

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA  
March 5, 2024

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on March 5, 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: John Brixey, Michael Jager, Jack Olson, and Jonathan Waldner.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2024 regular meeting. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:** Gibson Publishing Co, publishing \$188.08; SD Association of County Commissioners, Catastrophic Legal Relief Program 554.00.

Phone & Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$80.08; Century Link 60.79; FEM Electric Association 560.71; Ipswich City Office 241.60; Midcontinent Communications 286.78; Montana Dakota Utilities 113.76; Reuer Sanitation 39.00.

Professional Services: Courtney Couchey \$125.00; First Concord Benefits Group 40.50; Kelsey Holien 30.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck & Hieb Law Office 64.20.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: Jordan Boulais \$88.00; Holiday Inn Spearfish 322.95; Rodney Kirschenmann 14.00; Mike Jager 88.00; Bernel Lee 14.00; NASASP 39.00; Jason Onken 14.00; Dale Preszler 14.00; Robert Rutt 14.00; Jeremy Schlecht 14.00; Dewayne Sowards 14.00; Cody Stager 14.00; Jonathan Wipf 14.00.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Aberdeen Area Radiator \$1,635.00; Auto Value Parts Stores 245.71; Century Business Products 135.35; Crawford Trucks & Equipment 6,094.68; Dakota Ink & Toner 256.94; Dakota Insurance Solutions 100.00; Farm Power Manufacturing Inc 57.50; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware 29.76; McLeod's Office Supply 149.90; Menards 205.49; Premier Equipment Inc 43.75; Quill Corporation 164.95; SD Department of Transportation 640.28; Sport Boards 16.75; Steven Lust Automotive 209.16; TwoTrees Technologies 95.00; Jonathan Waldner 390.96.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of February: Commissioners \$6,112.50; Auditor 9,056.24; Treasurer 8,637.50; States Attorney 4,620.82; Courthouse Maintenance 3,692.00; Director of Equalization 8,637.50; Register of Deeds 8,637.50; Veteran Service Officer 1,362.50; Sheriff's Department/Jail 48,775.53 (Speed Overtime pay: Daniel Braun 114.66; Kyle Couchey 815.94; Peter Eng 654.64; Cody Peterson 467.46; Jonathan Waldner 2,590.39);

(Overtime Pay: Andrea Carlson 17.40); Emergency Management 1,480.82; Highway Department 56,524.80; 4-H 4,032.50; 24/7 Sobriety 232.00.

Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC \$2,195.74; AIG 60.00; Delta Dental 983.80; Colonial Life 704.02; First Concord Benefits Group 1,053.02; Ipswich State Bank, social security, withholding, and fees 36,187.91; SD Retirement 19,071.64; SD Supplemental Retirement 1,462.04; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 514.53; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 34,687.00.

Personal Protective Clothing/Uniform Allowance: Daniel Braun 200.00; Kyle Couchey 200.00; Peter Eng 200.00; Cody Peterson 200.00; Jonathan Waldner 200.00.

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

**BIDS 2023:** Magnesium Chloride: A bid was received for the purchase of mag water from Dustbusters Enterprises Inc at \$1.65 per gallon.

Bituminous Mixture: Bids were received, for the purchase of AC Hot Mix 120-150 ½" crush and ¾" crush, from the following: Lien Transportation Company – \$95.00 per ton; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc – \$95.00 per ton.

Construction Equipment Rental: Bids were received for track excavator rental from the following: HF Jacobs and Son Construction Inc - CAT 320D \$185.00 per hour; long reach \$240.00 per hour; Lien Transportation Company - CAT 320 \$240.00 per hour; Moser Excavating LLC - John Deere 200G \$175.00 per hour; Oban Construction, LLC - CAT 315 \$200.00 per hour, CAT 326 \$220.00 per hour.

Crushed Gravel: All prices are per ton. Bids were received, for gravel stockpiles from the following; Brownlee Construction Inc – 1" crushed gravel \$6.85 (Arbach pit), ¾" crushed gravel \$7.24 (Arbach pit), ½" crushed aggregate \$8.95 (Arbach pit); 1" crushed gravel \$7.35 (Hettich pit), ¾" crushed gravel \$7.68 (Hettich pit), ½" crushed aggregate \$9.74 (Hettich pit); 1" crushed gravel \$6.85 (Rausch pit), ¾" crushed gravel \$7.24 (Rausch pit); BDM Gravel LLC – 1" crushed gravel \$5.75, ¾" crushed gravel \$5.75, ½" crushed aggregate \$29.00; H.F. Jacobs & Son Construction Inc – 1" crushed gravel \$6.60 (Gross pit); 1" crushed gravel \$5.50 (Hauck Pit); 1" crushed gravel \$5.75 (Spitzer pit); ½" crushed aggregate \$16.50 (McPherson pit); Hettich Sand & Gravel - ¾" crushed gravel \$7.50, pit run gravel \$3.50; JV Corporation - pit run gravel \$10.00; Lien Transportation Company – 1" crushed gravel \$17.75, ¾" crushed gravel \$17.75, ½" crushed aggregate \$46.75; Oban Construction, LLC - 1" crushed gravel \$7.75 (Schnabel pit); Obenauer Sand-Gravel & Construction – 1" crushed gravel \$6.64, ¾" crushed gravel at \$6.64, ½" crushed aggregate \$18.40, Pit Run at \$2.84 (Hillsview pit).

Road Oil: Bids were received, for the purchase of road oil, from the following: Flint Hills Resources – AE-150S at \$667.00 per ton; Jebro Inc – MC-70 at \$1,182.28 per ton, MC-800 at \$967.28 per ton, MC-3000 at \$932.28 per ton, and AE-150S at \$767.19 per ton.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to accept all above 2024 bids. Motion carried.

**ANNUAL REPORT:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to accept the 2023 Edmunds County Annual Report prepared according to SDCL 7-10-4. Motion carried.

**EMPLOYEE STEP:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to increase the salary of Brooke M. Jensen, dispatcher, to \$22.21 per hour, effective March 16, 2024. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Mehlhaff to enter executive session at 10:10 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 10:20 a.m.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED:** A majority of the Edmunds County Commissioner will meet at 8:30 a.m. on March 14, 2024 as the Edmunds County Canvassing Board, to canvass the votes of the March 12, 2024 Special County Bond Election.

The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on March 19<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 10:40 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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