

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

February 04, 2025

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on February 04, 2025 at the county courthouse. Members present were: Dean Mehlhaff, Morris Grosz, Micheal J. Geditz, and Chad Preszler. Absent Timothy Thomas. Vice-Chairman Preszler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Others present for portions of the meeting were: Andrea Carlson, Peter Eng, Holly Fischer, Jean Hutson, Tracy Hutson, Michael Jager, Bonnie Nehlich, Sarah Perrion, Cody Peterson, and Jonathan Waldner.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Tweedy to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025 regular meeting. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:** First District Association of Local Governments, GIS website hosting \$5,500.00; Motorola Solutions, radio and programming 3,115.48.

Law Enforcement Center: GA Johnson Construction \$42,240.74; Geotek Engineering & Testing 1,566.20.

Phone & Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$425.00; FEM Electric Association 1,199.99; Ipswich City Office 324.44; Midcontinent Communications 295.78; Montana Dakota Utilities 907.04; Verizon Wireless 261.76.

Professional Services: Bantz Gosch & Cremer LLC \$1,120.71; First Concord Benefits Group 36.00; Taliaferro Law Firm 19,416.25; Wagner Family Dental 161.00.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing Co \$154.55.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: Two-Lane Tactics \$74.99.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: American Solutions for Business \$62.15; Auto Value Parts Store 669.21; Bowdle Building and Hardware Center 10.25; Century Business Products 160.13; Century Link 61.69; Chris & Dan's Tarp & Canvas Repair 152.00; Dakota Ink and Toner 111.98; Microfilm Imaging Systems 767.00; Powerplan 944.60; Reuer Sanitation 46.00; SD Department of Transportation 2,838.20; SDSU Extension 30.00; Sewer Duck Inc 337.25; TwoTrees Technologies 404.25.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of January: Commissioners \$6,204.15; Auditor 15,260.98; Treasurer 9,967.50; States Attorney 5,490.07; Courthouse Maintenance 3,757.00; Director of Equalization 11,975.66; Register of Deeds 12,167.50; Veteran Service Officer 1,447.95; Sheriff's Department 52,883.47 (Overtime Pay: Andrea Carlson 705.00; Nathan Jaenisch 557.04; Brooke Jensen 275.52; Cindy Sahli 825.06); (Highway Safety Grant: Kyle Couchey 45.33; Peter Eng 1,691.10; Cody Peterson

387.60); Emergency Management 1,633.03; Highway Department 79,705.84; Weeds 70.98; 4-H 5,211.50; 24/7 Sobriety 235.75; Coroner 300.00

Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC \$2,276.14; AIG 60.00; Delta Dental 1,332.40; Colonial Life 682.66; First Concord Benefits Group 687.02; Ipswich State Bank, social security, withholding, and fees 46,227.09; SD Retirement 24,373.08; SD Supplemental Retirement 1,662.04; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 610.47; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 41,610.00.

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

**AIRPLANE SECURITY:** Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Tweedy to pay the Sheriff Deputies \$50.00 per hour net rate that will be reimbursed by Cape Air.

**E911 SERVICES:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Tweedy to approve the updated E911 Regional by-laws. Motion carried.

**CREDIT CARD:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to allow Andrea Carlson, Chief Dispatcher, to use a county credit card and WEX fuel card for county purchases only. Motion carried.

**GIS WEBSITE:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to approve and allow the vice-chairman to sign the 2025 Letter of Agreement between Edmunds County and First District of Local Governments for development, maintenance, and hosting the Edmunds County geographic information system and website. Motion carried.

**EMPLOYEES:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz approve the Sheriff's hiring of Christopher J. Grimm, as full-time dispatcher to work in the Sheriff's Department, effective January 21, 2025, at a salary of \$21.96 per hour. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to accept the resignation of Anthony J. Wika, highway maintenance, effective February 6, 2025. Motion carried.

**NECOG AGREEMENT:** Allison Kiesz, Northeast Council of Governments, met with the Board to discuss the need and time frame for updating the county's emergency response plans. Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz, to approve and allow the Vice-Chairman to sign the agreement with the Northeast Council of Governments for the purpose of assistance in completing the Edmunds County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. Motion carried.

**RANGELAND FIRES:** Moved by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to adopt Resolution #2025-2-1, which designates Tracy Hutson, Chad Preszler, and Jonathan Waldner as the authorized individuals to request assistance from the South Dakota Wildland Fire Coordinator for the suppression of rangeland fires within Edmunds County, as specified in SDCL 41-20A-11. A complete copy of the resolution is on file in the Edmunds County



Auditor's Office. Roll call vote: Mehlhaff – yes, Geditz – yes, Preszler – yes, Thomas – absent, Tweedy – yes,. Resolution adopted.

**TEMPORARY HOLDING KENNEL:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to allow the Sheriff's Department to purchase two temporary holding kennels from Aberdeen Humane Society for incarcerations involving pets.

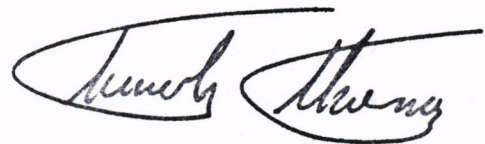
**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to allow Andrea Carlson and Jonathan Waldner to attend the Central Square Users Meeting in Sioux Falls on February 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Mehlhaff to enter into executive session at 9:00 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(6). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 9:25 a.m.

Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to enter into executive session at 10:37 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 10:50 a.m.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED:** The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 18<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to adjourn at 11:07 a.m. Motion carried.



Timothy Thomas  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: Dionne Olson  
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Edmunds County Auditor

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