

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA  
July 12, 2023

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on July 12, 2023 at the county courthouse. Members present were: Dean Mehlhaff, Morris Grosz, Micheal J. Geditz, Timothy Thomas, and via teleconference; Chad Preszler. Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Others present for portions of the meeting were: Adam Altman, Lenny Gauer, Michael Jager, and Herman Schumacher.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Grosz to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:** Dakota Insurance Solutions, notary bond \$50.00; Flint Hills Resources, road oil 428,410.08; Harmony Township, Rural Access Infrastructure cost share 12,681.94; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc, hot mix 32,632.23; Lien Transportation Company, hot mix 51,722.04; City of Mobridge, dispatch services 1,170.00; Safe Harbor, marriage and divorce fees 145.00; SD Department of Revenue, motor vehicle, state fees, & driver's license 172,367.10.

Phone & Utilities: Bowdle City Office \$97.85; Century Link 54.61; Heartland Waste Management 150.00; Ipswich City Office 194.29; Midcontinent Communications 281.78; Montana Dakota Utilities 1,357.30; Reuer Sanitation 39.00; Roscoe City Office 99.25; Valley Telecommunications 962.81; Verizon Wireless 557.97; WEB Water Bottling Company 180.50.

Professional Services: Bantz, Gosch & Cremer LLC \$407.71; Vaughn P. Beck 1,719.29; Brown County Jail 13,125.00; Business Radio Licensing 115.00; Certified Languages International 49.50; Faulkton Drug 23.15; First Concord Benefits Group 36.00; Katie Hogie 375.00; Kuck Law Office 532.10; Jerald McNeary Attorney 1,224.25; Tammy Pitz 125.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck & Hieb Law Office 267.50; SD Public Health Laboratory 40.00.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing Co \$471.64; The Pride of the Prairie 307.38.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: Audie Crouch \$40.32; Peter Eisenbeisz 100.80; Peter Eng 459.04; Michael Geditz 173.60; Susan Malsom 87.36; Dean Mehlhaff 89.60; Sandra Northrop 110.00; Chad Preszler 322.56; Timothy Thomas 201.60.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Auto Value Parts Stores \$826.22; Cartney Bearing & Supply 282.80; Century Business Products 229.47; Connecting Point 84.25; Crawford Trucks & Equipment 13,421.78; Custom Installation Solutions 775.00; Dakota Fluid Power 329.84; Dakota Ink & Toner 288.93; Dollar General 15.50; Expetec of Aberdeen 252.90; Fire Safety First 939.00; Heier's Body & Repair Shop 2,526.22; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware 86.46; John Deere Financial 390.46; Ken's Foodfair 73.94; Microfilm Imaging Systems 337.00; Oban Construction 456.25;

PM Auto & Truck Repair 1,534.49; PowerPlan 3,812.62; Roscoe Trustworthy Hardware 613.37; Safety Service 70.25; Barb Schaefer 15.50; Schurrs 186.50; TranSource Truck & Equipment 12,647.20; US Bank 3,402.10; Van Diest Supply Company 14,167.88; Wallwork Truck Center 735.22; WEX Bank 2,985.34.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of June: Commissioners \$5,831.00; Auditor 8,605.58; Treasurer 8,187.08; States Attorney 4,400.90; Courthouse Maintenance 3,466.66; Director of Equalization 8,187.08; Register of Deeds 8,187.08; Veteran Service Officer 1,297.58; Sheriff's Department/Jail 39,891.89 (Speed Overtime pay: Kyle Couchey 1,464.08; Peter Eng 113.18; Jonathan Waldner 299.13); (Overtime Pay: Andrea Carlson 635.74; Nathan Jaenisch 640.80; Cynthia Sahli 62.73; Sarah Sahli 491.04); Emergency Management 1,410.24; Highway Department 54,364.80 (Overtime Pay: Dewayne Sowards 24.59; Anthony Wika 265.70); 4-H 4,455.24; 24/7 Sobriety 219.00; Planning/Zoning 675.00.

Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC \$1,931.66; AIG 60.00; Delta Dental 1,055.40; Colonial Life 298.00; First Concord Benefits Group 911.02; Ipswich State Bank, social security, withholding, and fees 33,711.31; SD Retirement 17,203.10; SD Supplemental Retirement 775.00; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 506.46; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 32,398.00.

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

**BRIDGE REPAIRS:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve Resolution #2023-7-1 and Resolution #2023-7-2, Authorizing Submission of Bridge Improvement Grants and Local Federal Bridge Programs Applications for repairs to Edmunds County Bridge structures #23-436-060 and #23-440-025. Complete copies of the resolutions are on file in the Edmunds County Auditor's Office. Roll call vote: Mehlhaff - yes, Grosz - yes, Geditz - yes, Preszler - yes, Thomas - yes. Resolutions adopted.

**EMPLOYEES:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Preszler to approve the Sheriff's hiring of Daniel D. Braun as full time Deputy Sheriff, effective July 3, 2023, at a salary of \$50,304.00 per year. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve the Sheriff's hiring of Brent W. Koens, and Brian D. Paulsen as temporary Deputy Sheriffs, to work Ipswich Trail Days, at a salary of \$35.00 per hour, effective June 17, 2023. Motion carried.

**LIQUOR LICENSES:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve the Hunting Preserve Alcoholic Beverage License Re-issuance in the name of Rivett Farms Inc, from September 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the On Sale Liquor License for a Special Event to operate outside of a municipality, E½ of Section 33, Union Township, on July 29, 2023, in the name of Ipswich Golf Club. Motion carried.

**OPIOID SETTLEMENT:** Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Mehlhaff to use \$2,906.78 received and any future funds from the National Opioid Settlement for the Edmunds County Sheriff's K-9 drug dog purchase and training. Motion carried.

**SD BOARD OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Geditz to approve and allow the chairman to sign the South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development Reinvestment Program Amendment to Application and the Assignment of Payment, between Edmunds County and SFP, LLC, with a projected amount of \$612,900.00 to be paid to Edmunds County. Motion carried.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Grosz to declare one 2013 Ford Police Explorer ID# 6181 as surplus county property and allow the same to be sold to Faulk County at a sale price of \$8,500.00. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER/JAIL:** The following individuals were present for preliminary discussion on the proposed new Edmunds County Law Enforcement Center/Jail; Corey Johnson - GA Johnson Construction, Adam Kuehl - HMN Architects, Thomas Grimmond - Colliers Securities, Daniel Braun, Andrea Carlson, John Clark, Kyle Couchey, Peter Eng, Jean Hutson, Tracy Hutson, Linn Kamin, Cody Peterson, and Jonathan Waldner.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED:** The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 11:25 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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