

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

November 7, 2024

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on November 7, 2024 at the county courthouse. Members present were: Dean Mehlhaff, Morris Grosz, Chad Preszler, Timothy Thomas, and via teleconference; Micheal J. Geditz. Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Others present for portions of the meeting were: Andrea Carlson, Robin Hagen, Michael Jager, Dale Preszler, and Jonathan Waldner.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2024 regular meeting. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:** The Next Level K9, dual purpose Police Drug Dog \$12,480.00; SD Municipal League, workers compensation insurance 46,037.00.

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

Law Enforcement Center: Moody's Investors Services Inc \$20,000.00.

Phone & Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$425.00; Century Link 61.65; FEM Electric 150.81; Heartland Waste Management 150.00; Ipswich City Office 365.40; Midcontinent Communications 286.78; Montana Dakota Utilities 59.68; Reuer Sanitation 46.00; Roscoe City Office 90.90; Valley Telecommunications 892.25; Venture Communications 86.61; Verizon Wireless 6.33.

Professional Services: Bantz, Gosch & Cremer LLC \$414.68; Vaughn P. Beck 1,724.30; Brown County Jail 4,600.00; Cogley Law Office LLC 92.00; Edmunds County Abstract Co 75.00; Faulkton Drug 143.70; First Concord Benefits Group 45.00; Katie Hogie 125.00; Kelsey Holien 125.00; Ipswich State Bank 20.00; Kelly Lardy 210.70; Juror Fees 663.06; Jerald McNeary Attorney 299.00; SD Public Health Laboratory 250.00; Michael Varilek 60.00.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing Co \$1,664.49; The Pride of the Prairie 1,603.04.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Aberdeen Awards \$95.00; American Solutions for Business 126.81; Auto Value Parts Stores 1,276.20; Axon Enterprises Inc 13,184.40; Beadle Ford Inc 222.28; Benco Equipment 817.50; Century Business Products 96.77; Dollar General 21.20; Lenny Gauer 733.02; Girton Adams Company 42.75; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware 97.00; Menards 84.02; Microfilm Imaging Systems 892.00; NAPA Auto Parts 89.97; PM Auto & Truck Repair 117.60; Powerplan 116.01; Stan Houston Equipment 150.00; TranSource Truck & Equipment 279.39; TwoTrees Technologies 341.75; US Bank 2,927.64.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of October: Commissioners \$6,112.50; Auditor 11,006.24; Treasurer 8,657.50; States Attorney 4,620.82; Courthouse Maintenance 3,692.00;

Director of Equalization 8,637.50; Register of Deeds 8,637.50; Veteran Service Officer 1,362.50; Sheriff's Department 49,859.55 (Overtime Pay: April Bollinger-Bryant 16.66; Andrea Carlson 478.50; Nathan Jaenisch 303.51; Brooke Jensen 266.52; Cindy Sahli 483.07); (Highway Safety Grant: Daniel Braun 1,210.09; Kyle Couchey 226.65; Peter Eng 1,110.90; Cody Peterson 833.18; Jonathan Waldner 647.60); Emergency Management 1,480.82; Highway Department 63,784.22; 4-H 4,032.50; 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 37,980.06; SD Retirement 20,217.86; SD Supplemental Retirement 1,537.04; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 617.32; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 41,151.47.

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

**CANVASS VOTES:** The County Auditor and the Board of Commissioners, as the Edmunds County Canvassing Board, canvassed the votes of the November 5, 2024 General Election.

The Public Utilities Commissioner race and the Constitutional Amendment G question in Edmunds County Precinct six were selected at random to be hand counted at the November 14, 2024 post-election audit.

**HIGHWAY SYSTEM:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to grind and reshape the West six miles of county road #2. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER:** Michael Hageman, Corey Johnson, and Eric Rapp - GA Johnson Construction, met with the Board and discussed the bids and reviewed the project.

Motioned by Grosz, 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. Motion carried.

**TRANSFER CASH:** Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to make a budgeted transfer of \$965,000.00 from the General Fund to the County Road & Bridge Fund. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to allow Dionne Olson, Missy Kleffman, and Heather Shuff to attend the SD Public Assurance Alliance Safety Conference in Pierre on November 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff 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 November 19<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</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:



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Keith Schurr  
Edmunds County Auditor

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