

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA
July 15, 2024

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on July 15, 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: Andrea Carlson, Michael Jager, Patricia Nigg, and Jonathan Waldner.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Grosz to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2024 regular meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED: Bowdle Hospital, budgeted payment for alternative health care \$40,000.00; SD Association of County Officials, M & P fees 132.00; SD Department of Revenue, motor vehicle, state fees, & driver's license 115,868.41.

Law Enforcement Center: HMN Architects Inc \$71,441.34.

Phone & Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$422.94; Bowdle City Office 97.75; Heartland Waste Management 150.00; Hosmer City Office 249.00; Montana Dakota Utilities 1,284.53; Northern Electric Cooperative 243.70; Reuer Sanitation 46.00; Roscoe City Office 92.40; Valley Telecommunications 995.59; Verizon Wireless 888.97; WEB Water Bottling Company 148.75; WEB Water 296.99.

Professional Services: Vaughn P. Beck \$1,716.67; Brown County Jail 1,700.00; Day County Jail 255.00; Faulk County Jail 4,590.00; Katie Hogie 250.00; SD Public Health Laboratory 190.00; Taliaferro Law Firm 312.50.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Agtegra Cooperative \$49,204.48; Bowdle Building & Hardware Center 4.00; Butler Machinery Co 439.95; Century Business Products 144.90; Dakota Fluid Power 11,842.62; Dollar General 16.75; Expetec of Aberdeen 252.90; Heier's Body & Repair Shop 79.46; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware 85.43; John Deere Financial 1,843.68; Lien Transportation 879.70; Meyers Tractor Salvage 750.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems 1,067.00; Performance Oil 100.37; Pomp's Tire Service 189.43; Powerplan 1,286.88; Roscoe Trustworthy Hardware 69.51; Runnings Supply Inc 42.65; Safety Service 360.94; TranSource Truck & Equipment 3,020.12; TwoTrees Technologies 1,391.75; US Bank 2,030.70; WEX Bank 2,854.71.

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

EMPLOYEE HIRED: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to hire Anthony J. Wika as full-time employee in the Highway Department, effective July 22, 2024, at a salary of \$22.66 per hour, with a \$0.50 per hour raise in 90 days. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to accept the June 30, 2024, Financial Statement for Edmunds County as follows:

Total June Receipts -- \$686,586.18
Total June Disbursements -- \$1,487,496.86

Balance in Checking Account -- \$461,229.23
Today's Receipts -- \$20,360.62
Change -- \$1,300.00
Money Market -- \$2,571,438.79
Money Certificates -- \$2,100,000.00
Total Cash Assets -- \$5,154,328.64

Edmunds County General Fund:
Balance June 1, 2024 \$3,299,507.92
June Receipts 43,330.70
June Disbursements 172,666.51
Balance June 30, 2024 \$3,170,172.11 Motion carried.

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Preszler to accept the Register of Deeds Statement of Fees for the month of June 2024 in the amount of \$4,065.55. Motion carried.

PROVISIONAL BUDGET: The Board of Commissioners continued the review process for the Edmunds County 2025 Provisional Budget.

RESOLUTION – ROAD AND BRIDGE TAX LEVY: The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Geditz, who moved its adoption: Resolution #2024-7-1, to impose a tax levy for County Road and Bridge funds. 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, Edmunds County has deteriorating and substandard county roads and bridges, along with inadequate revenue to meet the necessary road and bridge maintenance required, and WHEREAS, Per SDCL 10-12-13, the Edmunds County Board of Commissioners may levy an annual tax as a reserve fund to be accumulated and used for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, constructing, and reconstructing roads and bridges under its jurisdiction, and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Edmunds County Board of Commissioners chooses to implement the tax levy allowed by SDCL 10-12-13 for Road & Bridge improvements. A County Road & Bridge Reserve levy of \$0.50 per thousand will be applied to 2024 taxes payable in 2025.

Twenty-five percent of the tax generated by the property within a city will be remitted back to that city for their own bridge and street purposes.

This decision may be referred to a vote of the people upon a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the county and filed with the governing body within twenty days of the second publication of this decision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, unless this action is referred to a vote of the people and reversed by such vote, this resolution authorizes the county auditor to add a \$0.50 per thousand Road & Bridge Reserve Levy to raise tax dollars for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, constructing, and reconstructing roads and bridges within Edmunds County, allowing for percentage increases from inflation and new construction in subsequent years as allowed by SDCL 10-12-13.

HIGHWAY SHOP: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to accept the quote from Dakota Doors Inc. for the purchase and installation of six new overhead doors at the Ipswich Highway Shop, in the amount of \$54,101.10. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to enter executive session at 11:05 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(6c). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 11:15 a.m.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on August 6th and August 20th.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 11:20 a.m. Motion carried.

Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: _____
Keith Schurr
Edmunds County Auditor

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