

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA
December 19, 2023

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on December 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: Vaughn Beck, Andrea Carlson, Gwen Geditz, Thomas Grimmond, Michael Jager, Alex Lange, Bonnie Nehlich, Patricia Nigg, Sandra Northrop, Noel Pond, Dale Preszler, Jim Seurer, and Heather Shuff.

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

CLAIMS APPROVED: Faulk County Highway Dept, road maintenance cost share \$23,259.67; North Central Regional E911, phone surcharge 10,741.94; The Pride of the Prairie, publishing 22.66; Safe Harbor, marriage and divorce fees 115.00; SD Department of Transportation, cost share of pavement marking 106,692.23; SD Association of County Officials, Register of Deeds Modernization and Preservation Relief fees 118.00; SD Department of Revenue, motor vehicle, state fees, & driver's license 148,402.67; TranSource Truck & Equipment, 2024 Mack Truck 144,000.00.

Phone & Utilities: A-1 Sanitation & Recycling \$100.90; Bowdle City Office 95.75; FEM Electric 417.07; Heartland Waste Management 150.00; Midcontinent Communications 281.78; Montana Dakota Utilities 3,138.24; Northern Electric Cooperative 205.79; Roscoe City Office 94.15; Valley Telecommunications 999.49; Venture Communications 84.56; WEB Water 102.90; WEB Water Bottling Company 201.25.

Professional Services: Beadle County Sheriff \$1,675.00; Vaughn P. Beck 1,640.91; Faulk County Jail 900.00; Katie Hogie 250.00; Lewis Drug 6.30; Meade County Jail 665.00; Sanford Health 162.00; SD Public Health Laboratory 250.00.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Agtegra Cooperative \$26,085.54; ARC Parts Service and Repair 6.40; Bowdle Hospital 140.58; Cartney Bearing & Supply 54.66; Century Business Products 165.29; Connecting Point 84.25; Crawford Trucks & Equipment 2,510.77; Custom Installation Solutions 80.00; Dakota Doors 503.26; Dakota Ink & Toner 111.98; Dware Inc 5,360.00; Expetec of Aberdeen 337.75; Fischer Repair 40.50; Heier's Body & Repair Shop 415.91; Ipswich Post Office 2,997.00; John Deere Financial 1,688.15; John's Repair 144.50; Mac's Hardware 408.80; Menards 108.27; Midwest Card & ID Solutions 1,250.00; Minn-Kota Communications 4,168.70; Oban Construction 850.40; Obenauer Sand & Gravel Inc 2,989.35; Pomp's Tire Service 639.12;

Powerplan 5,485.00; Roscoe Trustworthy Hardware 64.95; Safety Service 509.00; Servall Uniform & Linen 35.98; Share Corporation 198.79; True North Steel 752.17; US Bank 5,484.91; Wallberg Precision 17.50; Wallwork Truck Center 50.20; WEX Bank 2,244.32; WW Tire Service 12,979.20.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Grosz to accept the November 30, 2023, Financial Statement for Edmunds County as follows:

Total November Receipts -- \$715,467.67
Total November Disbursements -- \$4,253,289.76

Balance in Checking Account -- \$282,893.04
Today's Receipts -- \$50,350.30
Change -- \$1,300.00
Money Market -- \$1,979,587.45
Money Certificates -- \$2,100,000.00
Total Cash Assets -- \$4,414,130.79

Edmunds County General Fund:

Balance November 1, 2023	\$2,627,718.97	
November Receipts	169,675.93	
November Disbursements	148,021.77	
Balance November 30, 2023	\$2,649,373.13	Motion carried.

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to accept the Register of Deeds Statement of Fees for the month of November 2023 in the amount of \$5,001.60. Motion carried.

WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Mehlhaff to open the weed meeting at 10:15 a.m. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2023 Weed & Pest Board Meeting. Motion carried.

WEED CONTROL: Michael Jager, Edmunds County Weed Supervisor, discussed the mosquito spraying, weed control, weed & pest grants, and plans for 2024 in Edmunds County.

Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn the weed meeting at 10:40 a.m. Motion carried.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz, to designate the use of \$100,000.00 Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund of the American Rescue Plan Act funds received as capital expenditures for County purchase of public safety equipment – two new equipped sheriff vehicles, that were previously purchased. Motion carried.

BRIDGES: Michael Gutenkauf, IMEG Engineering Corporation, presented the Board with the 2023 Edmunds County Bridge Inspection Report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Preszler to enter into executive session at 9:55 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(3). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 10:10 a.m.

HIGHWAY TRUCK: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to authorize the purchase one new 2025 Western Star model 49X semi-tractor, from Floyds Truck Center, as per Sourcewell bid, in the amount of \$164,894.00. Motion carried.

HOLIDAY: Motioned by Geditz to declare Tuesday, December 26, 2023, a holiday for county employees and close the courthouse. Motion died due to lack of a second.

NECOG AGREEMENT: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff, to approve and allow the Chairman to sign the Joint Cooperative Agreement with the Northeast Council of Governments for the year of 2024, in the amount of \$8,657.71, for the purpose of providing planning, technical aid, and assistance capabilities to its membership and other units of local governments. Motion carried.

PLAT APPROVED: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the following resolution:
Be it resolved, by the Edmunds County Board of Commissioners, that the following plat, having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof; Plat of G T Second Subdivision in the SW¼ of Section 23, 123-66, Edmunds County, South Dakota. Motion carried.

QUIT CLAIM DEED: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve and allow the chairman to sign the quit claim deed which transfers, via right of redemption, Lot 5 of Block 3 of Turners Addition to the City of Ipswich, to David, Randolph, and Joshua Schumacher. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – FINANCING NEW COUNTY FACILITY: The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Preszler, who moved its adoption: Resolution #2023-12-1, A Resolution Authorizing a Special Election for the purpose of issuing General Obligation Bonds for construction of a new Jail, Dispatch Center, and Sheriff’s Office within Edmunds County, South Dakota. The motion to adopt the resolution was seconded by Geditz. Roll call vote: Mehlhaff – yes, Grosz – yes, Geditz – yes, Preszler – yes, Thomas - yes. Resolution adopted.

BE IT ORDAINED BY EDMUNDS COUNTY, that a new jail, dispatch center, and sheriff’s office is vital to the safety and welfare of Edmunds County residents.

BE IT ORDAINED BY EDMUNDS COUNTY, that a special election for the purpose of issuing general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$7,400,000.00 shall be held at a date and time as allowed by law.

BE IT ORDAINED BY EDMUNDS COUNTY, that said general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$7,400,000.00 shall only be used for the construction of a new jail, dispatch center, and sheriff’s office.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY EDMUNDS COUNTY, that a special election for the purpose of issuing general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$7,400,000.00 for the project described herein shall be held on March 12, 2024.

RESOLUTION – HAZARDOUS WASTE PIPELINE ZONING MORATORIUM: The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Geditz, who moved its adoption: Resolution #2023-12-2, A Resolution Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on the Issuance of Conditional Use Permits and Building Permits on Hazardous Waste Pipelines within Edmunds County, South Dakota. The motion to adopt the resolution was seconded by Preszler. Roll call vote: Mehlhaff – yes, Grosz – yes, Geditz – yes, Preszler – yes, Thomas - yes. Resolution adopted.

BE IT ORDAINED BY EDMUNDS COUNTY, that a study, development of a comprehensive plan, and zoning ordinances and policies need to be developed in relation to hazardous waste pipelines to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY EDMUNDS COUNTY, that a moratorium shall be in place for a period of 90 days, unless removed prior thereto or extended as provided by SDCL 11-2-10, on the construction of any hazardous waste pipelines within the unincorporated areas of Edmunds County.

CONTINGENCY TRANSFER: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to transfer \$35,000.00 from the 2023 county contingency budget to the road & bridge budget. Motion carried.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on January 2nd and January 23rd.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. Motion carried.



Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: 

Keith Schurr
Edmunds County Auditor

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