COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

April 8, 2025

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:33 a.m. on April 8, 2025 at the county courthouse. Members present were: Dean Mehlhaff, William Tweedy, Micheal J. Geditz, Chad Preszler, and Timothy Thomas. Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Others present for portions of the meeting were: Michael Jager, Dale Preszler, and Jonathan Waldner.

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

CLAIMS APPROVED: American Income Life Insurance Co, Insurance $210.50; Central Square Technologies LLC, New Jail Module 13,924.73; Idemia Identity & Security, Livescan Maintenance/Support 3,447.00; North Central Regional E911, Phone Surcharge 17,217.84; Safe Harbor, Marriage And Divorce Fees 185.00; SD Department of Revenue, motor vehicle, state fees, & driver's license 85,993.35; SD Property Management, 2001 Trailking Trailer 10,000.00; SD Public Insurance Alliance, Property Insurance 122,038.94; SD Department Of Public Safety, Teletype Service 3,090.00.

Law Enforcement Center: GA Johnson Construction $233,868.82; HMN Architects Inc 9,382.96.

Phone & Utilities: AT&T Mobility $507.74; FEM Electric Association Inc 572.55; Heartland Waste Management 150.00; Ipswich City Office 314.38; Midcontinent Communications 295.78; Montana Dakota Utilities 1,078.31; Reuer Sanitation 46.00; Valley Telecommunications 1,040.09; Venture Communications 88.19; Verizon Wireless 224.84.

Professional Services: Vaughn P. Beck $2,294.39; Brown County Jail 2,000.00; Charles Mix County Sherriff 270.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck & Hieb 85.60; SD Public Health Lab 385.00.

Publishing: The Pride of the Prairie $488.72; Gibson Publishing 565.54.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: Crossroads Hotel & Huron Event Center $900.00; The Lodge at Deadwood 420.00.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: A-1 Locksmithing $1,438.12; Auto Value Parts Store 685.80; Cartney Bearing & Supply 503.34; Century Business Products 221.73; Century Link 66.89; Crawford Trucks & Equipment 1,424.59; Dakota Electronics 310.20; Dakota Fluid Power Inc 2,322.39; Expetec of Aberdeen 462.60; Farm Power MFG Inc 10.36; Fire

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Safety First 1,458.95; Hanco Corporation 353.13; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware 7.99; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc 3,350.23; Mac's Hardware 11.45; Menards 876.29; Microfilm Imaging Systems 767.00; Newman Traffic Signs 610.24; Jack Olson 500.00; Pheasantland Industries Inc 38.12; Powerplan 7,112.25; Premier Equipment LLC 15.85; Safety Service Inc 1,638.50; Schurrs 61.75; Transource 12,342.60; TwoTrees Technologies 341.75; US Bank 3,502.06.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of March: Commissioners $6,295.80; Auditor 8,965.64; Treasurer 8,911.50; States Attorney 4,759.32; Courthouse Maintenance 3,822.00; Director of Equalization 9,897.50; Register of Deeds 9,897.50; Veteran Service Officer 1,403.40; Jail 4,336.50; Sheriff's Department 45,721.51; (Overtime Pay: Andrea Carlson 447.60; Lily John 151.61; Brooke Jensen 455.15; Cynthia Sahli 68.88) (Highway Safety Grant: Kyle Couchey 1,161.38; Peter Eng 693.60; Cody Peterson 244.80; Jonathan Waldner 2,012.90); Emergency Management 1,525.24; Weeds 2,129.56; Highway Department 53,862.61; 4-H 4,176.50; 24/7 Sobriety 119.75.

Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC 2,180.32; AIG 60.00; Delta Dental 1,145.90; Colonial Life 577.82; First Concord Benefits Group 815.34; Ipswich State Bank, social security, withholding, and fees 35,243.96; SD Retirement 19,898.88; SD Supplemental Retirement 1,662.04; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 600.77; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 40,138.00.

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

BIDS 2025: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to rescind the motion, made at the March 4, 2025 commissioner meeting accepting the bids for Bituminous Mixture (Hot & Cold Mix). Motion carried.

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

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to accept both 2025 bids. Motion carried.

BIDS – TRACTOR: Bid opening for the sale of one 2004 Case IH MXM 155 tractor with loader being sold As-Is began at 9:40 a.m. One bid was received; Douglas Kiesz $23,500.00. Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Tweedy to declare the tractor as surplus county property and accept the bid from Douglas Kiesz in the amount of $23,500.00. Motion carried.

WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to open the weed meeting at 10:59 a.m. Motion carried.

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MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025 Weed & Pest Board Meeting. Motion carried.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve and allow the Chairman to sign the Joint Powers Agreement between Edmunds County and the City of Hosmer, for the rental of county spray equipment and one Edmunds County highway employee at the rate of $80.00 per hour, for the purpose of spraying mosquitoes within the City of Hosmer, for the year of 2025. Motion carried.

WEED CONTROL: Michael Jager, Edmunds County Weed Supervisor, discussed the weed control plan for 2025 in Edmunds County.

Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Tweedy to adjourn the weed meeting at 11:09 a.m. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEES: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to approve the Sheriff's hiring of Robin L Kerzman-Lesnar, as full-time dispatcher to work in the Sheriff's Department, effective April 7, 2025, at a salary of $21.96 per hour. Motion carried.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Tweedy to accept that James W. Bock who was hired as a full-time dispatcher accepted a job elsewhere and never became an Edmunds County employee. Motion Carried.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to hire Morgan C. Weisser as 4-H Educator, at a salary of $23.54 per hour, effective April 9, 2025. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to accept the resignation of Bonnie K. Nehlich, 4-H Educator, effective May 2, 2025. Motion carried.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to approve and allow the chairman to sign the Associated School Boards of South Dakota Health Benefits Fund Participation Agreement, with the South Dakota School District Benefit Fund, to provide health insurance for Edmunds County employees, offering $1,000 and $1,500 deductibles, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Also offering employee-funded Vision Insurance. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY TRACTOR: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to authorize the purchase of a new 2025 John Deere 6M 145 Tractor from C&B Operations, LLC in the amount of $150,000.00. Motion carried.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to approve and allow the chairman to sign the joint powers agreements, between Edmunds County and the Townships of Bowdle, Cloyd Valley, Hosmer, Hudson, and Madison for the rental of county blade/motor grader, snow removal equipment and an operator. Motion carried.

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EMPLOYEE STEP: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to increase the salary of Melissa R. Kleffman, Deputy Auditor, to $48,960.00 per year, effective April 1, 2025. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Tweedy to approve Contingency Draw #2 to the construction costs of the new Law Enforcement Center – Roofing in the amount of $10,811.00. Motion carried.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to allow Bonnie Nehlich and Morgan Weisser to attend the SDSU 4-H Online and Fair Entry Training in Aberdeen on April 10th. Motion carried.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on April 22nd and May 6th.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 12:04 p.m. Motion carried.

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Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: _____
Dionne Olson
Edmunds County Auditor

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