

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

September 10, 2024

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on September 10, 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, and Jonathan Waldner.

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

CLAIMS APPROVED: Aberdeen Masonry Inc, drain tile and sump pump installation \$28,233.60; Edmunds County Treasurer, titles and license plates 58.70; SD Public Assurance Alliance, vehicle insurance 855.34; SD Department of Revenue, motor vehicle, state fees, & driver's license 160,717.36; SD Department of Public Safety, teletype service 3,090.00.

Law Enforcement Center: HMN Architects Inc \$101,425.72.

Phone & Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$424.84; Century Link 61.52; FEM Electric 201.06; Heartland Waste Management 150.00; Ipswich City Office 246.69; Midcontinent Communications 286.78; Montana Dakota Utilities 221.99; Reuer Sanitation 46.00; Roscoe City Office 91.40; Venture Communications 86.04.

Professional Services: Avera St Luke's \$331.99; Bantz, Gosch & Cremer LLC 1,586.22; Vaughn P. Beck 1,731.93; Faulkton Drug 190.00; Faulkton Area Medical Center 160.00; First Concord Benefits Group 45.00; Katie Hogie 125.00; Jerald McNeary Attorney 426.58; Meade County Jail 380.00; Tammy Pitz 250.00; SD Public Health Laboratory 80.00; William Tweedy 163.48.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing Co \$348.77; The Pride of the Prairie 571.21.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: SD Veteran Service Officers Association \$50.00.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Agtegra Cooperative \$17,344.66; Auto Value Parts Stores 1,012.60; Central Lake Armor Express 1,406.45; Century Business Products 168.63; Dollar General 14.50; Heier's Body & Repair 430.23; Ipswich City Office 633.46; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware 118.55; Mac's Hardware 235.72; McLeod's Office Supply 747.84; Menards 282.01; Microfilm Imaging Systems 767.00; PowerPlan 400.06; Safety Service 5,554.24; Stan Houston Equipment 44.15; TranSource Truck & Equipment 1,614.09; TwoTrees Technologies 763.00; US Bank 3,038.15; Van Diest Supply Company 6,298.00.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of August: Commissioners \$6,112.50; Auditor 9,056.24; Treasurer 8,657.50; States Attorney 4,620.82; Courthouse Maintenance 3,692.00;

Director of Equalization 8,637.50; Register of Deeds 8,657.50; Veteran Service Officer 1,362.50; Sheriff's Department 54,428.33 (Overtime Pay: April Bollinger-Bryant 16.66; Andrea 8.70; Brooke Jensen 66.63; Cindy Sahli 208.89); (Highway Safety Grant: Daniel Braun 2,301.15; Kyle Couchey 1,915.20; Peter Eng 2,182.13; Cody Peterson 2,043.26; Jonathan Waldner 1,007.37); Emergency Management 1,480.82; Highway Department 64,348.72; 4-H 5,872.80; 24/7 Sobriety 232.00.

Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC \$2,195.74; AIG 60.00; Delta Dental 1,113.30; Colonial Life 704.02; First Concord Benefits Group 1,053.02; Ipswich State Bank, social security, withholding, and fees 39,968.41; SD Retirement 21,091.96; SD Supplemental Retirement 1,512.04; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 600.69; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 39,396.00.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to accept the August 31, 2024, Financial Statement for Edmunds County as follows:

Total August Receipts -- \$339,014.40
 Total August Disbursements -- \$1,206,452.12

Balance in Checking Account -- \$239,803.87
 Today's Receipts -- \$9,430.75
 Change -- \$1,300.00
 Money Market -- \$1,042,415.92
 Money Certificates -- \$2,100,000.00
 Total Cash Assets -- \$3,392,950.54

Edmunds County General Fund:		
Balance August 1, 2024	\$1,969,721.08	
August Receipts	23,726.74	
August Disbursements	202,510.14	
Balance August 31, 2024	\$1,790,937.68	Motion carried.

WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to open the weed meeting at 9:20 a.m. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2024 Weed & Pest Board Meeting. Motion carried.

WEED CONTROL: Michael Jager, Edmunds County Weed Supervisor, discussed weed control progress for 2024, mosquito spray equipment repairs, and the weed control plan for 2025 in Edmunds County.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to adjourn the weed meeting at 9:40 a.m. Motion carried.

BRIDGE GRANTS: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve and allow the chairman to sign the Bridge Improvement Grant Agreements, between Edmunds County and the South Dakota Department of Transportation, for Preliminary Engineering on Edmunds County bridge projects BRO 8023 25-1 09XW, 80% grant amount \$36,000 and project BRO 8023 25-2 09XX, 80% grant amount \$43,100. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE HIRED: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Grosz to approve the Auditor's hiring of Melissa R. Kleffman, as full-time Deputy Auditor, effective October 1, 2024, at a salary of \$46,800.00 per year with a \$500.00 per year step increase on April 1, 2025. Motion carried.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to allow Andrea Carlson and Jonathan Waldner to attend the SD Sheriff's Association Fall Conference in Watertown on September 30th thru October 3rd, and allow Kyle Couchey to attend the Drug Recognition Expert training in Sioux Falls on October 3rd – 4th. Motion carried.

2025 BUDGET: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to amend the Provisional Budget by making the following changes: Increase General Fund Expenditure Budgets; Sheriff (code #211) from \$1,007,973 to \$1,012,973; Senior Citizens (code #525) from \$7,500 to \$8,000; and to increase General Fund Revenue Budgets; Cash Balance Applied from \$1,374,875 to \$1,380,664; Less 5% (SDCL 7-21-18) from \$264,850 to \$265,139; and to increase the following County Road & Bridge Revenue Budget; Cash Balance Applied from \$661,411 to \$662,338; and decrease the following County Road & Bridge Revenue Budget; County Road & Bridge Tax Levy (code 311) from \$743,000 to \$742,073; and to increase the following Debt Service Law Enforcement Center Budgets; Debt Service Interest (code 800) from \$330,000 to \$359,000; Property Tax Levy (code 108) from \$524,316 to \$540,105; Less 5% (SDCL 7-21-18) from \$26,316 to \$27,105; and decrease the following Debt Service Law Enforcement Center Budget; Debt Service Principal (code 401) from \$170,000 to \$156,000; and approve the following Resolution #2024-9-1.

Whereas, (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the County and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and,

Whereas, the Edmunds County Board of Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and

Whereas, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Edmunds County Board of Commissioners, for the consideration of such Provisional Budget and all changes, eliminations and additions have been made thereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That such Provisional Budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all matters therein set forth, SHALL BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES FOR Edmunds County, South Dakota, and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025, and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Edmunds County,

South Dakota, this 10th day of September, 2024. The Annual Budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the county auditor Edmunds County, South Dakota. Taxes are levied by Edmunds County for the year January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$4,893,804.00 which sets the 2024 Edmunds County Mill Levy at 3.297 dollars per \$1,000.00 of valuation, for taxes payable in 2025.

Roll call vote: Mehlhaff – yes, Grosz – yes, Geditz – yes, Preszler – yes, Thomas – yes. Resolution Adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to enter executive session at 9:50 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 10:45 a.m.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on September 24th and October 8th.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. Motion carried.



Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: 

Keith Schurr
Edmunds County Auditor

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