

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

December 5, 2023

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on December 5, 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: Andrea Carlson, Kyle Couchey, Blake Holland, Michael Jager, and Jonathan Waldner.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Preszler to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:** RDO Equipment Co, new Superior Broom street sweeper \$79,927.28.

Phone & Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$96.24; Century Link 55.53; Ipswich City Office 189.86; Montana Dakota Utilities 113.11; Reuer Sanitation 39.00.

Professional Services: Courtney Baer \$125.00; Edmunds County Abstract Co 50.00; First Concord Benefits Group 36.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck & Hieb Law Office 53.50; Roberts County Jail 1,000.00.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing Co \$308.84; The Pride of the Prairie 246.96.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: Best Western Ramkota Sioux Falls \$1,034.98; Mike Jager 333.60; National Sheriffs' Association 125.00; Dionne Olson 28.00; SD Association of Towns and Townships 150.00; SD Association of Weed & Pest Supervisors 75.00; Jason Shaykett 20.00; Heather Shuff 28.00; Jonathan Waldner 48.00.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Applied Concepts Inc \$3,450.00; Auto Value Parts Stores 1,967.23; Bowdle Building & Hardware Center 216.77; Century Business Products 60.54; Custom Installation Solutions 12,516.00; FedEx 29.87; Floyd's Truck Center 1,736.01; Heier's Body & Repair Shop 3,329.20; McLeod's Office Supply 107.53; Microfilm Imaging Systems 337.00; Midstates Group 181.00; Premier Equipment Inc 908.31; StopStick Ltd 505.00.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of November: 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 6,756.56; Register of Deeds 8,187.08; Veteran Service Officer 1,297.58; Sheriff's Department/Jail 43,180.16 (Speed Overtime pay: Jonathan Waldner 368.16); (Overtime Pay: April Bollinger-Bryant 348.77; Andrea Carlson 336.71; Nathan Jaenisch 23.52; Brooke Jensen 89.60; Cynthia Sahli 313.65); Emergency Management 1,410.24; Highway Department 60,776.64; 4-H 3,807.24; 24/7 Sobriety 219.00.

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 34,805.55; SD Retirement 17,948.98; SD Supplemental Retirement 1,062.04; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 514.53; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 34,687.00.

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

**BIDS – MOTOR GRADER:** Bid opening for the sale of one 2018 John Deere 772G Motor Grader, county ID M-7, VIN 684377, began at 9:00 a.m. One bid was received; RDO Equipment Company \$182,000.00. Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to declare the Motor Grader as surplus county property and accept the bid from RDO Equipment Company in the amount of \$182,000.00. Motion carried.

**CARBON DIOXIDE PIPELINE:** Alex Lange, Director of Engineering, Summit Carbon Solutions, met with the Board to give updates concerning the proposed carbon dioxide pipeline and to discuss possible changes to the pipeline route.


**EMPLOYEE STEP:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to increase the salary of Brooke M. Jensen, dispatcher, to \$20.41 per hour, effective December 16, 2023. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY SYSTEM:** The Board of Commissioner held a public hearing on the adoption of the 2024 Edmunds County Five Year Highway & Bridge Improvement Plan.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER/JAIL:** Thomas Grimmond, Colliers Securities, discussed the procedure for financing the proposed new Edmunds County Law Enforcement Center/Jail. Resolution 2023-12-1, authorizing a special election issuing county bonds for the purpose of constructing a new facility was presented. Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to table action on the resolution until the December 19, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED:** The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on December 19<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Preszler to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. Motion carried.



Timothy Thomas  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:   
Keith Schurr  
Edmunds County Auditor

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