COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

April 9, 2024

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 10:30 a.m. on April 9, 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 10:30 a.m. Others present for portions of the meeting were: Andrea Carlson, Kyle Couchey, Daryl Ertz, Tod Gohl, Michael Heinz, Tracy Hutson, Michael Jager, Alex Lange, Erica Larson, Scott Suedmeier, Cody Peterson, and Jonathan Waldner.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024 regular meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED: Bond/Jail Election payroll and mileage $5,584.88; Bowdle City Office, tax deed sale revenue 253.58; Bowdle Public School, tax deed sale revenue 465.80; Safe Harbor, marriage and divorce fees 80.00; SD Department of Revenue, On-Off Sale Liquor license 150.00.

Phone & Utilities: AT&T Mobility $160.16; Bowdle City Office 87.50; Century Link 60.79; FEM Electric Association 577.37; Heartland Waste Management 150.00; Ipswich City Office 240.50; Midcontinent Communications 286.78; Montana Dakota Utilities 910.22; Reuer Sanitation 39.00; Roscoe City Office 89.90; Valley Telecommunications 975.62; Venture Communications 84.96; Verizon Wireless 557.41; WEB Water Bottling Company 194.00.

Professional Services: American Income Life Insurance $256.50; Cogley Law Office LLC 349.30; Compass Counseling & Assessment 2,250.00; First Concord Benefits Group 45.00; SD Public Health Laboratory 575.00.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing Co $832.55; The Pride of the Prairie 458.33.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: Audie Crouch $40.32; Peter Eisenbeisz 100.80; Micheal Geditz 22.40; Susan Malsom 43.68; Dean Mehlhaff 89.60; Sandra Northrop 67.60; Chad Preszler 181.44; Keith Schurr 48.00; Jason Shaykett 14.00; Timothy Thomas 201.60.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: ARC Parts Service and Repair $50.40; Auto Value Parts Stores 261.53; Bowdle Building & Hardware Center 17.85; Brent's Septic Pumping 300.00; Century Business Products 355.35; Crawford Trucks & Equipment 695.48; Peter Eisenbeisz 35.00; Election Systems & Software Inc 780.49; Expetec of Aberdeen 314.90; Galls LLC 325.80; Grahek Technology 75.00; Heier's Body & Repair 2,813.70; Heinz Snow Removal 250.00; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware 97.77; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc 2,552.55; Menards 68.85; Microfilm Imaging Systems 497.00; Performance Oil 748.00; PM Auto & Truck Repair 149.50; Powerplan

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10,227.16; Premier Equipment Inc 4,395.43; Rock Tuff 8.35; Roscoe Trustworthy Hardware 129.43; Safety Service 5,105.77; Schurrs 520.00; SD Department of Transportation 5,473.25; TranSource Truck & Equipment 234.83; TwoTrees Technologies 84.25; US Bank 1,376.99; Wallwork Truck Center 685.63; Whirlwind Truck Service 118.47.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of March: Commissioners $6,112.50; Auditor 9,056.24; Treasurer 8,637.50; States Attorney 4,620.82; Courthouse Maintenance 4,217.00; Director of Equalization 8,637.50; Register of Deeds 8,637.50; Veteran Service Officer 1,362.50; Sheriff's Department/Jail 46,563.17 (Overtime Pay: April Bollinger-Bryant 116.60; Andrea Carlson 629.40; Kyle Couchey 1,019.93; Peter Eng 317.40; Nathan Jaenisch 391.67; Brooke Jensen 260.52; Cody Peterson 626.16; Cynthia Sahli 133.26; Jonathan Waldner 191.88); Coroner 150.00; Emergency Management 1,480.82; Highway Department 48,621.22; 4-H 4,032.50; 24/7 Sobriety 232.00; Planning/Zoning 675.00.

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 33,899.39; SD Retirement 17,982.30; SD Supplemental Retirement 1,462.04; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 514.53; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 34,687.00.

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

AIRCRAFT: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve and allow the chairman to sign the Permit Application allowing Dakota Air Spray, to operate, take off, or land aircraft on Edmunds County roads for the year of 2024, for the purpose of servicing said aircraft in preparation for aerial application of chemical or fertilizer materials. The aircraft shall notify the Sheriff's Office, have flag person at each end, operated at their own risk, the county will assume no liability, proof of liability insurance has been filed with the Edmunds County Auditor and the aircraft operator must follow all Federal and State laws and regulations. Motion carried.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to approve and allow the chairman to sign the Associated School Boards of South Dakota Health Benefits Fund Participation Agreement, with the South Dakota School District Benefit Fund, to provide health insurance for Edmunds County employees, offering $1,000 and $1,500 deductibles, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the 2025 Highway Safety Grant and to name it Highway Safety Grant in the minutes. Motion carried.

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JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to approve and allow the chairman to sign the joint powers agreements, between Edmunds County and the Townships of Cloyd Valley, Glover, Hosmer, Hudson, and Modena for the rental of county blade/motor grader, snow removal equipment and an operator. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER/JAIL: Corey Johnson - GA Johnson Construction, Adam Kuehl – HMN Architects, Thomas Grimmond – Colliers Securities, and Matthew Beaner - Huff Construction met with the Board to discuss the next steps in the process moving forward with construction of the new Edmunds County Law Enforcement Center and Jail.

DESIGN PLANS: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to approve and allow the chairman to sign the agreement with HMN Architects Inc of Overland Park, Kansas for the design construction plans for the new Edmunds County Law Enforcement Center and Jail, with the architects compensation being 7.75% of the cost of the work. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – FINANCING NEW COUNTY FACILITY: The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Grosz, who moved its adoption: Resolution #2024-4-1, A Resolution Authorizing the Terms and Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, in an amount not to exceed $7,400,000.00, for the 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 Preszler. Roll call vote: Mehlhaff – yes, Grosz – yes, Geditz – yes, Preszler – yes, Thomas - yes. Resolution adopted.

LIQUOR LICENSE: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve the 2024-2025 On-Off Sale Retail Malt Beverage and SD Farm Wine License renewal in the name of The Wakeside Bar & Grill LLC. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE – ZONING: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz, to approve the second reading of Edmunds County Ordinance No. 2024-3-1, Amendment to the Edmunds County Zoning Regulations establishing guidelines and setbacks for hazardous liquid pipelines within the county. Roll call vote: Mehlhaff – yes, Grosz – yes, Geditz – yes, Preszler – yes, Thomas – yes. Ordinance adopted.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Geditz to allow Gwen Geditz, Patricia Nigg, and Keith Schurr to attend the SD Association of County Officials Workshop in Pierre on May 15th-16th. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to enter executive session at 12:05 p.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 12:10 p.m.

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MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on April 23rd and May 7th.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 12:35 p.m. Motion carried.

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Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: _____
Keith Schurr
Edmunds County Auditor

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