

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA
June 5, 2024

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on June 5, 2024 at the county courthouse. Members present were: Dean Mehlhaff, Micheal J. Geditz, Chad Preszler, and Timothy Thomas. Absent Morris Grosz. Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Others present for portions of the meeting were: Peter Eng and Jonathan Waldner.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2024 regular meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED: Brownlee Construction Inc, gravel \$72,725.80; Edmunds County Treasurer, title and license plates 26.70; FEM Electric Association, wire new hookup 4,141.21; Fountain Township, Rural Access Infrastructure Grant cost share 9,604.00; Lien Transportation Co, hot mix 96,108.85; SD Public Assurance Alliance, insurance 1,436.21; True North Steel, culverts 23,536.55.

Election Polling Location Rent: Hosmer Rural Fire Department \$200.00; The M Station 200.00; Roscoe Volunteer Fire Department 200.00.

Law Enforcement Center: HMN Architects Inc \$16,301.63; Two Way Solutions Inc 299.00.

Phone & Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$120.12; Century Link 60.62; FEM Electric Association 260.81; Ipswich City Office 238.55; Midcontinent Communications 286.78; Montana Dakota Utilities 300.39; Reuer Sanitation 39.00; Valley Telecommunications 987.81.

Professional Services: Bantz, Gosch & Cremer LLC \$441.47; Vaughn P. Beck 1,738.06.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing Co \$724.54; The Pride of the Prairie 347.88.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: Andrea Carlson \$167.00; Kyle Couchey 14.00; Gwen Geditz 32.00; David Hunter 20.00; Bonnie Nehlich 14.00; Patricia Nigg 171.20; Keith Schurr 26.00.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Auto Value Parts Stores \$1,643.58; Bowdle Building & Hardware Center 34.47; Century Business Products 101.23; Dollar General 7.75; Election Systems & Software Inc 167.53; Heier's Body & Repair 184.50; Intoximeters Inc 454.75; McLeod's Office Supply 257.24; Microfilm Imaging Systems 467.00; Motorola Solutions 164.78; Newman Traffic Signs 134.82; Pembroke Hutterian Brethren 50.00; Powerplan 1,313.72; Quality Welding Inc 113.76; Saber Shred Solutions 1,670.00; TwoTrees Technologies 410.25; US Bank 1,937.35.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of May: 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 46,957.61 (Overtime Pay: April Bollinger-Bryant 116.61; Andrea Carlson 417.60;

Nathan Jaenisch 366.47; Brooke Jensen 66.63;) (Highway Safety Grant: Daniel Braun 155.82; Peter Eng 198.38; Cody Peterson 575.29; Jonathan Waldner 671.59); Emergency Management 1,480.82; Highway Department 55,237.28; 4-H 4,046.50; 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 35,070.21; SD Retirement 18,512.00; 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 Geditz, seconded by Mehlhaff to pay all above claims. Motion carried.

AUDIT REPORT: Jason Hill, SD Department of Legislative Audit, met with the Board to discuss the financial and compliance audit being done for the general-purpose financial statements of Edmunds County for the years 2022 and 2023.

COURTHOUSE: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to hire Aberdeen Masonry Inc to install drain tile and sump basins to alleviate water seepage issues in the courthouse basement. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE STEP: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to increase the salary of Daniel D. Braun, Deputy Sheriff, to \$55,008.00 per year, effective June 1, 2024. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to approve and allow the chairman to sign the Agreement with GA Johnson Construction Inc, Harrisburg, SD, to be the Construction Manager as Constructor for the new Edmunds County Law Enforcement Center. Motion carried.

CANVASS VOTES: The County Auditor and the Board of Commissioners, as the Edmunds County Canvassing Board, canvassed the votes of the June 4, 2024 Primary Election.

The Democratic Presidential race and the Republican District 23 State Representative race in Edmunds County Precincts three and four were selected at random to be hand counted at the June 13, 2024 post-election audit.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to enter executive session at 9:40 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 10:40 a.m.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on June 18th and July 2nd.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. Motion carried.



Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: 

Keith Schurr
Edmunds County Auditor

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