

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

March 4, 2025

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on March 4, 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: John Brixey, Andrea Carlson, Michael Jager, and Jonathan Waldner.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2025 regular meeting. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:** Exotic Coating, Epoxy Basement Floors \$6,814.35; City of Mobridge, Dispatch Services 2,216.65.

Law Enforcement Center: GA Johnson Construction \$130,961.95; Geotek Engineering & Testing 417.50.

Phone & Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$425.00; Bowdle City Office 136.57; Ipswich City Office 320.65; Montana Dakota Utilities 1,235.77; Venture Communications 86.40.

Professional Services: Courtney Baer \$125.00; Katie Hogie 125.00; Kelsy Holien 125.00; Kuck Law Office 587.75; Siegel, Barnett & Schutz LLP 3,341.00; Michael Varilek 362.00; Wagner Family Dental 128.00.

Publishing: The Pride of the Prairie \$164.00.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Beadle Ford \$761.17; Century Business Products 120.37; Century Link 61.69; Menards 99.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems 767.00; PM Auto and Truck Repair 673.29; Poms Tire Service 70.56; Pressure Washer Central 16.56; TwoTrees Technologies 341.75; Tyler Technologies 449.00.

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

**BIDS 2025:** Magnesium Chloride: A bid was received for the purchase of mag water from Dustbusters Enterprises Inc at \$1.69 per gallon.

Bituminous Mixture: Bids were received, for the purchase of AC Hot Mix 120-150 ½" crush and ¾" crush, from the following: Jensen Rock & Sand Inc – \$90.00 per ton.

Construction Equipment Rental: Bids were received for track excavator rental from the following: HF Jacobs and Son Construction Inc - CAT 330 \$230.00 per hour; long reach \$240.00 per hour; Moser Excavating LLC - John Deere 200G \$185.00 per hour.

Crushed Gravel: All prices are per ton. Bids were received, for gravel stockpiles from the following; Brownlee Construction Inc – 1" crushed gravel \$7.25 (Arbach pit), ¾" crushed

gravel \$7.70 (Arbach pit); ½" crushed aggregate \$19.85 (B&K pit); 1" crushed gravel \$7.25 (Rausch pit), ¾" crushed gravel \$7.70 (Rausch pit); BDM Gravel LLC – 1" crushed gravel \$5.75, ¾" crushed gravel \$5.75, ½" crushed aggregate \$22.00; H.F. Jacobs & Son Construction Inc – 1" crushed gravel \$6.75 (Gross pit); 1" crushed gravel \$5.75 (Hauck Pit); 1" crushed gravel \$5.75 (Spitzer pit); ½" crushed aggregate \$20.40 (Gross Pit); Hettich Sand & Gravel - ¾" crushed gravel \$7.50, pit run gravel \$3.50; Obenauer Sand-Gravel & Construction – 1" crushed gravel \$5.98, ¾" crushed gravel at \$6.10, ½" crushed aggregate \$16.48, Pit Run at \$2.84.

Road Oil: Bids were received, for the purchase of road oil, from the following: Flint Hills Resources – AE-150S at \$667.00 per ton; Jebro Inc – MC-70 at \$1,182.28 per ton, MC-800 at \$967.28 per ton, MC-3000 at \$932.28 per ton, and AE-150S at \$767.19 per ton. Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to accept all above 2025 bids. Motion carried.

**EMPLOYEES:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to accept the Sheriff's termination of Christopher J. Grimm, Dispatcher, effective February 20, 2025. Motion carried.

Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to increase the salary of Brooke M. Jensen, to Chief Dispatcher, at \$23.95 per hour, effective March 1, 2025. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to approve the Sheriff's hiring of Bruce L. Sahli, as a part-time Transport officer, to work occasionally as needed, effective February 5, 2025, at a salary of \$25.90 per hour. Motion carried.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Tweedy to increase the salary of Lily C. Hohn, dispatcher, to \$22.46 per hour, effective March 1, 2025. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to table the hiring of Andrea C. Carlson as full-time Deputy Sheriff effective March 1, 2025, at a salary of \$26.70 per hour. Voice vote; majority – yes, Tweedy – no. Motion carried.

**JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to approve and allow the chairman to sign the joint powers agreement, between Edmunds County and Ipswich Township, for the rental of county Blade/Motor Grader, snow removal equipment and an operator, from February 12, 2025 to February 12, 2026. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to allow Michael Jager, and Heather Shuff to attend the SD Highway Superintendents Short Course in Deadwood on March 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to allow Andrea Carlson to attend Law Enforcement Training in Pierre from March 10<sup>th</sup> thru June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Motion carried.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to allow Bonnie Nehlich to attend the Regional Program Coordination Council Meeting in Aberdeen on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Motion Carried.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to accept the Register of Deeds Statement of Fees for the month of February 2025 in the amount of \$7,092.40. Motion carried.

**SHERIFF:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Tweedy to approve the purchase of Central Square Jail Module not to exceed the amount of \$34,588.58. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to enter executive session at 11:19 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 11:33 a.m.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED:** The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on March 18<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 11:37 a.m. Motion carried.

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Timothy Thomas  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dionne Olson  
Edmunds County Auditor

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