

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

September 19, 2023

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on September 19, 2023 at the county courthouse. Members present were: Dean Mehlhaff, Morris Grosz, Micheal J. Geditz, 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: Blake Holland, Michael Jager, and Jonathan Waldner.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED: City of Mobridge, dispatch services \$1,170.00; North Central Regional E911, phone surcharge 10,634.37; The Pride of the Prairie, publishing 328.22; SD Association of County Commissioners, Register of Deeds Modernization and Preservation Relief fees 156.00; SD Department of Revenue, motor vehicle, state fees, & driver's license 166,375.83.

Phone & Utilities: A-1 Sanitation & Recycling \$100.90; FEM Electric Association 138.44; Heartland Waste Management 150.00; Montana Dakota Utilities 1,338.82; Northern Electric Cooperative 124.77; Roscoe City Office 99.25; Valley Telecommunications 1,032.20; Venture Communications 83.54; WEB Water 94.60; WEB Water Bottling Company 145.75.

Professional Services: Brown County Jail \$8,835.00; Cogley Law Office LLC 347.00; Day County Jail 425.00; Edmunds County Abstract Co 25.00; First Concord Benefits Group 31.50; Minnehaha County Jail 6,097.56; Sanford Health 54.00; SD Public Health Laboratory 40.00.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Aberdeen Chrysler Center \$1,413.40; Active 911 Inc 1,972.50; Agtegra Cooperative 36,230.78; ARC Parts Service and Repair 44.70; Cartney Bearing & Supply 354.18; Century Business Products 139.40; Connecting Point 84.25; Dahme Construction 5,612.00; Dakota Fluid Power 630.34; Dakota Ink & Toner 605.91; Dakota Oil 357.50; Diesel Machinery Inc 478.69; Expetec of Aberdeen 3,028.90; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware 29.94; John Deere Financial 294.32; Menards 377.94; NAPA Auto Parts 153.26; Pembroke Hutterian Brethren 335.00; PowerPlan 2,396.92; Premier Equipment LLC 45.49; Roscoe Trustworthy Hardware 108.90; Runnings Supply Inc 119.99; Safety Service 84.50; Servall Uniform & Linen 32.36; Schurrs 6.25; TranSource Truck & Equipment 8,958.28; Trav's Outfitter 783.90; Wallwork Truck Center 330.15; WEX Bank 2,938.50.

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

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to accept the Register of Deeds Statement of Fees for the month of August 2023 in the amount of \$10,513.96. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Preszler to accept the August 31, 2023, Financial Statement for Edmunds County as follows:

Total August Receipts -- \$1,291,160.20
Total August Disbursements -- \$1,485,059.98

Balance in Checking Account -- \$114,236.87
Today's Receipts -- \$50,907.00
Change -- \$1,300.00
Money Market -- \$1,994,569.00
Money Certificates -- \$2,100,000.00
Total Cash Assets -- \$4,261,012.87

Edmunds County General Fund:

Balance August 1, 2023	\$2,590,941.70	
August Receipts	100,300.80	
August Disbursements	963,017.61	
Balance August 31, 2023	\$1,728,224.89	Motion carried.

WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to open the weed meeting at 9:10 a.m. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Geditz to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2023 Weed & Pest Board Meeting. Motion carried.

WEED CONTROL: Michael Jager, Edmunds County Weed Supervisor, discussed the mosquito spraying, weed control, chemicals used this season, and plans for 2024 in Edmunds County.

Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Geditz to adjourn the weed meeting at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried.

CARBON DIOXIDE PIPELINE: Aaron Eldridge, Summit Carbon Solutions Project Manager, met with the Board to give updates concerning the proposed carbon dioxide pipeline and project status.

EMPLOYEES: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the Sheriff's hiring of Brooke M. Jensen, as full-time dispatcher to work in the Sheriff's Department, effective September 11, 2023, at a salary of \$19.91 per hour, with a \$0.50 per hour raise on December 16, 2023, and a \$0.50 per hour raise on March 16, 2024. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to increase the salary of April A. Bollinger-Bryant, dispatcher, to \$20.41 per hour, effective October 1, 2023. Motion carried.

PLATS APPROVED: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Geditz 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; Mina Sixth Parkside Estates in the S½SW¼ of Section 24, 123-66, and plat of MJK Dream Hunt Addition in the NE¼ of Section 21, 121-73, both in Edmunds County, South Dakota. Motion carried.

INDIGENT BURIAL: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to set the County indigent burial and funeral assistance at \$2,000.00 and to allow only for a cremation. Motion carried.

2024 BUDGET: The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Grosz, who moved its adoption: Resolution #2023-9-1, Adoption of the 2024 Annual Budget for Edmunds County. The motion to adopt the resolution was seconded by Mehlhaff.

Whereas, (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the County and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and,

Whereas, the Edmunds County Board of Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and

Whereas, due and legal notice has been given, to the meeting of the Edmunds County Board of Commissioners, for the consideration of such Provisional Budget and all changes, eliminations and additions have been made thereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That such Provisional Budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all matters therein set forth, SHALL BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES FOR Edmunds County, South Dakota, and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024, and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Edmunds County, South Dakota, this 19th day of September, 2023. The Annual Budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the county auditor Edmunds County, South Dakota. Taxes are levied by Edmunds County for the year January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$3,489,296.00 which sets the 2023 Edmunds County Mill Levy at 2.456 dollars per \$1,000.00 of valuation, for taxes payable in 2024.

Roll call vote: Mehlhaff – yes, Grosz – yes, Geditz – yes, Preszler – yes, Thomas – yes. Resolution Adopted.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to allow Andrea Carlson to attend the Dakota Territory Sheriffs Conference in Aberdeen on September 27th, allow Keith Schurr to attend the State Election School in Pierre on October 18th-19th, and allow Dionne Olson and Heather Shuff to attend the SD Public Assurance Alliance Safety Conference in Pierre on November 1st-2nd. Motion carried.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on October 10th and October 24th.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Geditz to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Motion carried.



Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: 

Keith Schurr
Edmunds County Auditor

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