51; Bernel Lee 262.91, Jason Onken 92.79; Jeremy Schlecht 355.70; Jason Shaykett 170.12; Dewayne Sowards 262.91; Anthony Wika 278.37; Jonathan Wipf 139.19); 4-H 4,599.49; 24/7 Sobriety 212.80.

Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC \$1,931.66; AIG 60.00; Delta Dental 1,105.60; Colonial Life 298.00; First Concord Benefits Group 911.02; Ipswich State Bank, social security, withholding, and fees 37,784.32; SD Retirement 19,085.94; SD Supplemental Retirement 775.00; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 516.16; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 33,338.00.

Personal Protective Clothing/Uniform Allowance: Jordan Boulais \$200.00; Kyle Couchey 200.00; Peter Eng 200.00; Rodney Kirschenmann 200.00; Mike Jager 200.00; Bernel Lee 200.00; Jason Onken 200.00; Cody Peterson 200.00; Dale Preszler 200.00; Jeremy Schlecht 200.00; Jason Shaykett 200.00; Dewayne Sowards 200.00; Cody Stager 200.00; Jonathan Waldner 200.00; Tony Wika 200.00; Jonathan Wipf 200.00.

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

**AXON CONTRACT:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to approve a five year contract between Edmunds County and Axon Enterprises Inc for a Fleet 3 Advanced camera system with Automated License Plate Reading for the new Ford F150 patrol vehicle, in the amount of \$12,480.00. Motion carried.

**BIDS:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Grosz to set March 7, 2023, at 9:00 A.M., as the date and time to open bids for bituminous mixture, construction equipment rental, crushed gravel stock pile, mag water, and road oils. Motion carried.

**BRIDGE REINSPECTION:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Preszler to request SD Department of Transportation to hire IMEG Engineering Corporation as Consulting Engineers for the required 2023 Edmunds County bridge inspection work. SD DOT will secure federal approvals and make payments to the Consulting Engineer for inspection services rendered. Edmunds County will be responsible for 20% matching funds. Motion carried.

**CARBON DIOXIDE PIPELINE:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Geditz to rescind Resolution 2022-4-1, adopted at the April 12, 2022 commissioners meeting, that opposed the construction of the Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline. Roll call vote, five yes votes. Motion carried.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to rescind the motion, made at the April 12, 2022 commissioners meeting, that amended 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. Motion carried.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Grosz to rescind the motion, made at the April 12, 2022 commissioners meeting, that amended 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. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Grosz to rescind the motion, made at the April 12, 2022 commissioners meeting, that amended 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. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY BYPASS:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve and allow the chairman to sign the amended SD Highway 47 Detour Financial Agreement #615228, between Edmunds County and the South Dakota Department of Transportation. Motion carried.

**INSURANCE:** Lynn Bren, Deputy Director, SD Public Assurance Alliance, met with the Board to review Edmunds County's automotive, liability, and property insurance coverages.

**PERSONNEL POLICY:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to amend the Edmunds County Personnel Policy Section 5.2 – Administrative Leave/snow day/emergency closing of Courthouse. Motion carried.

**RANGELAND FIRES:** Moved by Mehlhaff, seconded by Grosz to adopt Resolution #2023-2-1, which designates Tracy Hutson, Chad Preszler, and Jonathan Waldner as the authorized individuals to request assistance from the South Dakota Wildland Fire Coordinator for the suppression of rangeland fires within Edmunds County, as specified in SDCL 41-20A-11. A complete copy of the resolution is on file in the Edmunds County Auditor's Office. Roll call vote: Mehlhaff – yes, Grosz – yes, Geditz – yes, Preszler – yes, Thomas – yes. Resolution adopted.

**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to allow Jeremy Schlecht and Dewayne Sowards to attend the SD Asphalt Conference in Oacoma on February 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> and to allow Michael Jager to attend the SD Highway Superintendents Short Course in Deadwood on March 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Motion carried.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to allow Kyle Couchey to attend the Drug Recognition Expert training in Rapid City on February 26<sup>th</sup> thru March 10<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.


**ZONING BOARD:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to set the 2023 salary for Zoning Board members - Audie Crouch, Peter Eisenbeisz, and Susan Malsom - at \$75.00 per meeting. Motion carried.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED:** The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 21<sup>st</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 11:15 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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