

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA
November 19, 2024

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on November 19, 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, Brittney Duvall, Gwen Geditz, Michael Jager, Corey Johnson, Sandra Northrop, Dale Preszler, Eric Rapp, and Jonathan Waldner.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Preszler to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2024 regular meeting with the following correction: LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to accept the bids, including alternate #1, for the construction of the new Edmunds County Law Enforcement Center and Jail, GA Johnson Construction as Manager in the amount of \$8,393,671.00, with a current completion date of January 2026. (The November 7th minutes mistakenly listed commissioner Grosz as making the motion). Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED: Post-election audit payroll \$180.00; SD Association of County Officials, M & P fees 138.00; SD Department of Revenue, motor vehicle, state fees, & driver's license 124,591.58; SDRS Retirement Special Pay Plan, participant fee 45.00.

Law Enforcement Center: HMN Architects Inc \$10,875.60.

Phone & Utilities: Bowdle City Office \$136.39; Montana Dakota Utilities 1,371.59; Northern Electric Cooperative 235.96; WEB Water 104.08; WEB Water Bottling Company 282.50.

Professional Services: Charles Mix County Jail \$90.00; Day County Jail 1,190.00; Faulkton Area Medical Center 518.00; Jerald McNeary Attorney 287.50.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: A-1 Locksmithing \$17.00; Axon Enterprises 20,075.97; Butler Machinery Co 2,987.46; Century Business Products 139.10; Diamond S Heating & Cooling 85.00; Expetec of Aberdeen 252.90; FedEx 40.55; John Deere Financial 1,767.53; McLeod's Office Supply 302.28; Menards 75.40; Midwest Pump and Tank 189.82; Northern Truck & Equipment 1,469.65; Pump's Tire Service 17,142.03; Premier Equipment Inc 315.83; Titan Machinery CNH 11,882.81; Runnings Supply Inc 105.48; Safety Service 13.39; Sanitation Products Inc 423.91; Servall Uniform & Linen 31.64; True North Steel 143.55; TwoTrees Technologies 46.25; Wallwork Truck Center 915.96; WEX Bank 2,611.23.

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

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

Total October Receipts -- \$4,445,189.78
Total October Disbursements -- \$961,855.68

Balance in Checking Account -- \$3,096,390.83
Today's Receipts -- \$555,659.08
Change -- \$1,300.00
Money Market -- \$1,124,828.31
Money Certificates -- \$2,100,000.00
Total Cash Assets -- \$6,878,178.22

Edmunds County General Fund:

Balance October 1, 2024	\$1,695,448.71
October Receipts	1,232,669.16
October Disbursements	178,581.51
Balance October 31, 2024	\$2,749,536.36

Motion carried.

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to accept the Register of Deeds Statement of Fees for the month of October 2024 in the amount of \$8,476.40. Motion carried.

4-H AGREEMENT: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve and allow the chairman to sign the 2025 Memorandum of Understanding, between Edmunds County and SDSU Extension, allowing for a 4-H program in Edmunds County with a full-time county employee to serve in the role of 4-H Youth Program Advisor and Extension Office Administrator. Motion carried.

BRIDGES: Michael Gutenkauf, IMEG Engineering Corporation, presented the Board with the 2024 Edmunds County Bridge Inspection Report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to enter executive session at 9:20 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 9:35 a.m.

EMPLOYEES: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to approve the Sheriff's hiring of Lily C. Hohn, as full-time dispatcher to work in the Sheriff's Department, effective November 12, 2024, at a salary of \$21.21 per hour. Motion carried.

Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to accept the resignation of Keith A. Schurr, Auditor, effective January 3, 2025. Motion carried.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to temporarily appoint Dionne M. Olson, as Edmunds County Auditor, effective January 3, 2025, at an annual salary of \$58,960.00, with a six-month probationary performance review period. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve and allow the chairman to sign the contract with Geotek Engineering & Testing Services Inc. as geotechnical engineer to perform soil testing for the new Law Enforcement Center. Motion carried.

PLATS APPROVED: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the following resolution:
Be it resolved, by the Edmunds County Board of Commissioners, that the following plats, having been examined are hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof; plat of Hoffman-Drewitz Addition in the NE¼ of Section 29, Township 123-73, and plat of Palmer Second Addition in the NW¼ of Sec 27, Twp 122-66, both in Edmunds County, South Dakota. Motion carried.

POST-ELECTION AUDIT: The Public Utilities Commissioner race and the Constitutional Amendment G question in Edmunds County Precinct Six were audited by the Edmunds County Post-Election Auditing Board on November 14, 2024. The PUC results were: Wilson 17, Oakes 5, Fiegen 114. Amendment G results were: Yes 39, No 106.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to accept the Edmunds County primary post-election manual count audit results, which matched the November 5, 2024 election night machine count and the November 7, 2024 County canvass with 100% accuracy. Motion carried.

QUIT CLAIM DEED: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Geditz to approve and allow the chairman to sign the quit claim deed which transfers Lot 4 Herrboldt's Addition to Hosmer, to Jay and Donald Haas. Motion carried.

SUPPLEMENT BUDGET: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to supplement the Sheriff's Budget, in the amount of \$24,659.85, with Highway Safety Enforcement grant money received, per SDCL 7-21-20.1. Motion carried.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on December 3rd and December 17th.

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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