

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

January 7, 2025

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on January 7, 2025 at the county courthouse. Members present were: Dean Mehlhaff, Micheal J. Geditz, Chad Preszler, Timothy Thomas and William Tweedy. Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Others present for portions of the meeting were: Janel Brandt, Todd Brandt, Andrea Carlson, Michael Jager, Barbara Schaefer and Jonathan Waldner.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN: The County Auditor called for nominations for Chairman. Dean Mehlhaff nominated Timothy Thomas as Chairman. Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Mehlhaff that nominations cease. Motion carried. Timothy Thomas was elected Chairman for the year of 2025.

VICE-CHAIRMAN: The County Auditor called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Timothy Thomas nominated Chad Preszler as Vice-Chairman. Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz that nominations cease. Motion carried. Chad Preszler was elected Vice-Chairman for the year 2025.

APPOINTMENTS: The Chairman made the following appointments:

4-H Advisory Board – Chad Preszler as commissioner representing the Board.

ABC Regional Railroad Authority – Dean Mehlhaff as commissioner representing the Board and Micheal J. Geditz as alternate.

E911 Board – Jonathan Waldner, Sheriff and Chad Preszler as commissioner representing the Board.

Northeast Council of Governments – Dean Mehlhaff and Timothy Thomas as commissioners representing the Board.

Zoning Board – Timothy Thomas and William Tweedy as commissioners representing the Board.

BIDS: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to purchase new & recap tires, road chemicals/road salt, weed & pest chemicals, bulk ethanol, regular unleaded, and diesel fuel all off the state bid. Motion carried.

ELECTION: Rent paid, to precinct polling places for each election, will be set at a maximum of \$200.00 per day for the year 2025. Election workers will be paid a flat amount of \$50.00 for attending election training and \$300.00 for working election day. Post-

Election Audit Board members shall receive a minimum of \$60.00 or \$17.50 per hour if their time exceeds 3.5 hours.

FINANCIALS: The change fund for the Treasurer's Office will be \$1,200.00 and the change fund for the Register of Deed's Office will be \$100.00. "Farmers State Bank of Hosmer", "First State Bank of Roscoe", "Ipswich State Bank", and "South Dakota Funds Investment Trust (FIT)" are the named Edmunds County bank depositories.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS: "The Edmunds County Tribune", and "The Pride of the Prairie".

BLOOD ALCOHOL FEES: The payment for drawing blood alcohol tests will be \$125.00.

SALARIES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES 2025: Commissioners (Micheal J. Geditz - \$14,990.00, Dean Mehlhaff - \$14,990.00, Chad Preszler - \$14,990.00, Timothy Thomas - \$14,990.00, William Tweedy - \$14,990.00) Chairman will receive an additional \$600.00 per year; Auditor (Dionne Olson - \$58,960.00, Missy Kleffman - \$48,460.00); Treasurer (Patricia Nigg - \$57,810.00, Diane Geditz - \$48,960.00); States Attorney (Vaughn Beck - \$57,112.00); 4-H & Courthouse Custodian (Blake Holland - \$45,864.00); Director of Equalization (Sandra Northrop - \$57,810.00, Brittney Duvall - \$48,960.00); Register of Deeds (Gwen Geditz - \$57,810.00, Jodi Wagner - \$48,960.00); Veteran Service Officer (Barbara Schaefer - \$16,841.00); Sheriff (Jonathan Waldner - \$68,070.00, Kyle Couchey - \$64,420.00, Peter Eng - \$56,568.00, Cody Peterson - \$56,568.00, Daniel Braun - \$56,568.00, David Hunter - \$25.90 per hour part time, Andrea Carlson - \$23.95 per hour, Nathan Jaenisch - \$22.96 per hour, Cynthia Sahli - \$22.96 per hour, Brooke Jensen - \$22.96 per hour, Lily Hohn - \$21.96 per hour); Emergency & Disaster Coordinator (Tracy Hutson - \$18,303.00); Highway Department (Michael Jager - \$64,990.00, Dale Preszler - 24.97 per hour, Heather Shuff - \$23.54 per hour, Jordan Boulais - \$23.91 per hour, Rick Holland - \$23.91 per hour part time, Rodney Kirschenmann - \$23.91 per hour, Bernel Lee - \$23.91 per hour, Jason Onken - \$23.91 per hour, Robert Rutt - \$23.91 per hour, Jeremy Schlecht - \$23.91 per hour, Jason Shaykett - \$23.91 per hour; Dewayne Sowards- \$23.91 per hour, Cody Stager- \$23.91 per hour, Jonathan Wipf - \$23.91 per hour); Weed Spraying (highway men will receive 50 cents per hour more while weed spraying and attending weed & pest training); 4-H Department (Bonnie Nehlich - \$49,950.00); Coroner (Kyle Couchey - \$150.00 per call); Zoning Board Members (Audie Crouch, Peter Eisenbeisz, Susan Malsom - \$75.00 per meeting).

CLAIMS APPROVED: Lake Area Technical College Build Dakota Scholarship, Chet Peterson \$2,750.00; SD Association of County Commissioners Catastrophic Poor 205.64.

2025 Budgeted Apportionments: Area IV Senior Nutrition \$3,500.00; Aspire 1,000.00; Bowdle Ambulance 10,000.00; Bowdle Senior Citizens 1,500.00; Edmunds County Conservation District 16,950.00; Edmunds County Rescue Unit 2,000.00; Grow South Dakota 2,000.00; Hosmer Senior Citizens 1,500.00; Ipswich Ambulance 10,000.00; NE Council of Governments 8,800.56; Northeastern Mental Health 2,500.00; Roscoe Senior Citizens 1,500.00.

Law Enforcement Center: GA Johnson Construction Inc \$82,314.00; HMN Architects Inc 171,726.25.

Phone & Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$425.00; Bowdle City Office 128.41; Century Link 61.65; FEM Electric Association 1163.09; Heartland Waste Management 150.00; Ipswich City Office 312.06; Midcontinent Communications 153.39; Montana Dakota Utilities 860.09; Northern Electric 234.11; Reuer Sanitation 46.00; Venture Communications Coop 86.42; Version Wireless 223.65.

Professional Services: Vaughn Beck \$1,737.93; Katie Hogie 375.00; James Drug 27.78; Siegel, Barnett & Schutz LLP 163.55.

Publishing: The Pride of the Prairie \$317.65.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: SD Association of County Commissioners \$2,077.00; SD Association of County Officials 895.58; SD Sherriff's Association 619.58; SD States Attorneys Association 784.58.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: American Solutions for Business \$78.03; Applied Concepts Inc 3,847.00; Auto Value Parts Stores 464.84; Bowdle Building and Hardware Center 15.01; Century Business Products 34.34; Custom Installation Solutions 67.50; Dollar General 31.35; Minn-Kota Communications 8,568.00; Pomp's Tire Service 4,471.42; Powerplan 5,209.12; Roscoe Trustworthy Hardware 21.48; Schurrs 25.00; Transource 6,064.39; Twotrees Technologies 341.75; Whirlwind Truck Services 25.95.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of December: Commissioners \$6,112.50; Auditor 12,956.24; 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 49,705.52 (Overtime Pay: Andrea Carlson 1,099.20; Nathan Jaenisch 1,180.71; Brooke Jensen 700.37; Cindy Sahli 266.52); (Highway Safety Grant: Kyle Couchey 135.99; Peter Eng 1,269.60; Cody Peterson 158.70; Daniel Braun 79.35; Jonathan Waldner 671.58); Emergency Management 1,480.82; Highway Department 57,400.62; 4-H 4,032.50; 24/7 Sobriety 232.00; Planning/Zoning 675.00.

Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC \$2,195.74; AIG 60.00; Delta Dental 1,252.30; Colonial Life 624.18; First Concord Benefits Group 953.02; Ipswich State Bank, social security, withholding, and fees 36,596.47; SD Retirement 19,666.84; SD Supplemental Retirement 1,662.04; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 610.47; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 40,762.00.

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

RESOLUTION – WEIGHT & SPEED LIMIT ENFORCEMENT: The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Geditz, who moved its adoption: Resolution #2025-1-1, establishing the enforcement of weight & speed limits in Edmunds County. The motion to adopt the resolution was seconded by Mehlhaff. Roll call vote: Mehlhaff - yes, Geditz - yes, Preszler - yes, Thomas - yes, Tweedy - yes. Resolution adopted.

WHEREAS, the County of Edmunds, South Dakota, is responsible for the maintenance of certain highways under its jurisdiction, and
WHEREAS, the Edmunds County Board of Commissioners, desires to protect existing Edmunds County Highways, ultimately saving tax dollars, and
WHEREAS, said highways, by reason of seasonal climatic changes, will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless vehicle weight and speed restrictions are imposed.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all county roads in Edmunds County will be under a 6 ton per axle load limit restriction and speed limit restrictions of 40 mph for trucks, effective at 12:01 A.M. on March 1, 2025, through 11:59 P.M. on April 30, 2025, or as posted.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Edmunds shall request and authorize the South Dakota Highway Patrol to enforce weight limitations and speed restrictions, as established by this resolution, on all Edmunds County roads.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the penalty for the violation of the load restrictions shall be as set forth in SDCL 32-22-55.

JAIL: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to approve and allow the chairman to sign the Jail Agreements, with Beadle County, to provide housing for Edmunds County prisoners at a rate of \$105.00 adult per day and \$325.00 juvenile per day in the Beadle County facility and with Charles Mix County, to provide housing for Edmunds County prisoners at a rate of \$90.00 adult per day. Motion carried.

K-9 UNIT UPDATE: Chad Preszler gave an update to the board that our K-9 Unit Grayz is now a certified drug dog.

QUIT CLAIM DEED - SURPLUS PROPERTY: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to declare the West 203' of the North 163' of Lot A in the SW¼ Section 22, Bowdle Township 123-73 as surplus county property and to approve and allow chairman to sign the quit claim deed which transfers the same to Todd A and Janel C Brandt. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to enter into executive session at 10:03 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 10:51 a.m.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Preszler to allow all of the Highway employees to attend the Mining Safety and Health Administration Training in Aberdeen on February 18, 2025 or March 11, 2025. Motion carried.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on January 21st and February 4th.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to adjourn at 11:23 a.m. Motion carried.

Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: _____
Dionne Olson
Edmunds County Auditor

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