

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA  
July 2, 2024

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on July 2, 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: Justin Baer, Cynthia Geditz, Larry Geditz, Michael Jager, Aidan Preszler, Dale Preszler, and Jonathan Waldner.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Geditz to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2024 regular meeting. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:** Kristen Gonsoir, 4-H judging \$235.48; Jebro Inc, road oil 455,239.10; North Central Regional E911, phone surcharge 10,711.85; Primary Election payroll and mileage 6,813.20; Safe Harbor, marriage and divorce fees 170.00; SD Public Assurance Alliance, insurance 806.12; SD Association of County Commissioners, Catastrophic Legal Relief Program 554.00.

Phone & Utilities: Century Link \$60.62; Ipswich City Office 238.81; Midcontinent Communications 286.78; Montana Dakota Utilities 227.12; Venture Communications 84.24.

Professional Services: First Concord Benefits Group \$45.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck & Hieb Law Office 204.50; Siegel, Barnett & Schutz 1,104.00; Sara Zahn 133.50.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing Co \$174.49; The Pride of the Prairie 175.46.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: Associated School Board of South Dakota \$775.00; ClubHouse Hotel & Suites Pierre 653.28; Audie Crouch 13.44; Kyle Couchey 14.00; Peter Eisenbeisz 100.80; Micheal Geditz 39.20; Dean Mehlhaff 125.44; Susan Malsom 43.68; Cody Peterson 154.00; Chad Preszler 211.68; Ramkota Hotel Pierre 196.00; Timothy Thomas 235.20.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Auto Value Parts Stores \$530.66; Cartney Bearing & Supply 221.09; Century Business Products 136.67; Dakota Ink & Toner 256.94; Heier's Body & Repair 505.77; High Point Networks 1,207.50; Menards 223.25; Midstates Group 22.04; Newman Traffic Signs 92.71; TwoTrees Technologies 3,525.20.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of June: 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 52,467.42 (Overtime Pay: April Bollinger-Bryant 8.33; Andrea Carlson 461.10; Nathan Jaenisch 311.84; Brooke Jensen 299.84; Cynthia Sahli 34.82); (Highway Safety Grant: Daniel Braun 784.06; Kyle Couchey 1,631.89; Cody Peterson 515.78;

Jonathan Waldner 2,446.48); Emergency Management 1,480.82; Highway Department 56,646.84 (Overtime Pay: Jason Onken 86.85; Jonathan Wipf 138.96); 4-H 5,555.40; 24/7 Sobriety 232.00; Planning/Zoning 525.00.

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 37,383.10; SD Retirement 19,336.48; SD Supplemental Retirement 1,462.04; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 593.87; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 36,960.00.

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

**DRIVERS LICENSING:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve and allow the chairman to sign the joint powers agreement, between Edmunds County and the SD Department of Public Safety, Driver Licensing Program to have the County perform the issuance of Driver's licenses. Motion carried.

**EMPLOYEES:** Motioned by Gross, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the Sheriff's hiring of David D. Hunter, and Brian D. Paulsen as temporary Deputy Sheriffs, to work Ipswich Trail Days, at a salary of \$35.00 per hour, effective June 15, 2024. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:** Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Preszler to re-appoint Michael J. Jager, as Edmunds County Highway Superintendent, for a two-year term commencing August 1, 2024, at a salary of \$63,430.00 per year. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY TRUCKS:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Geditz to authorize the purchase of two used surplus SD state highway department 2008 Sterling snow plow & sander equipped trucks. Motion carried.

**K-9 UNIT:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to retire Tess, Edmunds County's K-9 Drug Unit dog, due to health conditions, effective July 2, 2024. Motion carried.

**LIQUOR LICENSE:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the Hunting Preserve Alcoholic Beverage License Re-issuance in the name of Rivett Farms Inc, from September 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025. Motion carried.

**TRANSFER CASH:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to make a budgeted transfer of \$1,000,000.00 cash from the General Fund to the Road & Bridge Fund and a budgeted transfer of \$35,000.00 cash from the General Fund to the Emergency Management Fund. Motion carried.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to enter executive session at 11:25 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 11:34 a.m.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED:** The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on July 15<sup>th</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. Motion carried.



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Timothy Thomas  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:   
Keith Schurr  
Edmunds County Auditor

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