

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

January 2, 2024

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on January 4, 2024 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: Michael Jager, and Dale Preszler.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN:** The County Auditor called for nominations for Chairman. Chad Preszler nominated Timothy Thomas as Chairman. Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff that nominations cease. Motion carried. Timothy Thomas was elected Chairman for the year of 2024.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN:** The County Auditor called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Timothy Thomas nominated Chad Preszler as Vice-Chairman. Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Grosz that nominations cease. Motion carried. Chad Preszler was elected Vice-Chairman for the year 2024.

**APPOINTMENTS:** The Chairman made the following appointments:

4-H Advisory Board – Chad Preszler as commissioner representing the Board.

ABC Regional Railroad Authority – Morris Grosz as commissioner representing the Board and Micheal J. Geditz as alternate.

E911 Board – Jonathan Waldner, Sheriff and Chad Preszler as commissioner representing the Board.

Northeast Council of Governments – Dean Mehlhaff and Timothy Thomas as commissioners representing the Board.

Zoning Board – Morris Grosz and Timothy Thomas as commissioners representing the Board.

**BIDS:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to purchase new & recap tires, road chemicals/road salt, weed & pest chemicals, bulk ethanol, regular unleaded, and diesel fuel all off the state bid. Motion carried.

**ELECTION:** Rent paid, to precinct polling places for each election, will be set at a maximum of \$200.00 per day for the year 2024. Election workers will be paid a flat amount of \$50.00 for attending election training and \$300.00 for working election day. Post-Election Audit Board members shall receive a minimum of \$60.00 or \$17.50 per hour if their time exceeds 3.5 hours.

**FINANCIALS:** The change fund for the Treasurer's Office will be \$1,200.00 and the change fund for the Register of Deed's Office will be \$100.00. "Farmers State Bank of Hosmer", "First State Bank of Roscoe", and "Ipswich State Bank" are the named Edmunds County bank depositories.

**OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS:** "The Edmunds County Tribune", and "The Pride of the Prairie".

**BLOOD ALCOHOL FEES:** The payment for drawing blood alcohol tests will be \$125.00.

**ZONING BOARD MEMBER APPOINTED:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Preszler to appoint Susan M. Malsom to the Edmunds County Zoning Board, for a 5-year term ending December 31, 2028. Motion carried.

**SALARIES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES 2024:** Commissioners (Micheal J. Geditz - \$14,550.00, Morris Grosz - \$14,550.00, Dean Mehlhaff - \$14,550.00 per year, Chad Preszler - \$14,550.00, Timothy Thomas - \$14,550.00) Chairman will receive an additional \$600.00 per year; Auditor (Keith Schurr - \$61,275.00, Dionne Olson - \$47,400.00); Treasurer (Patricia Nigg - \$56,250.00, Diane Geditz - \$47,400.00); States Attorney (Vaughn Beck - \$55,450.00); 4-H & Courthouse Custodian (Blake Holland - \$44,304.00); Director of Equalization (Sandra Northrop - \$56,250.00, Brittney Duvall - \$47,400.00); Register of Deeds (Gwen Geditz - \$56,250.00, Jodi Wagner - \$47,400.00); Veteran Service Officer (Barbara Schaefer - \$16,350.00); Sheriff (Jonathan Waldner - \$66,510.00, Kyle Couchey - \$62,860.00, Peter Eng - \$55,008.00, Cody Peterson - \$54,008.00, Daniel Braun - \$53,008.00, David Hunter - \$25.15 per hour part time, Andrea Carlson - \$23.20 per hour, Nathan Jaenisch - \$22.21 per hour, Cynthia Sahli - \$22.21 per hour, April Bollinger-Bryant - \$22.21 per hour, Brooke Jensen - \$21.71 per hour); Emergency & Disaster Coordinator (Tracy Hutson - \$17,770.00); Highway Department (Michael Jager - \$63,430.00, Dale Preszler - 24.22 per hour, Heather Shuff - \$22.79 per hour, Jordan Boulais - \$23.16 per hour, Rick Holland - \$23.16 per hour part time, Rodney Kirschenmann - \$23.16, per hour, Bernel Lee - \$23.16 per hour, Jason Onken - \$23.16 per hour, Robert Rutt - \$23.16 per hour, Jeremy Schlecht - \$23.16 per hour, Jason Shaykett - \$23.16 per hour; Dewayne Sowards- \$23.16 per hour, Cody Stager- \$23.16 per hour, Jonathan Wipf - \$23.16 per hour); Weed Spraying (highway men will received 50 cents per hour more while weed spaying and attending weed & pest training); 4-H Department (Bonnie Nehlich - \$48,390.00); Coroner (Kyle Couchey - \$150.00 per call); Zoning Board Members (Audie Crouch, Peter Eisenbeisz, Susan Malsom - \$75.00 per meeting).

**CLAIMS APPROVED:** Phone & Utilities: Century Link \$55.53; Ipswich City Office 188.76; Montana Dakota Utilities 183.26; Reuer Sanitation 39.00.

Professional Services: Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$1,642.56; Katie Hogie 250.00; Meade County Jail 1,805.00; Tammy Pitz 125.00; Jackie Schraeder 250.00; SD Public Health Lab 12.00; Siegel, Barnett & Schutz 812.10.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: Kyle Couchey \$149.52; Audie Crouch 40.32; Peter Eisenbeisz 325.80; Gwen Geditz 59.36; Micheal Geditz 33.60; Mike Jager 20.00; Brent Koens 48.72; Susan Malsom 43.68; Dean Mehlhaff 89.60; Patricia Nigg 20.00; Chad Preszler 354.48; Timothy Thomas 274.40.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: A & B Business Inc \$25.83; Auto Value Parts Stores 1,062.38; Century Business Products 124.12; Farm Power Manufacturing Inc. 88.08; Fastenal Company 44.72; Pomp's Tire Service 653.96; Rock Tuff 57.03; SD Department of Transportation 999.17; Titan Machinery CNH 11.64; US Bank 4,154.09.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of December: Commissioners \$5,831.00; Auditor 8,605.58; Treasurer 8,207.08; States Attorney 4,400.90; Courthouse Maintenance 3,466.66; Director of Equalization 6,181.70; Register of Deeds 8,207.08; Veteran Service Officer 1,297.58; Sheriff's Department/Jail 44,348.78 (Speed Overtime pay: Kyle Couchey 520.56; Peter Eng 377.25; Cody Peterson 580.32); (Overtime Pay: April Bollinger-Bryant 427.55; Andrea Carlson 435.26; Nathan Jaenisch 278.60; Cynthia Sahli 250.92); Coroner 150.00; Emergency Management 1,410.24; Highway Department 49,682.90; 4-H 3,807.24; Planning/Zoning 675.00; 24/7 Sobriety 219.00.

Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC \$1,931.66; AIG 60.00; Delta Dental 983.80; Colonial Life 298.00; First Concord Benefits Group 911.02; Ipswich State Bank, social security, withholding, and fees 32,270.69; SD Retirement 17,013.72; 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 Geditz, seconded by Mehlhaff to pay all above claims. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION – WEIGHT & SPEED LIMIT ENFORCEMENT:** The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Grosz, who moved its adoption: Resolution #2024-1-1, establishing the enforcement of weight & speed limits in Edmunds County. The motion to adopt the resolution was seconded by Mehlhaff. Roll call vote: Mehlhaff - yes, Grosz - yes, Geditz - yes, Preszler - yes, Thomas - yes. Resolution adopted.

WHEREAS, the County of Edmunds, South Dakota, is responsible for the maintenance of certain highways under its jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, the Edmunds County Board of Commissioners, desires to protect existing Edmunds County Highways, ultimately saving tax dollars, and

WHEREAS, said highways, by reason of seasonal climatic changes, will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless vehicle weight and speed restrictions are imposed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all county roads in Edmunds County will be under a 6 ton per axle load limit restriction and speed limit restrictions of 40 mph for trucks, effective at 12:01 A.M. on March 1, 2024, through 11:59 P.M. on April 30, 2024, or as posted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Edmunds shall request and authorize the South Dakota Highway Patrol to enforce weight limitations and speed restrictions, as established by this resolution, on all Edmunds County roads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the penalty for the violation of the load restrictions shall be as set forth in SDCL 32-22-55.

**ELECTION:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Geditz to combine precinct 2 and precinct 3 election boards for the March 12, 2024 Special County Bond Election. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to purchase one new 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4x4 Crew Cab pickup as per GM Bid Assist Fleet Program, from Lamb Chevrolet, in the amount of \$44,384.00, for the Highway Department. Motion carried.

Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Preszler to purchase one new 2023 Trail King side dump trailer, from Butler Machinery Company, in the amount of \$75,879.08, as per Sourcewell bid. Motion carried.

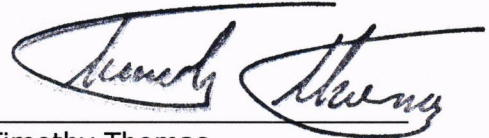
Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to purchase one used 2008 Cornhusker 800R pup gravel trailer, from RDO Truck Centers, in the amount of \$24,500.00. Motion carried.

**JAIL:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve and allow the chairman to sign the Jail Agreement, with Beadle County, to provide housing for Edmunds County prisoners at a rate of \$95.00 adult per day and \$325.00 juvenile per day in the Beadle County facility. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Geditz to allow all of the Highway employees to attend the Mining Safety and Health Administration Training in Aberdeen on February 13, 2024. Motion carried.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED:** The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and February 20<sup>th</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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